

Foundation meets many college needs

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The Foundation of Wayne Community College, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina.

Its purpose and mission are to broaden the base of community support and to promote the educational development of WCC, according to JoAnn Bruce, Executive Director.

The Foundation hopes to achieve this goal through the asking of private gifts, of money and property investment, management and disbursement of such assets to enhance the educational programs and services offered by the college.

The Foundation seeks to meet the college needs in the following ways:

It has built the Endowment Fund for the general support of the college.

Each year, 10% of the unrestricted funds received by the Foundation are designated for this fund.

The Fund totals \$444,637, and it provides a lasting source of financial aid for WCC students.

The Foundation provides financial aid to qualified students in the form of grants or loans.

In September of 1996, the Foundation awarded over \$88,000 in scholarships for WCC students.

Every September, a reception is held to honor recipients and to thank the donors for their gifts.

The Foundation also honors WCC Ambassador students with a \$500 scholarship and official college attire.

The Foundation recognizes outstanding performance by faculty and staff.

It annually awards 3 recipients the Employee of the Year Award.

The awards of \$500 each are given to the recipient from the Operational and Maintenance Staff, Professional Staff, and Professional Support Staff.

A special gift of \$30,000, given by an anonymous donor in honor of George E. Wilson, established the Excellence in Teaching Award.

A special gift made possible through the efforts of the North Carolina legislators of Wayne County added additional funds for the honorable award.

Each year at WCC's Commencement, an outstanding faculty member is recognized for excellence in teaching.

The recipient of the award receives a gift of \$1500 and the opportunity to attend the International Conference on Teaching Excellence.

Last May, Waiston Lee, a biology instructor, received this award.

The Foundation assists the college in purchasing special equipment and supplies for use in its programs.

Mini-grants of \$500 each are awarded annually to the faculty and staff of WCC.

They are requests given in response to faculty and staff for needs to enhance educational awareness and opportunities at WCC.

Also, the Foundation and others helped start the Wayne Information Network (WIN) which links WCC and all Wayne County Public Schools to the libraries-online network.

A program called "First Search" allows Wayne County Public School students and WCC students to communicate with other students across the world.

The Foundation has a Web Page for information about the college and all its activities.

To keep up with the WCC Alumni, the Foundation made it possible in the Web Site for all alumni to

keep in touch with other alumni and WCC.

The address is:
<http://www.wayne.cc.nc.us>.

The Foundation sponsors special events to provide students and the community the opportunity to enjoy plays, concerts, speakers, compete for math awards, learn of opportunities for careers, and learn the diversity of our nation.

The Foundation co-sponsors events with the Community Arts Council, Friends of Wayne County Public Library, Mt. Olive College, Seymour Johnson A.F.B., and Wayne County Public Schools, just to name a few.

Dramatic events, produced by the faculty, staff, and students of WCC, are presented each year and are free of charge.

The Foundation enlists community support for the college with an annual campus and community fund drive in October of each year.

It has raised over \$1,000,000 since the first annual fund drive in 1988.

The goal for 1996-1997 is \$155,000 and to date the Foundation has received \$130,000.

These gifts may be received throughout the year.

The Foundation has a Planned Giving Program. It informs the general public of the opportunity to bequeath, either now or later, by will, trust, or other means, assets and/or cash to the Foundation for the benefit of WCC Students.

On June 24 and June 25, 1997, the Fifth Annual Kwik Mart/Wayne Community College Golf Tournament will be held at Lane Tree Golf Club.

It is sponsored by Wooten Oil Company and has raised over \$83,000 since 1993.

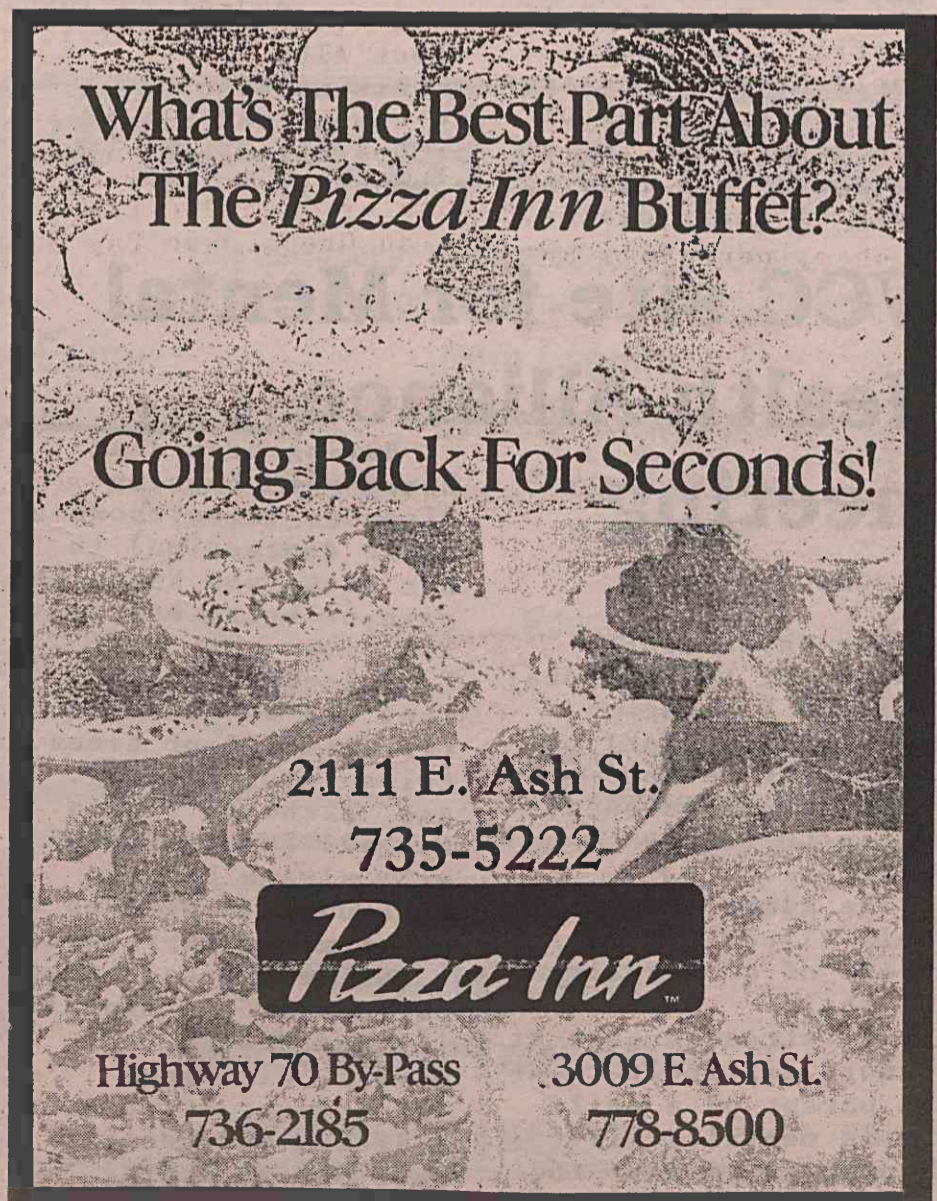
Each tournament has been a great success, thanks to the commitment of the president, S. Dillon Wooten, and his dedicated employees.

The proceeds provide scholarship funds for WCC students.

Last years tournament provided \$27,000 for student scholarships.

WCC has agreed to form a partnership with Duke University for the Nonprofit Management Certificate Program.

This program is funded by the Kellogg Foundation.



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