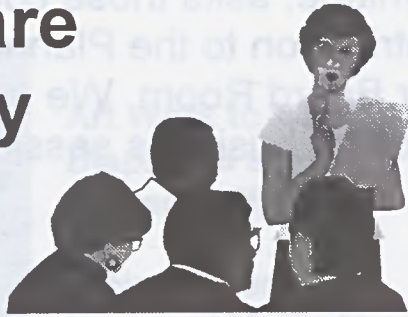


Institute to prepare future community college presidents



The North Carolina Community College System has selected 22 administrators for the first Institute for Future Presidents, North Carolina Community College System President H. Martin Lancaster announced.

The Institute for Future Presidents (IFP) will provide executive experiences that prepare and support individuals for president/vice president positions in the Community College System. Participants will refine their skills, receive a broad understanding of the System's policies, legislation, programs, finances and personnel operations and actively participate in discussions with presidents, college trustees and other accomplished community college leaders. One primary aim of the institute is to provide continuity for capable and competent leadership for the community colleges in North Carolina, said Bob Allen, director of the institute and professional development with the System.

Also, the institute identifies a pool of well-trained candidates from diverse backgrounds to be considered for future president's positions within the North Carolina Community College System. Senior administrators across the System were invited to submit an application to be considered for the program. A statewide committee then selected from the applicants.

"With the successful beginning of our Future Presidents Institute and with several presidential vacancies on the horizon, I hope that the local boards of trustees who face this challenge will seriously consider the full range of talented candidates who will apply for their vacancies," President Lancaster said during a recent presentation to the State Board of Community Colleges.

The institute has been developed in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents, the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees and the State Board of Community Colleges.

Dennis Wicker, chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges, encouraged these community college leadership organizations to work to make this project successful.

"This institute is another example of our commitment to excellence for community colleges. We need leadership that is

well-trained and diverse. I am confident the institute will play a great role in helping us achieve that," Wicker said

Said Dr. Elizabeth Johns, vice president of academic and student services: "We are all committed to developing and funding this institute to help prepare future leaders for our colleges. The next generation of administrators must be provided skills and experiences to meet the demands of leading an institution."

Activities for IFP members during the year-long program that begins Feb. 26 will include participation in two to three leadership experiences and clinics, spending considerable time with a president/mentor, attending special sessions designed by national community college leaders and participating in meetings of the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents, the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees and the State Board of Community Colleges. Also, participants will complete an administrative project, undergo executive assessment activities and serve as a mentor before graduating from the program. Postgraduate activities include evaluating other community college operations, leading various statewide planning teams and training mid-level managers.

Administrators selected for the program are **Ann E. Alexander** of Piedmont Community College; **Shirley Boyd** of Wayne Community College; **Catherine B. Bunn** of Johnston Community College; **Jarrett T. Chandler** of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College; **Cleve H. Cox** of Wilson Technical Community College; **William Charles Findt** of Mitchell Community College; **William Greene** of Gaston Community College; **Constance M. Haire** of Southwestern Community College; **Diane Honeycutt** of Richmond Community College; **Rose H. Johnson** of Forsyth Technical Community College; **Dennis King** of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College; **Shirley R. Luckadoo** of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College; **David McLawhorn** of Beaufort County Community College; **James M. Mitchell** of Sampson Community College; **Virginia R. Mitchell** of Mitchell Community College; **Garrie W. Moore** of Pitt Community College; **Suzanne Y. Owens** of Mayland Community College; **Karin K. Pettit** of Guilford Technical Community College; **Susan Q. Phelps** of Forsyth Technical Community College; **William J. Starling** of Sampson Community College; **Alice W. Villadsen** of Central Piedmont Community College and **Mary T. Wood** of James Sprunt Community College.

With 795,400 students, the North Carolina Community College System is one of the largest community college systems in the country. It is the state's primary agency for delivery of job training, literacy and adult education.