



be a Rainmaker

The
Foundation
of Forsyth Tech

Forsyth Technical Community College

is a beacon of hope and opportunity to thousands of people every year, as well as a bedrock of our region's economic vitality.

Here, students of all ages and stages of life find the skills for a new job or a new career the first step to a bachelor's degree or the second chance they've needed and the support that makes all the difference.

be an Angel

be a Visionary

be a Hero

be a Pathfinder

be a Catalyst

Forsyth Tech trains our health care providers, our public safety professionals and the knowledge workers who hold the keys to the 21st-century economy. Forsyth Tech gives high school students a jump start and entrepreneurs a head start. Forsyth Tech serves our local companies and their employees in hundreds of ways.

You've been touched by the excellence of Forsyth Tech education in more ways than you know. And Forsyth Tech needs you.

Your gift to the college, through The Foundation of Forsyth Tech, makes a difference for all of us. You might be surprised to see

the innovations launched
the leaps accomplished and
the dreams fulfilled
when you decide to *be* a rainmaker.

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be an Angel

Gratitude makes givers. There's no better way to honor a teacher, a nurse, a law enforcement officer than with a contribution to Forsyth Tech. There's no finer means to celebrate a proud graduate – or an entire program. And a gift made as a memorial to someone who has enriched your life will enrich the lives of many others.



Sandy and Beth Baldwin created a nursing scholarship in memory of their son Branner.

Endow a Scholarship

Turning your grief into something constructive is a natural desire, Beth and Sandy Baldwin believe. When their son Branner died of cancer at the age of 26, they knew they wanted to establish a fitting memorial in his name. They thought about the nurses who had done so much to care for Branner during his illness, and how they had gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide comfort and support to the whole family.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin endowed the Branner Dixon Baldwin Scholarship for practical nursing students at Forsyth Tech. They were surprised to find that a contribution of \$25,000 would generate enough income to significantly assist the recipients. Only a few thousand dollars enable nursing students to enter the program and complete their studies. Each year, the Baldwins enjoy receiving letters from the scholarship recipients and attending the traditional pinning ceremonies.

As Beth Baldwin says, "Branner didn't get to graduate, but one nursing student will be able to graduate every two years – from now until eternity. We're happy we did this. It certainly achieved our goals, and it's helping other people achieve their goals."

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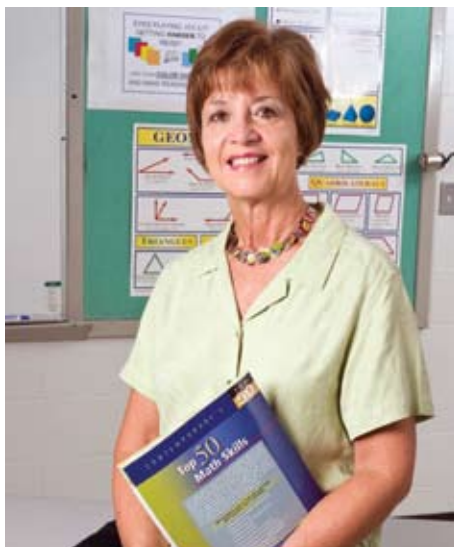
What Counts

\$180,000

In the 2008-2009 academic year, scholarship awards amounted to more than \$180,000.

be a Visionary

Good ideas usually need some help in getting off the ground. Breakthrough initiatives need nurturing in order to grow and thrive. And best practices need to be communicated and replicated. Your contribution helps create the future.



Ronnie Valenti's advocacy of diagnosing and treating a common perceptual problem has enabled thousands of students to read well enough to succeed in exams and in college programs.

Fund a Change for the Better

Every year, Forsyth Tech gives a questionnaire to some 4,000 incoming students, including all GED candidates, to determine whether they have difficulty reading. About half of them do, and they are screened for a perceptual disability known as Irlen Syndrome. For these people, the letters on a page appear to be in motion. And these people usually have trouble in school and are mislabeled and misdiagnosed. The treatment is simple and inexpensive – colored sheets of plastic to lay over the page and make the words stay still. And the results are dramatic – on average, people's reading ability goes up three grade levels with overlays.

Ronnie Valenti, coordinator of adult literacy, has been the pioneer and advocate of testing for and treating Irlen Syndrome. At Forsyth Tech, about 2,000 students a year are enabled to succeed academically, for the first time in their lives, through being correctly diagnosed and treated. At least 30 percent of students who take the GED exam use color overlays. And Ronnie Valenti has spread the message throughout the state, so that now 38 community colleges have screening programs.

The program at Forsyth Tech couldn't succeed without annual support from the Foundation. The funds are used to train staff members to screen students, and to purchase overlays, at \$3 each.

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What Counts

600

Forsyth Tech has strong ties to the local business community, serving the needs of over 600 companies in Forsyth and Stokes counties.

be a Hero

Walk across any of Forsyth Tech's campuses, and you will notice people of all ages, ethnicities and walks of life. Those who teach and learn at Forsyth Tech will tell you that diversity is one of the college's greatest strengths. And within that diverse student body lie inspiring stories of people who have overcome tremendous odds to learn to read, to graduate from high school, to be the first in their family to go to college, to discover their talents, to finally find the courage to pursue a long-cherished dream. Your gift empowers them.



Marshall Bass, a decorated veteran who served as a corporate executive after a distinguished military career, knows that education is the road to success.

Show Your Faith in the Human Spirit

Marshall Bass has seen a lot of the world. He served in the U.S. Army for 23 years and is a veteran of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. His last military post was at the Pentagon, where he was an aide to Vice President Hubert Humphrey. It was Humphrey who advised him to go into industry when he retired from the Army. Mr. Bass joined RJR Nabisco and moved to Winston-Salem, where he served the company for 24 years and became one of the community's most active civic leaders and philanthropists.

Out of his long experience, Mr. Bass believes in the power of education. "Education is the road that gets you up," he says, and he puts his leadership and his resources where his mouth is. Along with his service on many university boards, he established the Marshall B Bass Children's Fund. He has personally endowed a Forsyth Tech scholarship, and one reason he feels confident about making such a contribution is that he knows how well the college is run. Mr. Bass has a front-row seat to the visionary leadership of Forsyth Tech – he serves on the Foundation's board of directors.

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What Counts

185+

Forsyth Tech offers more than 185 degree, diploma and certificate programs.

be a Pathfinder

To carry out its mission of teaching skills for jobs in the real world, Forsyth Tech's shops, labs and classrooms must be equipped with the tools and machines that are used in the real world. Keeping the teaching technology up to date is an expensive proposition, and one that is only partially funded by the state. Your contribution makes for state-of-the-art training programs.



Dr. Rosa Otero knows what it takes to create a degree program that will truly prepare its graduates for rewarding careers.

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Outfit an Outstanding Program

Interior Design is one of the newer degree programs at Forsyth Tech. Several new programs are introduced each year, based on demonstrated demand in the community for workers with particular skills. When Dr. Rosa Otero was chosen to head the design program, she looked at others around the state. At one college, she observed custom-made computer desks that doubled as drafting tables. These hybrids not only suit the way contemporary designers work; they also make good use of classroom space. Dr. Otero found out where the furniture was made and what it cost.

Before the first Interior Design class graduated, it's classroom was furnished with 20 such workstations, including computers, desk/tables and chairs. A generous gift from an individual, Mary Tucker, made it possible. Mrs. Tucker, along with her family, visited the class before she decided to be the program's benefactor.

"We didn't have anything then; it was really sad," Dr. Otero remembers. She's glad she requested 20 workstations. Twenty is the maximum number of students that can be accommodated in each entering class. New programs can be slow to catch on, but within its first two years, the Interior Design program was at full capacity – thanks in part to its up-to-date equipment.

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What Counts

10,000

More than 10,000 people are enrolled in credit programs at Forsyth Tech.

be a Catalyst

You may think of higher education as a field that is slow to move and hard to change. If that is the norm, Forsyth Tech is the exception that proves the rule. Here is an institution that is constantly inventing and re-inventing learning experiences in tune with community and market needs. Here is a dynamic environment where individuals regularly discover and develop new abilities. Your gift fuels that responsiveness and flexibility.



Though she's legally blind, Sammy Holsinger sees a way she can help build a better, greener world.

Back a Winner

Sammy Holsinger vacuums barefoot, to be able to tell if the floor is clean. She makes up recipes because she can't read cookbook instructions. And she takes the bus to classes because she doesn't drive. All because she has been legally blind from birth.

It's also true that Sammy writes poetry, holds a bachelor's degree from St. Andrews Presbyterian College and recently earned her associate degree in Architectural Technology from Forsyth Tech. She is working to get certified in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), because green building is her real passion. With more schooling, she aims to become either a licensed architect or a consultant to green builders. Her dream is to create a whole community of environmentally friendly buildings.

Computers made it possible for Sammy to consider a career in a heavily visual field. Forsyth Tech made it possible for her to acquire the necessary skills. And a scholarship created by the Frank L. Blum Construction Co. made it possible for her to complete the degree program.

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What Counts

30,000

More than 30,000 people each year are served in Forsyth Tech's Corporate and Continuing Education division.

Be a supporter of your community college through your gift to The Foundation of Forsyth Tech.



Forsyth Tech is the face of opportunity in our part of the world.

Giving Levels

President's Club	\$10,000 and up
Pinnacle Club	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Pacesetters Club	\$1,000 - \$4,999
Directors	\$500 - \$999
Leaders	\$250 - \$499
Champions	\$100 - \$249
Friends	Up to \$99

In addition to cash gifts, the Foundation welcomes in-kind donations, matching gifts, bequests and other planned gifts.

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