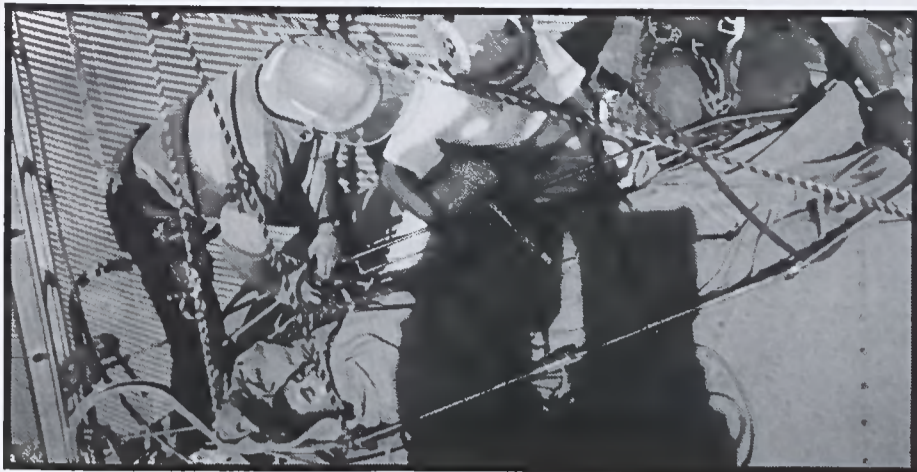


Fire / Rescue Weekend College



Continued Success:

Sampson Community College will sponsor the third annual Fire / Rescue Weekend College November 11 and 12. This effort is done with the cooperation of Associations representing sixteen volunteer fire departments and seven volunteer rescue squads. Although overall "FTE" generation is usually break even for the college, the community relations is a greater reward and results in positive support from the communities throughout Sampson County. If you are considering this two day concentrated effort be prepared for much planning and time allocation. One key to financial success of the event is sharing the cost of certain items with Fire / Rescue Association. Examples would be printing cost and refreshments.

My suggestion would be to give it a try, it's worth the effort.

Submitted by J.W. Simmons

Center for Applied Textile Technology Boosts Statewide Industrial Training

The North Carolina Center for Applied Textile Technology continues to lend its expertise to community colleges and industries across the state.

Instructors from The Center worked with eight community colleges in providing industrial instruction this year.

In Zebulon, the Center contracted with Naomi Knitting in a \$16,000 comprehensive project that included creating and revising training manuals for knitters and mechanics, the installation of a safety program and advice in complying with OSHA regulations. The three-week intensive project was completed in conjunction with Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh.

In another part of eastern North Carolina, NCCATT instructors traveled to Jasper Textiles Inc., to provide similar services. At Jasper, instructors produced training manuals and videos for employees. The program, which provided training to 48 adults, was a joint effort with Robeson, Southeastern, Wayne, Craven and Central Carolina community colleges.

Earlier this year, NCCATT Vice President Bill Poplin taught an on-site six-week course at Ramseur Interloch. His "Knitted Fabric Analysis" instruction was geared towards third-shift employees who were able to attend classes without disrupting work schedules.

Submitted by Andrea Beam

Common bond Forged in HRD Program

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HUDSON - Their ages range from 19 to 48. Some of them are high school graduates. Some are not. Some are married, others are divorced and some have never been married.

What could possibly bring such a diverse group together? What could they possibly have in common?

The answer is ambition - defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the desire to achieve a particular end."

In this instance, the "particular end" is to get and keep a good job and the HRD Pre-Job class at Caldwell Community College is the first step toward reaching this goal.

The HRD Pre-Job Program is now in its 23rd year at Caldwell Community College. The program offers the opportunity for students to learn how to fill out applications and write resumes, how to find the appropriate job and a chance to work on their education or GED.

The primary objective of the program is to assist unemployed people to get jobs and become self-sufficient.

To accomplish this goal, program instructors teach students to determine their assets and limitations, develop problem solving skills, understand interpersonal relationships and set career goals.

Since its beginning, 4,200 students have completed the HRD Pre-Job Program. While this year's current placement rate is 97 percent, typically it runs about 85 percent.

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Typically, the money put back into the economy in a two-year period through employment of a graduate is about three times that spent on the student.

That translates into a great investment for the taxpayer officials say.

HRD Pre-Job is a free, seven-week course for individuals who are over age 18.

Child care and transportation assistance may be available to those who qualify for JTPA funds.

HRD Pre-Job - a name that has been around Caldwell County for 23 years - is perhaps something many people have taken for granted, but to the class that graduated on Aug. 25, it is a step to a better life.

They hope it will be the catalyst in their lives that will move them from the life that held no promise to one that will have many more possibilities.

The winds of change are blowing for this unlikely group of HRD Pre-Job graduates - no matter what their marital status, family size or educational background.

Their common bond is ambition; and their common goal is to have a good job and ultimately a better life.

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