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from the President



Dr. Gary M. Green

We are fortunate to have tremendous support for Forsyth Technical Community College in this community. The individuals, companies, and community partners that continue to advocate for education and workforce development are changing lives.

Over the past three years, the community supported two major fundraising initiatives. The Pathways to Possibilities Capital Campaign launched in 2015 to help make a long-term investment in Forsyth Tech. Thanks to every individual and company who donated, we surpassed our initial goal of \$18 million and raised more than \$20 million for the college.

We are grateful to Robert L. and Elizabeth Strickland, who donated \$2.8 million to the campaign. Through their generosity, the Oak Grove Center was renamed the Robert L. Strickland Center. The College's career center will be enhanced, and the position of Center Director will be the first endowed position at the college.

We also recognize Reynolds American, Inc., our long-standing business partners for their lead gift of \$3 million. This gift has provided non-restricted funds for the college, training support, and eight robots to expand our capability in advanced manufacturing.

We greatly appreciate Susan Cameron, retired president and CEO of Reynolds American Inc. who served as the honorary chair of our campaign. We are thankful for the efforts of campaign co-chairs Heather Robinson, vice president of Honeywell Aviation, and former Forsyth Tech Foundation Board member; and Ed Welch, campaign co-chair and president of I. L. Long Construction and former Forsyth Tech Board of Trustees and Foundation board member.

The second major initiative began in 2016. While many individuals and businesses in the region contributed to our campaign, many, many other citizens contributed to their community college through their vote. In the 2016 general election, Forsyth County voters approved a \$65 million bond referendum for new facilities, including a new Aviation Lab building, as well as much-needed improvements to our main campus over the next six to eight years. With the voters' support, these bonds will help ensure that Forsyth Tech remains a vibrant learning environment for our future students.

I want to share with you two outstanding achievements this spring:

- Our Nanotechnology students Michael Harmon, Winter Collins, Carmen Wright, and Austin Bennett are national finalists in the National Science Foundation Community College Innovation Challenge. The Forsyth Tech team will join the other nine finalists at a four-day boot camp in June where the winner will be announced.
- In the state competition for Skills USA, Forsyth Tech was represented by 42 students from the Engineering Division: Broadcasting and Production Technology, Digital Effects and Animation, Carpentry, and Collision Repair and Finishing Technology. All students placed in each category they entered.

We are proud of our students and how they are using their education to improve their future and the future for others. Thank you for the difference you are making in Forsyth Tech.

In Memoriam

Beaufort O. Bailey

February 16, 1934 –

February 22, 2018

Mr. Bailey spent his life dedicated to education and community service. He served on the Forsyth Tech Board of Trustees for 16 years and was the first African-American to be elected to the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Board of Education, where he served two four-year terms. He was elected to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners in 2002 and served eight years. Mr. Bailey was the Media Specialist for 35 years at Winston-Salem State University and prior to that, he was an elementary school teacher for 10 years. Mr. Bailey was also a member of the Educational Media Association, National Commissioners Association, and was a lifetime member of the WSSU National Alumni Association, where he served as President for eight years. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family.



We're Listening!

If you'd like to comment on anything in this issue of *Forsyth Tech Magazine*, you can email us at FTMagazine@ForsythTech.edu.

Forsyth Tech is proud to be part of the North Carolina Community College System, with 58 institutions serving more than 800,000 students annually. North Carolina Community Colleges are creating success in our state through the following actions:

- Offering hope for a better future through vocational training and education
- Providing opportunity by making higher education available to all citizens
- Generating jobs by creating a skilled workforce for business and industry

Forsyth Tech welcomes diversity and is dedicated to meeting the needs of students with disabilities, as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. For more information, please contact Coordinator Sarah Hawks, Disabilities Services Office at 336.734.7155 or shawks@forsythtech.edu.

Forsyth Technical Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033 4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Forsyth Technical Community College.

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Small Business Challenge finalists from left: Kimberly DeWindt; Stacey Mitchell; LaTanya Tyson; Calissa Hooper; Chrissy Klunder and Faith McKnight.

Culinary Entrepreneurs Smoked the Small Business Challenge

Forsyth Technical Community College held the Small Business Launch Challenge Awards on Dec. 18, 2017 to complete the first session. Six finalists presented their proposals and three winners were selected. The first place winner was Stacey Mitchell, co-owner of Smoke and Skillet Food and Beverage Catering; second place winner was Faith McKnight, owner of The Sweet Truth Bakery and Catering, and the third place winner was Calissa Hooper, owner of 5 Sistah's Delight, Food Truck Catering.

The three other finalists were LaTanya Tyson, owner of Crossyard, an online sales organization for fraternity and sorority apparel and gifts; Kimberly DeWindt, holistic coach and owner of

Empowered Life Transitions; and Chrissy Klunder, owner of Himilayan Salt Therapy. All finalists won a share of \$50,000 from the Forsyth Tech Foundation.

The panel of judges, including business mentors for the small business challenge and Forsyth Tech faculty members, selected the winners based on their presentation, the potential success of their business start-up, and the work they had completed throughout the program.

Allan Younger, director of the Small Business Center at Forsyth Tech, explains that the program will work with individuals who will be committed to launch their business within six months of completing the program.

At Forsyth Tech, 22 entrepreneurs were selected in August based on the feasibility of their business ideas. They have been participating in educational events, weekly group meetings, and one-on-one consultations with business mentors to help guide them in their process.

The Launch Challenge is the result of a collaborative effort among six Winston-Salem-based colleges and universities

called the Emerging Entrepreneur Funds. Announced last May, the schools are offering a series of programs for their students and alumni to help encourage entrepreneurship. Each institution developed a different program with established guidelines in support of their initiative. Forsyth Tech's program is the Small Business Launch Challenge.

The following schools also participated along with Forsyth Tech:

- Piedmont International University
- Salem College
- UNC School of the Arts
- Wake Forest University
- Winston-Salem State University

At Forsyth Tech, a special award fund was created for alumni, current students, and Small Business Center clients. The Launch Challenge will foster successful business start-ups in Forsyth and Stokes Counties. The award pool is \$100,000 per year for three years through 2020. The award amount will be based on successful completion of the Launch Challenge. The next session for competitors ran through May.

Forsyth Tech has embraced its role as an agent of change. In the past year, the college has employed the skills of faculty and staff, enjoyed the generosity of donors, and deployed thousands of passionate students into our community to effect change. Over the next pages are highlights from Fall 2017-Spring 2018, presented as a timeline.

Forsyth Technical Community College Launched Forsyth Tech Works Volunteer Program

From sorting food and preparing bagged lunches to painting and hauling gravel, Forsyth Tech employees spent time this past September offering their services to the community.

"All full-time employees received eight hours of community service leave as part of a new program we launched last year," explains Anna Marie Smith, Chief Human Resources Officer. "We didn't see a large adoption of that benefit during the first

year, and wanted to increase participation. That's when Forsyth Tech Works was born!"

From September 19 - 27, approximately 100 employees took advantage of volunteering during work hours at the following nonprofits:

- Family Services, Inc.
- Forsyth Humane Society
- Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem
- Second Harvest Food Bank

- Shepherd's Center of Winston-Salem
- Veterans Helping Veterans Heal
- World Relief

"When you can volunteer time toward a community project or worthwhile cause, it does something to the soul of your being," reflects academic advisor Jana Poplar on her volunteer experience at Second Harvest Food Bank.

"Our goal is to support the sense of community at Forsyth Tech," Smith says. "Many of the agencies we are partnering with are actually those that directly support some of our students. It feels good to link ourselves with organizations that serve those we serve."

Forsyth Tech employee volunteers at the Shepherd Center, front row, from left: Jan Crews and Michael Glontz; back row, from left: Jeremicus Porter, Donna Farrar Jomo Legins, Beth Agnello, Sharon Parrish, Rafael Perez, and Beverly Lewis



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Disney's Approach to Quality Service: Winston-Salem State University and Forsyth Tech collaborated on this event inviting more than 105 local business leaders from 15 companies to attend.



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Cyber Security Forum Initiative: As a regional Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity, Forsyth Tech hosted the seminar to share more about cybersecurity education and the career outlook in cybersecurity.



Growing Need for Cyber Warriors Offers Students Scholarships and Careers in Cybersecurity

In September 2016, Forsyth Technical Community College was named by the National Security Agency (NSA) as a Cybersecurity Regional Resource Center (CRRCC), one of only six community colleges in the country designated a Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in cybersecurity. The CAE designation, awarded jointly by the NSA and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is the most prestigious recognition for cybersecurity excellence a college can receive. At the same time, Forsyth Tech was given \$156,000 to fund two initiatives for cybersecurity education. One of the initiatives was to expand training for and awareness of careers in cyber security. Approximately \$125,000 will be used to fund faculty training, and the remainder will support the creation of a pilot training program for the Cybersecurity K-12 Pathway initiative.

"We want to get students interested earlier in cybersecurity," said Dr. Deanne Wesley, department chair, ITEC Davis Center at Forsyth Tech. "Students need to learn skills now for future jobs that we do not even realize will be available."

For the K-12 Pathway initiative, Forsyth Tech is offering training for local Girl Scout Troops to earn a new badge in cybersecurity. Thomas Brown, program coordinator for web technology, will be training girls in web design. In addition, Gerald Kearns, program coordinator for computer information technology, trained Carver High School students to assist with the annual computer diagnostics clinic offered at the college.

On another initiative, Forsyth Tech, along with Stanly Community College and East Carolina University, partnered

with Palo Alto Academy in California to develop a beta test for the cybersecurity examination. The test was administered to 68 community college students and faculty from across North Carolina.

Forsyth Tech is also a participant with the Federal CyberCorps Scholarship Program, which provides grants to students continuing their study in the field of cybersecurity, computer sciences, computer programming, or information systems security. Three Forsyth Tech students, Christina Bell, Glen Anthony Olsen, and Britny Rominger were awarded the Scholarship for Service Grants in 2017. They will receive a total of \$61,000 for three years: one year at Forsyth Tech and two years to complete their Bachelor's degree at either North

Carolina Agricultural and Technical University or the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

All three students have demonstrated outstanding achievements in cybersecurity: Olsen passed the Palo Alto exam, and both Bell and Rominger were finalists in the Women in Cybersecurity Conference in Arizona in 2017.

In return for their scholarship and upon graduation, the students will commit to work for a government agency for three years. The program offers numerous resources for students, including an annual job fair, a weeklong training program in the summer, and internship opportunities as they are asked not to work during the time they are in the program.

Four students have been selected for 2018: James Lewis, Javon Morgan, Christopher Perrin, and David Wilson.

Scholarship for Service winners for 2017: Christina Bell, Britny Rominger, and Greg Anthony Olsen.



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Professional Development Day at Forsyth Tech included professional development and leadership training for faculty and staff.



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Graduation Ceremony for College and Career Readiness, Adult High School, and High School Equivalency. Twelve candidates graduated from the Adult High School and 86 candidates graduated from the High School Equivalency program.





Leaders and faculty from Bellevue University and Forsyth Tech held their first meeting on February 5.

A New Partnership Develops

Forsyth Technical Community College has partnered with Bellevue University, a private, nonprofit university in Bellevue, Nebraska, to offer students another program option for college transfer upon graduation from Forsyth Tech.

Three Bellevue leaders visited Forsyth Tech on February 5 to meet with Forsyth Tech leaders and faculty to share information about the program, take a tour, and plan for the future of the partnership.

"Forsyth Tech is the first community college we have partnered with in North Carolina, and we are proud of the relationship we have initiated and would like to grow our presence in N.C.," said Jim Grotrian, vice president, Strategic Partnerships, Bellevue University.

As part of the relationship agreement, Bellevue will provide a relationship manager to be located on the main campus of Forsyth Tech beginning in the fall of 2018, along with a co-branded microsite to provide students information on transfer requirements. Students may take courses online from Bellevue to satisfy degree requirements.

"We want to provide as many pathways as possible for our students to pursue their educational goals," said Randy Candelaria, dean, Learning Resources. "When a student graduates from Forsyth Tech seeking to transfer to a college or university to obtain a four-year degree, we want them to know that we can provide advising and assistance to make the most of their earned credits at Forsyth Tech, and that we care about the student well beyond their stay here. Partnerships with Bellevue and other institutions ease the transfer process and allows our students to maximize their potential to their full advantage."

About Bellevue University

Founded in 1966, Bellevue University is a nonprofit, fully accredited university with more than 50,000 graduates worldwide. The University is a recognized national leader in preparing students for lifelong success with career-relevant knowledge and skills, while making college affordable. Routinely ranked among the nation's top military-friendly and open-access institutions, the University serves students at its main campus in Bellevue, Nebraska, and everywhere online. Bellevue University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation included 15 new cadets who will serve in a variety of roles in the Winston-Salem Police Department, the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department, and other law enforcement agencies.



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The Small Business Launch Challenge selected three winners. See page 2 for story.





Members of the c3bc partners participating in the Bellwether competition, from left: Russ Read, executive director of the NCBW; President of Forsyth Tech Gary Green; Giovanna Taylor of St. Petersburg College, and Gardner Carrick of the Manufacturing Institute.

A Collaborative Effort Earns Recognition

Forsyth Tech was named a national finalist in the Bellwether Award competition in January for a four-year project spearheaded by its National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce (NCBW).

Forsyth Tech and its NCBW received Bellwether Award recognition for the work of the Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials, which was created under a \$15 million Trade Adjustment Assistant Community College Career Training (TAACCCT) grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

From 2012-2016, the c3bc joined 12 community colleges, including Forsyth Tech and industry and workforce partners, spanning 13 states, provided opportunities for close to 4,480 participants; built unique relationships with employers; developed novel skill standards; and removed barriers for learning.

Judges for the University of Florida's School of Education, which sponsored the Bellwether Award competition, cited Forsyth Tech as one of 10 national finalists in the workforce development category. In all, there were 1,400 applications for Bellwether Awards.

"I think this was a great experience, very much a learning and developmental one," said, Russ Read, executive director for the NCBW. "Although we did not win first place, we won in many ways. This was a great team effort in developing the c3bc through our DOL grant and the ultimate success to make an excellent submission and presentation with our partners."

Read has led the NCBW since its creation in 2005 under a previous DOL grant to Forsyth Tech. Since then, the NCBW has been a national leader in developing best practices, skill standards, and capacity building in biotech workforce education and skills training.



Giving Everyone a Reason to Smile

Good dental hygiene with regular checkups is important but can also be expensive. That's why at Forsyth Tech, one of the benefits of offering the best education in dental education is instruction through hands-on experience and giving back to the community.

In addition to the low-cost dental clinic offered from February through June, the dental education and health technologies programs offered a free clinic this year on February 23, 2018 for both children and students in the community. And, that gives everyone a big reason to smile.

"What a great event," said Linda Latham, dean of health technologies. "There were lots of happy children's faces

leaving the clinic."

Nineteen children and five Forsyth Tech students received free sealants and x-rays. The sealants were generously provided by Henry Schein Dental Company.

"This is a great opportunity for all of our dental assisting and dental hygiene students to work together as a team to accomplish a wonderful community service," said Jannette Whisenhunt, department chair, dental education. "We do this each year for 'Children's Dental Health Month.'

Dental Assistant student Giemilyn Genuino and Dental Hygienist student Stacy Harper working on a sealant patient.



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Black History Month Program sponsored by Student Life and Engagement at Mazie S. Woodruff Center with guest speaker, the Honorable Judge Denise Hartsfield, along with a tribute to Walter Marshall from his children Krista and Malcolm Marshall and Vernell Springs, Mazie S. Woodruff Scholarship recipient. See page 8 for story.

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Women's Empowerment Day — Work Smart Workshop and Career Educational Day in Rhoades Conference Center.



Honoring a Legacy — Black History Month Program at the Mazie S. Woodruff Center

It was an atmosphere of celebration and inspiration during the 2nd annual Black History Month program at The Mazie S. Woodruff Center on Feb. 22, 2018. The program focused on the legacy of two champions for the African-American community in Winston-Salem, Mazie S. Woodruff and Walter Marshall.

Walter Marshall's children Krista and Malcolm shared their father's favorite quotes and personal stories.

"He gave his life for his community and encouraged me to be there for my kids," said Malcolm Marshall.

Guest speaker, the Honorable Judge Denise Hartsfield presented "Honoring a Legacy: Celebrating the Past to Shape the Future," focusing on the legacy of Mazie Woodruff.

Last year, the Mazie S. Woodruff scholarship was established to give one Forsyth Tech student a \$250 award each semester.

The recipient of the first scholarship, Vernell Springs thanked the Woodruff family for their act of kindness.

"The Mazie Woodruff Scholarship Fund made it possible for me to buy my

books. Without this scholarship I would not have been able to take my courses this semester and be a candidate for graduation in May."

"The Mazie S. Woodruff Scholarship isn't just about tuition assistance, it delivers impact far beyond that. It's about eliminating financial barriers and providing students with the opportunity to create a better life for themselves and their family," said Angela Cook, director of donor relations.

The ultimate goal of the Mazie S. Woodruff Center is to raise \$25,000 — enough money to endow the scholarship so that Mazie's name will live on in perpetuity, while continuing to make a difference in the lives of others.

To date, thanks to the incredible support of generous donors, the center has raised \$7,000 toward the endowed scholarship fund.



Guest speaker, the Honorable Judge Denise Hartsfield, challenged the guests to give back to the community and leave their own legacy.

"I can't think of a better legacy to Mazie than to continue the higher education of Forsyth Tech students in need."

— Angela Cook, director of donor relations

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Mazie S. Woodruff Scholarship, please contact Nedra Dozier at ndozier@forsythtech.edu or 336-734-7952.

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Computer Tune-Up Clinic, Forsyth Tech offered a free diagnostic clinic open to public.



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Team of Nanotechnology and Engineer students are finalists in the **National Science Foundation Community College Innovation Challenge.**



In Recognition of His Contribution to Education, Bill Adams Awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Bill Adams, part-time director of occupational extension at Forsyth Technical Community College, has been awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine – one of the most prestigious awards conferred by the governor of North Carolina.

President of Forsyth Tech Gary Green, presented the award to Adams March 14. Adams has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Education and a Master of Science and a doctorate in Occupational Education, all from North Carolina State University.

“Bill Adams has made invaluable contributions to the education of North Carolinians, beginning with K-12 education and, for more than 50 years, North Carolina’s community colleges. His life’s work has been ensuring career opportunities and hope for the future for countless people,” Green said.



Bill Adams, displaying his award, with his wife, Libby, and son, Clark.

Three community college programs he started are still offered. At Davidson County Community College, he started the horticulture program in the 1980s through the Continuing Education Division at the local men’s prison to help men who are about to be released find jobs.

In 2000, Adams began the Truck Driver Training Program. The program, which began as a Continuing Education program, is now a curriculum program and is still regarded as one of the best in the state of North Carolina. In 2010 at Forsyth Tech, Adams began the Electrical Lineman Program to train line workers in cooperation with Pike Electric and Duke Energy. Congratulations, Bill!



Juanita Murphy, career readiness certificate coordinator (top) and Barbara Carter, director of employee engagement at Reynolds American, Inc. (bottom).

Strategic Partnerships Make Good Business Sense

Successful companies drive local economies and, likewise, a competitive workforce can sustain the success of the company. Forsyth Tech has a history of working with businesses to develop skilled employees, enhance contract training programs for staff, and to identify and implement assessment tools for pre-screening potential job candidates.

In fact, Forsyth Tech was founded in 1960 through a partnership with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company now Reynolds American, Inc. (RAI). When R.J. Reynolds needed more skill development for their employees, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Industrial Education Center was formed, which later became Forsyth Tech.

Through the years, as changing technology has required more advanced skills, Forsyth Tech has continued to provide opportunities at RAI for training, assessing, and screening employees. Through the Economic and Workforce Development Division (EWD) of Forsyth Tech, one of the tools offered to local businesses is a unique employment assessment system called WorkKeys®. These assessments help employers determine the potential success of an employee for a specific job and to reduce turnover.

“Working first with Reynolds American, Inc., we developed a process for pre-screening and a model for workforce assessment using WorkKeys® from ACT Workforce Solutions,” said Juanita Murphy, career readiness certificate coordinator with Forsyth Tech. “The testing removes the guesswork to determine an applicant’s skills using a variety of aptitude tests.”

The testing is now being offered to additional companies throughout Forsyth and Stokes counties. Over the past eight years, Murphy has coordinated scheduling and testing for Herbalife; Reynolds American, Inc.; Sonoco; Siemens; Triumph; Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools; and Wieland, among others, to help them meet their hiring goals.

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Annual **Spring Fling** for Forsyth Tech students, faculty, and staff to mingle, and enjoy music, games, and food.

Welcome
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Annual **Open House** when prospective students, parents, and guests could visit Forsyth Tech and experience booths at the program fair, informational workshops, take a tour, and learn all about careers and campus life.



Students and Alumni Pay it Forward

Human Services is a specialized, yet growing career field offering entry-level positions in a variety of roles. From mental and social services to agencies serving older adults, the prerequisites for this career are compassion and the willingness to serve others.

Forsyth Technical Community College offers degrees and certificates in both Human Services, along with a Human Services/Gerontology concentration.

"Forsyth Technical Community College is one of only five community colleges in North Carolina that offer a degree in Gerontology," said Betsey Zook, program coordinator of human services technology. "The field is growing as the population ages and employees are needed."

Students in both these fields are required to complete internships in non-profit agencies. This semester, there are three agencies where Forsyth Tech interns pair up with Forsyth Tech alumni, who now work as employees at Senior Services, Inc., The Bethesda Center for the Homeless, and The Enrichment Center.

Senior Services, Inc. provides a variety of services for seniors from lunch programs, Meals-On-Wheels, personal care, information and referrals, and case management, to supervised care at the Elizabeth and Tab Williams Adult Day Center. Forsyth Tech alumni, Dorothy Thomas and Yveline Buford, are employees at Senior Services and are responsible for coordinating activities during the three-day-a-week lunch programs. Rudine Holmes and Lakesha Barley are Forsyth Tech student interns at these sites.

Thomas is located at the Sprague Street Community Center and mentors Holmes, while Buford is located at the Brown and Douglas Recreation Center and mentors Barley.

"I want to write a book on how to tap into these seniors' passions and talents,"



Working with senior lunch programs at Senior Services, Inc. From left; Forsyth Tech intern Rudine Holmes and Senior Services staff: Dorothy Thomas, Yveline Buford, and Linda Kearsley, vice president of nutrition services. Not pictured: Forsyth Tech intern Lakesha Barley.

said Thomas. "To me, they are remarkable with so much to share. I love working with the seniors."

All four women had previous careers and returned to school at Forsyth Tech, knowing they were committed to work with senior adults through geriatric services.

The lunch programs are an opportunity for seniors to get out of their homes, have lunch, and socialize. "We provide activities before lunch, and the seniors love the games – especially Bingo," said Buford.

As the seniors are leaving, the staff said they see positive changes on the participants' faces, and the seniors have a renewed sense of purpose.

"You can see that the seniors care about each other when they come to lunch," said Barley. "They have become like a family."

The Bethesda Center staff who work with homeless men and women, Front row from left: Nina Henderson-Rucker, Case Manager; Forsyth Tech intern, Angela Gaskin; Lead Case Manager, Trina Brinkley; and Case Manager, Karen Sechrist.

Back row from left: Forsyth Tech intern Tanner Bowden; Case Manager, Cynthia Stubbs; Associate Director, Rochelle Smith; Forsyth Tech intern Michael Hubbard; and Case Manager Shante Parker-Sellers.

(Not pictured, Forsyth Tech intern Michael "Nate" Hoots.)

The Bethesda Center for the Homeless operates a day shelter and an emergency overnight shelter for homeless men and women in Winston-Salem. Its mission, to "create opportunities through emergency and supportive services," gives hope to countless men and women annually as moving from homelessness to housing becomes a reality.

Four student interns work with three graduates of Forsyth Tech. Interns Tanner Bowden, Angela Gaskin, Michael Hoots,



and Michael Hubbard are working with case managers, Karen Sechrist and Trina Brinkley and the Assistant Director Rochelle Smith, who are all Forsyth Tech alumni.

Sechrist explained her transition from intern to employee, "When I was a student at Forsyth Tech, I started out in the Gerontology program," said Sechrist. "I missed the deadline to sign up for an internship in Gerontology and was assigned here. I had a pre-conceived notion about the center, but two weeks into the internship, I knew my heart was here. And, I kept coming here after my internship until they hired me!"

"Our guests have hopes and desires. They want to belong, just like all of us," said Brinkley. "We want to give them the support so they can improve their quality of life."

None of their guests planned to become homeless. Due to circumstances, they either left or were forced to leave their homes. The Bethesda Center staff provides case management services to help homeless individuals become self-sufficient and find housing.

"Becoming homeless could easily happen to anyone of us," said Hubbard, talking about the challenge of homelessness.

They all agree, once you have worked



Forsyth Tech alumni and interns working at The Enrichment Center, from left: Vernell Springs, Cathy Brown, Susan Keiger, Ashley Tedder, Alva Richardson, and Carmella Dunlap.

with these guests, you want them to have an opportunity to become successful and move into a home and a better situation.

The Enrichment Center provides day services to adults and seniors with intellectual/developmental disabilities and seniors, and also employs Forsyth Tech alumni and interns. Cathy Brown, Carmella Dunlap, Susan Keiger, and Alva Richardson are employees who work with interns Vernell Springs and Ashley Tedder.

Before attending Forsyth Tech, both Keiger and Richardson were laid off after lengthy careers in other industries. They said they didn't know what they would do next, but wanted to do something they loved.

"I attended Forsyth Tech while my daughter was in school there," said Richardson. "At the same time, a friend of mine managed a group home where I volunteered. So, I knew I wanted to work with people with developmental disabilities and seniors. Every day here is rewarding, especially with the 'My Turn' program for seniors with intellectual/developmental disabilities."

The Enrichment Center's goal is to empower the lives of adults with disabilities through art, education, and employment. Through a variety of programs, clients gain independence and

learn how to become an integrated part of the community. Forsyth Tech also partners with the agency to provide curriculum and assessment tools.

"Before I was laid off, people with special needs inspired me," said Keiger. "When I went to Forsyth Tech, I looked for this opportunity. Working in the art instruction area, I enjoy getting students to try new things. Every day here is different and I enjoy each day."

Both Keiger and Richardson said they leave work every day enriched from the people they serve. Additionally, they commented that Debby Lattimore and Betsey Zook, Human Services faculty and advisors were supportive in guiding them through the program and into this field.

Vernell Springs, intern said it is her great pleasure doing my internship here at the Enrichment Center. "I cannot express the sense of joy I get coming here," said Springs. "The staff has shown me a different kind of empathy when working with the students of The Enrichment Center."

"Being a student intern at The Enrichment Center has shown me a new side to the human service field, said Ashley Tedder. "I have grown here and feel I have touched many lives. I will truly be saddened when my last day arrives."

Forsyth Tech alumni and students are paying it forward in the community.



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Do Something, Learn Something, Discover Something. See all the personal enrichment classes offered at Forsyth Tech this summer. www.forsythtech.edu



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Destination Forsyth Tech - A summer enrichment program for ages 8-18 at Forsyth Tech.



welcome

We extend a warm Forsyth Tech greeting to our new leaders.



Sydney Richardson

New Dean of College and Career Readiness

Sydney Richardson has joined Forsyth Tech as the dean of College and Career Readiness (CCR). As part of the Economic and Workforce Development Division, College and Career Readiness serves approximately 2,900 students who take Adult Basic Education classes, Adult High School courses, and English as a Second Language courses, leading them to either additional academic pursuits or the workforce.

Prior to joining Forsyth Tech, Richardson worked at Salem College as Director of the Writing Center, Assistant Professor of Education, and Dean of Adult Education.

Richardson holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a master's degree in English and African American literature from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical University, and a doctorate of philosophy in educational studies with a specialization in cultural studies and women and gender studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"My vision for CCR is to help the students we serve reach their next level of success by providing career and academic pathways, and connecting with community organizations to assist in this effort," said Richardson.



Bill Green

New Executive Director for the Foundation and Chief Development Officer

Bill Green joins Forsyth Tech as the new Executive Director for the Forsyth Tech Foundation and the College's Chief Development Officer.

In his new role, Green will lead the Foundation in building relationships in the community to secure investments for student scholarships, professional development grants, and technology purchases.

"I'm thrilled to be at this remarkable institution to help continue the tradition of support for our students and faculty provided by the Forsyth Tech Foundation," said Green.

Green comes to Forsyth Tech following a distinguished career in banking. Most recently, he worked as the Winston-Salem City Executive with High Point Bank & Trust until the time of its merger with Bank of North Carolina, in late 2016.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Green is a graduate of both Davidson College and the Kenan Flagler School of Business at UNC-Chapel Hill. He completed Leadership Winston-Salem's flagship program in 1996.

Green's volunteer activities have included board leadership positions at The Centers for Exceptional Children, Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts Foundation. He currently serves on the Program Committee for Financial Pathways of the Piedmont.



The mission of Forsyth Tech is to provide students with guided educational pathways into a competitive workforce for the community and global economy. Often, one of the barriers to achieving our mission is the funds and resources needed to help students be successful. For the past three years, with the fulfillment of the Capital Campaign – Pathways to Possibilities and the bond referendum, the community supported Forsyth Tech by making a long-term investment in technology and equipment improvements and upgrades. In the next few pages, you will see the impact those decisions have on students, the faculty, and the college.

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Pathways to Possibilities

Pathways to Possibilities exemplifies what is achievable when the community supports the mission and values of one of its most respected resources, Forsyth Technical Community College. In its nearly 60-year history, the college has been the foundation for education and workforce development in Forsyth and Stokes counties.

Forsyth Tech has faced what many other community colleges face: the growing need for improvement in technology and institutional advancement to keep up with changes needed to educate the workforce of the future, while resources decrease. Forsyth Tech recognized the necessity to raise funds to offset financial needs.

Over the past three years, the Forsyth Tech Foundation has been immersed in an \$18 million capital campaign to improve student success and workforce innovation.

Forsyth Tech is pleased to announce we achieved that and more, with pledges totaling \$20,001,600, or 111% of our goal.

Pathways to Possibilities has had an impact on every department and division of the college. So far, donations from the campaign.

“It is so rewarding to me to help provide cutting-edge equipment for our students to gain greater experience. They will be ready to step right into jobs with great futures.”

Mary Tucker, donor and Forsyth Tech Foundation Board Member.



Yolanda Hunt, instructor in associate degree in nursing, demonstrates with simulated adult patient and babies.

“We have been overwhelmed by the generous support of our partners in the health care community,” Dean of Health Technologies, Linda Latham said. “Through our Capital Campaign, we were able to update technology in our nursing and allied health labs so that we can better prepare the employees of tomorrow. We can now simulate so many scenarios that will be encountered in the ‘real world’ of health care today.

“While our students spend a great number of hours in the clinical setting, it is critical for health care programs like ours to have reliable, reliable technology in the classrooms,” said John Sherman, program coordinator for respiratory therapy. “We have always emphasized a ‘practicing like you play’ approach to learning; we try and simulate a real patient care experience.”

Current technology in the classroom provides a non-pressure learning environment for the students, making them more confident in applying their clinical knowledge and skills with patients.

“Our virtual treatment simulator enables us to explain complex theoretical concepts and principles in a highly visual environment,” said Chris Gibson, program coordinator for radiation therapy.

Virtual reality is also a game changer in the architecture and interior design department.



“I wanted to help young parents who are preparing to be certified pre-school teachers. These adults need quality childcare for their children while the parents are training for their future careers,”
 V.B. Lougee.

“New equipment purchased in Architecture and Design enables students to walk virtually through their architectural designs and to be fully immersed in the experience of their creations,” said Todd Shoaf, program coordinator, architecture. “Donations from the campaign also added a certificate program entitled 3D Scanning and Building Information Modeling. This certificate



Top: Architectural student operating the architectural virtual treatment simulator.
 Bottom: Hosting a special visit on campus to name the Carol L. Danforth Early Childhood Lab. From left: President of Forsyth Tech Gary Green; Carol L. Danforth; Karatha Scott, coordinator of the Carol L. Danforth Early Childhood Lab; and V.B. Lougee, donor and Danforth’s father.



Chris Price, student technician in the additive manufacturing lab says his job enriches his education.

is geared toward those completing our associate degrees with the goal of keeping them 'tooled' for the future. These graduates will offer employers advanced technology skills, which will help business growth in architecture."

One of the departments that was able to add programs and certifications through the funding of the campaign was the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning program.

"In the future, students will receive certifications from Trane in areas such as business management, airflow, refrigeration diagnostics, variable speed motors, and air-to-air heat pumps," said Dwight Cornelison, program coordinator. "We are working on becoming a National Trane Center of Excellence through the NC3 Coalition of Certification Centers."

Through a generous campaign donation from V.B Lougee, the Early Childhood Lab School was renamed the Carol L. Danforth Early Childhood Lab School in honor of his daughter.

"Thanks to a generous gift from Mr. Lougee, the Early Childhood Lab School will become licensed, which will offer opportunities for the facility to gain greater funding to help students and parents with financial assistance when needed," said Karatha Scott, coordinator, Carol L. Danforth Early Childhood Lab School.

Another department benefitting from the generous donations from the campaign is the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM). As manufacturing has evolved over the years, so have the educational needs for the workforce. Forsyth Tech has worked with our manufacturing industry partners in advancing our manufacturing programs and in keeping pace with industry trends.

The CAM building was renovated, adding high-end equipment, creating an additive manufacturing lab, adding robotic welding, and expanding computer numerical control (CNC) machines.

"The donations also strengthened our relationships with industry partners, creating a hub of learning for students and businesses," said David Dinkins, department chair for advanced manufacturing. "Forsyth Tech is the only community college in the region designated as a 'Superlab' by Statasys, the 3-D printer manufacturer."

The funding also made it possible for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to hire a student technician, Chris Price, to run the daily operation and maintenance of the additive manufacturing lab.

Price said, "Working in the lab helps me affirm I made the right career choice. I feel like I'm getting more experience and can apply what I'm learning as a student."

The impact of Pathways to Possibilities Capital Campaign will have far-reaching effects for years to come. We now have the opportunity to encourage and inspire many more students and faculty/staff with generous donations from this campaign. There is no one path that fits every student, and we are challenged to offer students who desire a chance to achieve their educational goals and dreams. Many would not have the opportunity to earn a degree or further their education without scholarships or financial assistance. Several work one or two jobs, and have families, yet are committed to earning a degree and improving their lives. It is through these gifts that donors help give back to the students, who, in turn, give back to the community. Imagine how far students can go when they see the clear path and possibilities.

Strickland Gift to Support Students through New Career Center

The Pathways to Possibilities gift from longtime Winston-Salem residents Robert and Elizabeth Strickland has already changed the landscape at Forsyth Tech, and will soon be improving the lives of our students as they prepare to head into the workplace. The Stricklands' gift of \$2.8 million is the largest ever received by the college from individual donors; and at their request, it will support the development of the college's Career Center, including an endowed position of Career Center director. The Center will be located in the former Oak Grove building on the school's Silas Creek Parkway campus, where new signage was recently installed to reflect its renaming by the college Trustees as the Robert L. Strickland Center.

"The additional leadership position for the Career Center will help coordinate resources for our students, and there will be a new physical location in a renovated space along with new software and other services," said Forsyth Tech President Gary Green. "While the knowledge and skills students acquire at Forsyth Tech make them qualified to work in their chosen field, their degree doesn't automatically get that student a job. Forsyth Tech offers help with job search skills, such as resume writing and interviewing, and connecting them with potential employers. Bringing it all together in one place, and having a center director, will help students take full advantage of these and expanded services."

"Betty and I have both long believed that you don't go to college simply to learn how to make a living — you go to college to learn how to live."

Bob Strickland

The staff of the Career Center, standing, from left: Danielle Rose, Dr. Jewel Cherry, Rex Hobson, Jessica Long, and Melissa Rivers. Seated: Bob and Betty Strickland



"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Stricklands and their commitment to advancing the life success of our students," said Bill Green, executive director of the Forsyth Tech Foundation and chief development officer for the college. "This gift is a long-term investment that will transform lives. It establishes the first endowed position at the college, and brings much-needed resources and capabilities to the critical work of our career services."

Bob Strickland served as Chairman of the Board of Lowe's Companies, Inc. (Lowe's Home Improvement) and retired in 1998 after 41 years of service. He joined Lowe's in 1957 as its seventh employee.

He also served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, as Vice Chairman of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Corporation, as a Director with Hannaford Brothers, and as a Director with T. Rowe Price.

Strickland has long been an advocate for education. He served in the N.C. General Assembly from 1961-1963 and was a founding trustee at Wilkes Community College in 1965. Strickland also served on the board of trustees at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill from 1987 - 1995.

Dr. Green recognizes our benefactors and provides a campaign recap.



"Betty and I have both long believed that you don't go to college simply to learn how to make a living - you go to college to learn how to live," said Bob Strickland. "It is our fondest hope that this new career center will be able to give our community's students an extra boost of the guidance, information, and mentoring wisdom they'll need to propel their Forsyth Tech education into exciting and productive careers - and thereby, we hope happy and fulfilling lives for themselves and their families. The gift reflects our desire to encourage others. As William Jennings Bryan writes, 'destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved.'"

"Bob and Betty Strickland have long been supporters and advocates for community college student success, and at Forsyth Tech that means connecting students with career opportunities," Gary Green said. "Through their generosity, the College will put students on the path to a successful career and a secure economic future."

An Occasion for Appreciation

On May 3, 2018, Forsyth Tech celebrated the completion of its Pathways to Possibilities Capital Campaign at a special program and reception. More than 150 attended, and special guests included numerous benefactors of the college; Congresswoman Virginia Foxx; Mike Fenley, field representative from Senator Richard Burr's Office; Forsyth Tech Board of Trustees members; and Forsyth Tech Foundation Board members.

"We are changing lives and changing our community," Bill Green, executive director of the Forsyth Tech Foundation and the College's Chief Development Officer told the guests. "Your generous support makes all the difference."

President of Forsyth Tech Gary Green thanked the leaders of the Pathways to Possibilities Capital Campaign: Susan Cameron, retired president and CEO of Reynolds American Inc. who served as the honorary chair of our campaign; co-chairs of the campaign Heather Robinson, vice president of Honeywell Aviation, and former Forsyth Tech Foundation Board member; and Ed Welch, and president of I. L. Long Construction and former Forsyth Tech Board of Trustees and Foundation board member.

Bill Green recognized the large lead gift from Reynolds American, Inc. and their Foundation, while Gary Green recognized Bob and Betty Strickland and their family. The former Oak Grove Center was renamed the Robert L. Strickland Center, and portraits of the Stricklands that will hang in the center were unveiled. The Stricklands' gift will fund the first ever endowed position at Forsyth Tech, that of a full-time director for the vastly expanded Career Center. The new director, Jessica Long, was introduced at the event.

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Beth Baldwin is active as Philanthropy Committee Chair of the Women's Council of Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Foundation, a member of the Emma Bahnon Service League, the Women's Fund of Winston-Salem, and as a Community Representative on the Forsyth Tech Nursing Advisory Committee.



Scott Carpenter is co-founder of Capture Public Relations & Marketing, based in Winston-Salem. A native of Shelby, N.C. and a graduate of Wake Forest University, Carpenter has served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, including Crosby Scholars, the Children's Museum of Winston-Salem, and the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina.



John Cocklereece has been practicing law in Winston-Salem since 1979, and is currently a director of Bell Davis & Pitt, PA, where his practice is concentrated in business, tax, and estate planning/administration matters. Cocklereece is also a current member of the Forsyth Tech Community College Board of Trustees.



Charles Corpening is a Director for Alex Brown and previously was a trust officer with First Union and Planters National Bank. Corpening's involvements include St Paul's Episcopal Church, prior Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 920, Ravenscroft School, Summit School, Wofford College, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Parents Council.



Edward Griggs is a Partner on the Private Wealth Team at Womble Bond Dickinson. He is an Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Past President of the Winston-Salem Estate Planning Council, Past Chair of the Estate Planning & Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina Bar, Past Chair and Board Member of The Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem, Inc., and Member of the Major Gifts Committee of Samaritan Ministries.



Ginger Salt serves as Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer at Piedmont Federal Savings Bank. Prior to joining Piedmont Federal, Salt served in senior marketing roles with First Community Bank, Truiliant Federal Credit Union and BB&T. She is active in Crosby Scholars, Winston-Salem Street School, and Stratford Rotary.



Ken Walker is the Winston-Salem facility manager for Progress Rail, a subsidiary of Caterpillar. He is currently a board member of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Winston-Salem Business, Inc., and an active member of the Kernersville Chamber of Commerce.



Ann Watts is a long-term Forsyth Tech employee, who started as a teacher in the Early Childhood program in 1998 and served as the Director of Stokes County operations for Forsyth Tech from 2006 until her retirement in 2017. She currently serves as Board Chair for New Life Center Child Care of First Baptist Church-Walnut Cove and is a Board Member of the Stokes Partnership for Children.



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Gisele Taylor Wells:

Improving Design Education

Gisele Taylor Wells, program coordinator for Interior Design, received her National Council for Interior Design Qualification Certification (NCIDQ) in December 2017. The certification is the industry's standard measure of proficiency in interior design principles and establishes a designer's commitment to the profession.

Since 2008, Wells has been an instructor at Forsyth Tech, beginning as part time, then moving into the program coordinator and full-time instructor role. She holds her Bachelor of Science Degree in interior Architecture and her Master of

Science Degree in Interior Architecture with a concentration in Historic Preservation, both from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"Earning my certification will help me better prepare students on what design principles and knowledge are expected of excellent interior designers in today's professional environments," said Wells. "What is most fulfilling in my role is to find ways to improve design education for today's students and help them understand they must be above average to succeed in this profession."

Brent Martin: Stay Focused and Don't Play Around

Joining the Air Force had always been his dream. Yet, when he found out in 11th grade that he had diabetes, Brent Martin could not join the military. According to the American Diabetes Association, the military still severely restricts enlistment for people with both type 1 and type 2 diabetes. But if you are already serving, you can seek to stay in.

"However, I've always liked electronics and machines, and was good at repairing things. So I decided to get my Associate in Electronics Engineering degree," said Martin.

"In looking at schools, I didn't want to go to a four year school and take on a lot of debt. So I chose to come to Forsyth Tech."

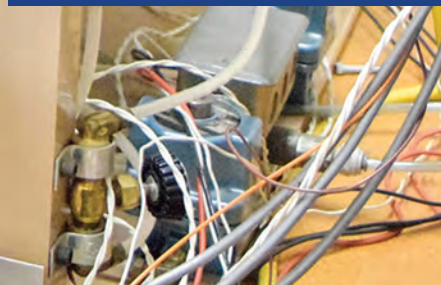
His favorite instructor and advisor was Mr. David Rehder. "Mr. Rehder made sure we were registered for the right classes and we knew as much as we needed to know about what the environment will be like on the job."

Brent has taken six classes every semester except this semester, when he only had three classes to complete. This schedule enabled him to complete his degree in two years while working part time on the weekends.

Through the 15 to Finish program, Forsyth Tech encourages those students who can to take 15 credit hours per semester to graduate on time.

When asked how he manages his schedule, Martin said, "I go to class every day and on time. I'm simply focused on school and don't fool around."

Martin didn't need to join the military to learn discipline and determination.



John Moore:

Finding His Purpose



John Moore's route to his current career wasn't the straightest or most direct, but he feels it was the right one even when life threw him a major curve.

"I moved to Florida in 2009 to attend a motorcycle mechanics institute," said John. "Two weeks before I was scheduled to start, I was hit head on by a drunk driver while riding my motorcycle." During his hospital stay, he decided nursing might be a good career choice. Once he returned to North Carolina, he attended the nursing program at Surry Community College. As a student nurse, he completed a rotation in the oncology unit at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

That's when I realized, I am very tenderhearted and knew I couldn't handle being in a hospital every day," said Moore. "Seeing cancer patients really got to me."

John reflected on his passion and discovered what he may have known all his life: he enjoyed working on cars.

"I was building hot rods as a kid, so I wish I had decided this earlier," said Moore. "Once I made this decision, I knew I wanted to open my own shop."

John completed his Associate in Applied Science in Automotive Systems Technology degree at Forsyth Tech and graduated with honors in May 2016.

In May 2017, John opened Nester's Automotive in Yadkinville.

Together with his father helping out, John offers numerous auto services including mechanics, repairs, and detailing. They also sell used cars when they have the inventory.

"I enjoy giving people straightforward advice when their cars cannot be repaired or if it would be cheaper to buy another car," said Moore.

He finds it amusing when people call and want him to diagnose problems with their car over the phone. Moore laughs and says, "without seeing the car, that's like telling them the weather outside in a room without windows."

John's belief is that honesty is the key to a lasting business, especially in mechanics and auto sales. "People won't come back if they know you are not being truthful with them," said Moore. "I'm counting on repeat customers."

If you are an alum and would like to share your story, please contact us at alumni@forsythtech.edu.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Maria Colamarino: Creating Her Life's Canvas

Maria Colamarino is working on another chapter in her life and is illustrating it beautifully.

Having attended college, worked, married, and raised four children, she decided to finish her education at Forsyth Technical Community College and started in the fall of 2016.

"I wanted to set an example for my children by going back to school to get my general education classes and seek my career path," said Colamarino. "It was challenging to learn with students in my classes who were my sons' age."

She was impressed how the Forsyth Tech instructors made the classes interesting and motivational. Colamarino has encouraged her daughter to attend Forsyth Tech, and

her husband and brother-in-law are already enrolled here.

Early at Forsyth Tech, she expressed her interest in becoming an art teacher. Two of her instructors, Cecilia Wright and Jason Lancaster encouraged her to pursue her goals. Lancaster recommended that she join Arts for Art Sake, the community of artists in Winston-Salem, and start showing her artwork. He also advised her to enter the student exhibit in the Robert L. Strickland Center. As it worked out, she was the only student who submitted work, so she had a solo show. When she saw her work exhibited, she cried.

"I was moved that people thought my work was good, and they had it displayed just like I would have done," said Colamarino.

Upon graduating from Forsyth Tech in 2017, she now attends the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, focusing on art education. She also plans to take a month-long art study abroad in Italy this summer.

Art lets you live in the present moment and helped me discover who I am," said Colamarino. "I want to use my education and talent to share with children. Art can be a positive influence on everyone to share their talents."

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We appreciate the overwhelming support for the Pathways to Possibilities Capital Campaign. It has been an exciting time for Forsyth Tech as many departments and divisions received long-needed equipment and upgraded technology. Our students appreciate that they can learn and practice on equipment they will see on their jobs. Many are grateful for scholarships and assistance through these donations.

Thanks to your generous support, Forsyth Tech will continue to grow and thrive and make a difference in this community.