



Ja'queta Pugh-Stevenson with her certificate.

Pugh-Stevenson earns career readiness honor

AHOSKIE - Ja'queta Pugh-Stevenson, Coordinator of Human Resources Development and Career Readiness Certificate Program at Roanoke-Chowan Community College has received instructor certification in the soft skills employment program called Working Smart.

"We are proud of Ms. Stevenson and her accomplishment in achieving this certification," said Wendy Vann, Vice President for External Affairs and Executive Director of the Foundation. "This certification will allow our college to offer the excellent soft skills employment program 'Working Smart' for

the Roanoke-Chowan area."

"Employers are looking for people who not only have the technical skills and experience to do the job, but also bring the 'soft skills' that lead to success," according to Stevenson, who also serves as the NCWorks Hertford County Liaison.

"I look forward to offering the 'Working Smart' program to provide the tools to help employees keep a job, excel at your job, and be more productive," said the coordinator.

The 'Working Smart' training includes modules on self-awareness, self-management, work ethics, communication skills, and problem-

solving skills. All classes are free of charge for job seekers or employees currently in the workplace.

Working Smart: Soft Skills for Workplace Success was developed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Workforce Development Partnership. Certification requires 24 hours of facilitation training and demonstration of all competencies required for instruction.

For more information on Working Smart: Soft Skills for Workplace Success, contact Ja'queta Pugh-Stevenson at Roanoke-Chowan Community College at (252) 862-1235. jcpugh5089@roanoke-chowan.edu.

Armstead to lead RCCC Small Business Center

AHOSKIE - Roanoke-Chowan Community College has announced Derrick Armstead is the new director of the Small Business Center, which is located on the college's campus in the Freeland Building.

The Roanoke-Chowan Community College Small Business Center (SBC) provides small business owners with information they need for success, including advice on marketing, sales, bookkeeping, and management.

"We are delighted to welcome Mr. Armstead to the role of director of our Small Business Center," said Wendy Vann, vice president for external affairs and executive director of the foundation. "He brings much experience to this position and as director will provide consultation services to small businesses on a wide range of topics."

Armstead received a bachelor of arts degree in English from North Carolina Central University and attended Massachusetts School



Derrick Armstead

of Law.

His experience includes many years as an employment consultant with NCWorks Career Center in Greenville, as well as other positions in social services and as a legal compliance officer.

While employed with the NCWorks Career Center, he was awarded the 2018 American Veterans (AMVETS) National "Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year" award regarding his collaboration with North Carolina businesses seeking to hire and retain military veterans.

He is a member of the

National Career Development Association (NCDA) and the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP). His certifications include Global Career Development Facilitator and Certified Career Services Professional. As a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he is the recipient of numerous veteran awards.

"I am looking forward to establishing cooperative relationships with business and industry leaders to identify and evaluate business training needs," states Armstead. "We are inviting area business leaders to the Small Business Center later this month to conduct an assessment of workforce needs in the Roanoke-Chowan area."

For more information about the RCCC Small Business Center, or for free one-on-one counseling for your small business or start-up venture, call to speak with Derrick Armstead at 252.862.1279.

Martin Community College

"Late Start" Curriculum Classes begin September 16
Registration is underway!

Get a "HIRE" education!

Martin Community College offers affordable and transferable college credits! Degrees, diplomas and certificates are available in 31 programs of study.

Financial Aid is available!

You are encouraged to submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
Need help applying? Call 252-792-1521.



Apply online at www.martincc.edu or call 252-792-1521 for personal assistance.

Need help registering after applying? MCC Counselors are available at 1161 Kehukee Park Rd., Williamston, NC.

Make an appointment or stop by the campus! Call 252-792-1521 or email vanessa.tripp@martincc.edu

Earn university credits at Community College prices!

MCC is offering the following "Late Start" classes this fall. Please note the start dates beside each class! *Italicized classes are Universal General Education Transfer Courses (UGETC) classes. UGETC courses are guaranteed to transfer to any of NC's 58 community colleges as well as any of the 16 UNC universities and nearly 30 private colleges.*

- ACA 122 College Transfer Success - starts 9/16
- AHR 113 Comfort Cooling- starts 10/4
- AHR 115 Refrigeration Systems - starts 11/2
- ART 111 Art Appreciation - starts 9/16
- CIS 110 Introduction to Computers - starts 9/17
- ELC 125 Diagrams and Schematics - 10/19
- ELC 113 Residential Wiring - starts 10/21
- ENG 011 Writing & Inquiry Support - starts 9/16
- ENG 111 Writing & Inquiry - starts 9/16
- ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines - starts 9/16
- HEA 110 Personal Health and Wellness - starts 9/16
- HIS 131 American History I - starts 9/16
- MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy - starts 9/16
- MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra - starts 9/16
- MUS 110 Music Appreciation - starts 9/16
- OTC 115 Orthopedic Anatomy and Physiology - starts 9/27
- OTC 112 General Patient Care - starts 11/3
- PED 110 Fit and Well for Life - starts 9/16
- SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology - starts 9/16
- SPA 111 Elementary Spanish I - starts 9/16
- TRN 112 Powertrain Maint/Light Repair - starts 10/19
- TRN 140 Transportation Climate Control - starts 11/2
- WLD 112 Basic Welding Processes - starts 10/19

The following are available to students at Bertie High School:

- CJC 225 Crisis Intervention - starts 10/18
- TRN 170 PC Skills for Transportation - starts 9/30
- WLD 112 Basic welding Processes - starts 10/18

HS students can attend FREE! For more information about this program, please contact Michelle Griffin at 252-789-0312 or via email at michelle.griffin@martincc.edu

Martin Community College is committed to an environment that embraces diversity, respects the rights of all individuals, is open and accessible, and is free of harassment and discrimination.

EVEN TEXTERS AND DRIVERS HATE TEXTERS AND DRIVERS.