

Wake Forest Baptist celebrates opening of the Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education

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Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center announced completion of the new medical education building for its School of Medicine. The Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education opened in Wake Forest Innovation Quarter in downtown Winston-Salem after an 18-month renovation of a former Reynolds American tobacco manufacturing plant. The Bowman Gray Center qualified for historic tax credits worth more than \$23 million toward its estimated \$60 million cost.

"Today marks the end of a well-executed vision to move a significant portion of our School of Medicine and become part of a community of innovation, discovery and collaboration in Wake Forest Innovation Quarter," said John D. McConnell, M.D., CEO, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. "Wake Forest School of Medicine's growth is not defined by this new location, but by its

great faculty, staff, students and alumni. Its footprint now covers many education, research and health care facilities including the new Bowman Gray Center."

The facility is designed with the next generation of physician-leaders in mind. Today's medical learners are diverse and technologically savvy. Team-based, inter-professional learning for students requires the flexible space that the new building provides, and includes a tiered classroom, large and small group classrooms, as well as dedicated areas for quiet, individual study.

"We are preparing a collaborative, highly skilled health care workforce that is better prepared to respond to our community's health needs," said Edward Abraham, M.D., dean of Wake Forest School of Medicine. "Research shows patient outcomes improve with inter-professional team-based care. Medical students who learn alongside students from other health care professions report a better

understanding of collaborative care, and higher levels of overall satisfaction with their medical training and practice."

The timing of the opening of the new Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education coincides with Wake Forest School of Medicine introducing one of the most advanced medical school curricula in the country. It allows medical students to prepare for real-life experiences in the most modern of settings: from outpatient clinic to trauma center bay, complete with the new informatics and technologies used in patient care today.

The Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education connects via a bridge on the fifth floor to 525@Vine, home to Wake Forest Baptist's department of physician assistant studies and its nurse anesthesia program.

The renovated former 60 series R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company complex encompasses the new School of Medicine in 168,000 square feet of space on the

north side of the building. Next year, Wake Forest University will introduce new undergraduate programs in biomedical sciences and engineering in 115,000 square feet on the south side of the building.

"Dr. McConnell and Dean Abraham's vision for the future of medical education is complemented by the intersection of tradition and innovation that defines the school's new location," said Wake Forest University President Nathan O. Hatch. "This building, which will literally and figuratively bring medical and liberal arts education together under one roof, greatly enhances opportunities for closer collaboration among our students and deeper engagement within our community."

Wake Forest's first year medical students, the Class of 2020, will arrive this week for orientation and begin classes in the new building.

For more information, visit: <http://school.wakehealth.edu>

Herbalife Job Fair to be held at Urban League

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The Winston-Salem Urban League will partner with Herbalife to sponsor a Job Fair on Friday, July 29 at the Urban League downtown location. The Job Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 201 West Fifth Street. According to the Winston-Salem Journal, Herbalife has pledged to double its local workforce to more than 800 full time employees by 2018. Herbalife is a global nutrition and weight management company with products sold

exclusively by nearly 2.3 million independent distributors around the world.

Herbalife positions range from information technology, maintenance technicians, packaging, service desk analyst, senior developer, chemists, microbiologists, associate scientists, research and development, applications analysts, forklift operator and process engineer.

The Herbalife Job Fair is one in a series of hiring events as part of the Urban League Workforce Development Programs and Services to assist job seekers

become gainfully employed and to help employers meet their staffing needs.

In addition to regular job fairs, the Urban League Employment lab, a partnership with Forsyth Tech, provides resume development, electronic job search and online job application assistance.

Job applicants who plan to attend the Herbalife Job Fair should bring current resumes and be prepared for an interview. For information contact Patricia Sadler at 336 725-5614



Submitted photos
Standing left to right are Ross Weathers IV, Ron Berra, Sharon Anderson, Kevin Mack (SECU employee). Seated left to right are Doris Sommer, Michelle Nathan, and Allisha Waddell.

(Below) Shown left to right are Sharon Anderson (SECU advisory board member), Vernon Hart II (recipient), William Buck (SECU employee), and Ron Berra (Forsyth Tech employee).



SECU members award continuing education scholarships

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Through its member-funded SECU Foundation, State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) members have awarded ten local students an SECU Continuing Education Scholarship valued at \$750 for study at Forsyth Technical Community College. The scholarship recipients are: Ross Weathers IV, Allisha Waddell, Michelle Nathan, Doris Sommer, and Vernon Hart II.

Launched in 2013, the scholarship program focuses on assisting the needs of North Carolina's unemployed and underemployed citizens, military veterans, and members of the North Carolina National Guard seeking short-term job training for new careers or retraining to advance current job skills. Scholarship funding will be applied to tuition and other expenses associated with their eligible program of study through the Community College System's

Back-to-Work Program and continuing education courses.

State Employees' Credit Union's local Advisory Board member Sharon Anderson comments, "The SECU Continuing Education Scholarship program provides an excellent opportunity to assist North Carolina's unemployed and underemployed citizens with career training and marketable job skills needed for today's workplace. We look forward to the long-term success of these scholarship recipients as they build a better economic future for themselves, their families, and our State."

With this \$435,000 commitment for Continuing Education Scholarships and SECU Foundation's annual \$580,000 "People Helping People" Community College Scholarships, funding for the NC Community College System now totals over \$1 million.



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