

Letter from the President

On behalf of the entire Wayne Community College family, I extend congratulations to the graduating class of 1991.

Whether you are completing the requirements for high school, a vocational certificate, a technical or a college transfer degree, May 23 should be a significant day to remember.

Regardless of your program of study, you now share a bond with your fellow students, the faculty, and the staff of Wayne Community College.

You may have a number of individuals to thank for your achievement, including relatives and friends who supported you in various ways during your educational pursuits.

But don't forget to thank yourselves for setting goals and then following through with the efforts required to reach them.

Our faculty and staff have a genuine concern for quality education, and successful students are the best example of that quality.



Dr. Porter welcomes Dr. Marsellette Morgan to the WCC family. Photo: Ron Lane

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ENABLE will especially help those in rural Wayne County since a large portion of workers have less than an eighth grade education or have dropped out of high school.

Ken Ritt, Coordinator of Human Resources, will act as recruiter for the project.

Ritt will talk to employers to convince them to send their employees to the program.

The ENABLE program will be provided for employers at no charge during its first two years as a pilot program.

Eighty percent of traditional remedial programs have been out of reach for business establishments in Wayne County which have fewer than 20 employees because they have been either too expensive or inaccessible.

Project ENABLE, a two-year program, will offer training services to small businesses through computer-aided instructional labs at WCC.

The program also features staff assistance to help small businesses in recruiting, training, and following up on its participants.

Workers will use two software packages, BASE (Basic Academic Skills for Employment) and PLATO, (a second generation comprehensive basic skills course), to help them improve and advance their skills.

This training will boost Wayne County economically since there are over 2500 small businesses such as retail, service, and manufacturing communities that could benefit from such a program, Morgan said.

ENABLE will be monitored by the State Advisory Committee, the REDC, the DCC, and the small business owners that will make up the Local Advisory Committee.

The DCC will provide technical assistance to WCC and assist the REDC in overseeing the project's activities in general.

Morgan pointed out that in the coming years small business owners will realize that they need to upgrade the skills of their employees to keep up with rapidly changing technology.

If it is proven a success, Project ENABLE will be used as a basis for other such programs across the state.

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WCC's community service programs serving the elderly were cut by more than one-half, from \$92 thousand to about \$42 thousand.

North Carolina froze \$47 thousand in WCC's equipment funds.

The state's shortfall will continue to affect students in the form of increased class size because of the lack of instructors.

"A reduction in the number of classes in a section may also be seen," stated Porter.

The most important change that affects everyone is morale.

Porter stated, "The pervading attitude is that we are underfunded for the services we offer. And it spills over to the staff and faculty and their willingness and attitude to go that second mile for the students."

If you wish to thank those at WCC who helped you reach your goal, the best way to do that is to continue to learn and apply the skills we have helped you sharpen.

Of course, we thrive on visits from our graduates who come back and tell us about their experiences.

To encourage grads to stay in touch, WCC has a newly-formed Alumni Association with regular activities and the chance for fellowship and fun.

As graduates, you may also find yourselves coming back to WCC for upgrading

of your training, or for the services of the library, Directed Studies lab, or the Business and Industry Center.

If helping others is what you like, there are always opportunities for volunteers at The Literacy Center.

Whatever your reason for remaining in touch with WCC, you are always welcome here.

Again, I congratulate you for your accomplishment.

G. Herman Porter

Other cuts include reductions in the number of part-time instructors, supplies, travel, and staff development.

The North Campus B building, which will house the automotive and agriculture labs and the Human Services Department, has not received funding from the General Assembly.

"We should know by the fall quarter if we will receive funds to begin construction for B building," stated Porter.

Porter said that Governor Martin proposed an additional \$40 million in next year's budget proposal for the community college system.

The Voice Box

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