

Forsyth Technical Community College announces 2018-19 faculty, staff and student award winners

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Forsyth Technical Community College awarded the following special awards to faculty, staff and students for the 2018 – 2019 academic year.

Staff of the Year Award – Sharon Anderson, dean, Community & Economic Development. For more than 20 years, Anderson's service to Forsyth Tech exemplifies her support of the local community college

Division. Throughout Charles' seven years with Forsyth Tech, his passion for teaching is demonstrated through his enthusiasm in the classroom, implementing interactive learning techniques and real-world examples in biology. By incorporating tools of videos, animation and self-assessment quizzes, Charles meets students' learning styles in a variety of ways. He is a strong advocate for student advising taking a holistic

their strongest advocates and constructive critics, to push them to reach their potential. She provides opportunities for students to build their skills and self-confidence through team projects, cross-discipline collaborations, community services, competitions, professional development and networking events. Reilly continually revises and improves her instruction techniques. She frequently volunteers to take on additional tasks that provide value to the program and to the students. She is a thoughtful and caring faculty member who has found her purpose in education.

North Carolina Community College Academic Excellence Award - Danielle Rosson. When Danielle Rosson graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in biology, she discovered it was difficult to build a career during the financial crisis. In 2017, she went back to school and graduated this spring from Forsyth Tech in the Cardiovascular Sonography program. Rosson has been on the President's List with a 4.0 GPA every semester. She volunteered as a Student Ambassador and received the Flight Line Award for volunteering more than 120 hours



Selena Jimenez with Janet Spriggs

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Britnee Tellez

and the North Carolina Community College System, simultaneously. Her commitment to workforce training for un- and underemployed in Winston-Salem is unwavering. She has built on the Economic and Workforce Development division steadily each year through strong community partnerships, grant funding and new opportunities for students. One of Anderson's most successful programs is the Electrical Lineman program offered five times annu-

approach to determine the right classes for the student based on their program to help them graduate in a timely manner with classes that will transfer to a four-year university. He was instrumental in establishing the Science Skills Lab facility at the college with extended lab hours to meet the needs of students who have busy and unpredictable schedules. Charles has also been active with the Minority Male Success Initiative serving as a mentor helping students learn



Mallory Calfee

this year. While attending classes, she held a full-time nurse assistant position, which includes over 30 hours of clinical hours each week. And Rosson was one of two students selected nationwide to complete her final semester interning at Duke University. Rosson has accepted a position with Duke University Cardiac Diagnostics Unit as an Adult Cardiovascular Sonographer.

visors from Student Life and Engagement encouraged her to go for a degree that would give her exactly what she wanted

Community College Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award, Joan S. Keller Servant-Leadership Award, and the Dr. Michael Taylor Award – Selena Jimenez. As Vice President of the Student Government Association, Jimenez was charged with meeting the needs of Forsyth Tech clubs and worked with students, faculty and staff to build a stronger community on campus. An Early College of Forsyth graduate and an Associate in Science college transfer student, Jimenez maintained high academics throughout her time at Forsyth Tech. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Mu Beta Honor Society. She is a

I believe both go hand-in hand."

Forsyth Technical Community College Work-Based Learning Student of the Year - Britnee Tellez.

As a single mom with three children, Britnee Tellez said she overcame a number of challenges. Without her Ambassador and State Employee Credit Union scholarships, Tellez makes it clear she would not be able to continue her associate degree. Tellez carried a 3.70 grade point average in the Nonprofit Leadership program and was selected to be a Student Ambassador at Forsyth Tech. She also serves as a student representative to the Forsyth Tech Found-



Danelle Rosson

ally. Throughout the program's ten-year existence, the program has graduated close to 700 graduates. Anderson began at Forsyth Tech as a part-time GED instructor at the Forsyth County Detention Center. She became a full-time employee in 2002, serving as the director of evening and weekend programs. In 2005, she was named the dean of Community & Economic Development, the position she currently holds.

how to read textbooks and study while motivating them to rise above challenges to be outstanding leaders in their communities.

Excellence in Teaching Award (Part-Time Faculty) – Karyn Reilly, instructor, Interior Design. During Reilly's three years with Forsyth Tech, she has become much more than an adjunct (part-time) faculty member, she is a fully engaged team member with students and faculty. Finding interior design as her second career, students can

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out of a career. This May, Calfee graduated with an Associate in Science – Transfer degree. Calfee came to Forsyth Tech as an older student, admitting she did not use her first opportunity at a college education wisely. But this self-described "timid and shy individual" embraced her time at Forsyth Tech and realized her passion for helping others. Calfee was named SGA president for 2018-2019. As a true advocate for the students, Calfee received the Daryl



Sharon Anderson

recipient of the Joan S. Keller Servant-Leadership Award, which is given to a student who best embodies Ms. Joan Keller's path in demonstrating servant leadership and helping others become leaders; the Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award, which exemplifies students leading by serving others in their community, on campus and the community college system; and the Dr. Michael Taylor Award, from the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association. A true problem-solver, Jimenez believes we can heal the world through science and leadership, "by making sure other voices are heard and feel valued.

dation Board and spends time shadowing the Foundation staff, learning firsthand how a nonprofit organization really works. Last summer, Tellez interned with Lutheran Services of the Carolinas at Trinity Glen and this experience earned her the Work-Based Learning Student of the Year. Recently, she was hired at Trinity Glen managing the schedules for 120 nursing staff. Tellez's goal is to eventually earn a dual master's degree in divinity and mental health counseling. She would like to run her own nonprofit that provides holistic support to students who face the types of challenges she encountered.

Excellence in Teaching Award (Full-Time



Shelton Charles

Faculty) – Shelton Charles, department chair, Life Sciences, Math, Science and Technologies

relate to her life experience and are encouraged on their own journey. Students know she is one of



Kharen Reilly

Community College Dallas Herring and Daryl Mitchell Western Regional Award - Mallory Skye Calfee. Mallory Calfee always loved medicine, especially neuroscience. Calfee first enrolled in the nursing program, but when she joined the Alpha Mu Beta Honors Society, ad-

Mitchell Western Region award for outstanding student from the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association. She also won the Dallas Herring award for her passion and commitment to serving other students.

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