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Special thanks to the 1997-98 Chowan Ambassadors for a job well done!

Often seen at special events in their distinctive navy blue blazers, the Chowan Ambassadors serve the College community in various roles while completing a demanding schedule of annual events.

As the official hosts of the College, the often-unsung heroes work closely with the president in greeting trustees, dignitaries and other visitors.

Members of the organization welcome hundreds of visitors to the historic Columns Building during the annual Murfreesboro Christmas Walk and provide a brief oral history of the College. They host Braves Club members in the press box during special athletic competi-



tions, greet honorees during distinctive dinners and trim the president's

Christmas tree for the holidays.

Ambassadors are often the first students met by prospectives. The well-rounded emissaries frequently present personal perspectives of the Chowan experience to Open House audiences and provide tours of the campus to visiting groups.

Selected for their positions based on academic achievement, leadership potential and social skills, a limited number of sophomores, juniors and seniors are named in the spring of each year.

In addition to social responsibilities, the group has also found time to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and provide parents and campus community members with the opportunity to remember collegiate friends with flowers and candy on Valentine's Day.

Sporting their new casual attire at the "Chamber Day at Chowan" fish fry in April are pictured above (left to right, front) Allison Murray '98, Mia Cornell '99, Erica Simmons '00, Tony Farmer '99, Kim Annis '98, Ayrako West '00, Laura Allgood '98; (rear) Melanie Peterson '99, Weylon Smith '00 and John Gentile '99. Missing from photo are Stephanie Cooke '98, Meredyth Lyles '98 and Tennille McCurnin '99.

Nucor Steel officials arrive bearing \$100,000 gift

A large crowd welcomed Governor Jim Hunt, state officials and Nucor Steel Corporation officials to Hertford County on June 2. At their corporate headquarters in Charlotte, Nucor officially announced one day earlier that they will begin construction of a \$300 million steel plant along the Chowan River near Tunis as early as September.



Hunt took the podium and exclaimed, "I've been in this county many times, but this is the best day I've ever been in Hertford County." He added, "This is just the beginning. This could result in over 1,000 new jobs."

"This is a day to celebrate and enjoy," he declared, "a day to celebrate the coming of something wonderful for this county and the northeast."

Chowan felt the early rippling effect during the June 2 gathering, when Nucor officials made a huge commitment to

education by presenting President Stanley Lott with a check in the amount of \$100,000.

Stunned by Nucor's generosity, Lott exclaimed, "I was overwhelmed by the gift from Nucor. This was totally unexpected." He continued, "We are truly excited for Hertford County and the entire region over the fact that Nucor is bringing jobs to northeastern North Carolina. This is a win-win

situation for all of us."

John D. Correnti, president and CEO of Nucor, told the audience that his firm has a strong commitment to education. Echoing the same thoughts, Nucor chair Kenneth Iverson said, "As one of our benefits we offer \$2,200 a year for up to four years of college for every child of every employee in the company." Acknowledging that the benefit costs the company \$1.4 million a year, Iverson explained, "I can't think of any better way to spend that money."



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