

Martin Lancaster Named New System President

On May 16, 1997, the State Board of Community Colleges unanimously named Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Martin Lancaster as the new president of the North Carolina Community College System. President Lancaster assumed his new duties on July 1 and has been visiting many of the colleges in the system. President Lancaster will be formally installed as our president at Wayne Community College on October 22 prior to the President's Association meeting. We are pleased to have President Lancaster as our guest at our Fall Conference. He will be speaking at a special session on Wednesday afternoon which will be followed by an informal reception. We hope that many of you will attend and take this opportunity to welcome our new president. The North Carolina Community College Adult Educators Association looks forward to working with Mr. Lancaster to help strengthen our system in every way.

Notice:

If you have blocked rooms and found that your arrangements have changed, please call the Adam's Mark to release the rooms or offer them to someone at another institution. The telephone number for the Adam's Mark is 910-725-3500. Thank you for your help.

Reminder:

Jimmy Lewis, Chair of the Door Prize Committee, asks those contacts at each school to remember to bring your contribution to the Planning Committee Headquarters. We appreciate your help in obtaining door prizes for the closing business session on Friday.

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East of Interstate 95 North Carolina often is a different place when compared to life in the central and western sections of the state. Many people currently pass through the east on their way to coastal destinations and yet seldom see beyond the edges of the highways and sense the climate of life "downeast". This part of our state is undergoing change, although slowly, and the population is in need of increasing opportunities for employment. Yes, jobs are created here as they are in other sections of the state, but it's obvious that not many of the Fortune 500 have chosen to move into the region and provide those positions that require higher levels of formal education and those high skill jobs for technicians. Rather, most new companies moving into the area are the smaller concerns that offer manufacturing workers a place earn moderate incomes and continue to enjoy the benefits of living in or around the places where they were born.