

September 2017

# High School Newsletter

Dear Education Partners,

We hope you had a great summer break and are excited to be back at school and building bright futures for our citizens. South Piedmont Community College is especially proud to announce that we have an all-time high enrollment of over 750 Career and College Promise students and a curriculum enrollment of over 3,000. We are growing by leaps and bounds, and students are making us their college of choice. Our growth is a product of your support and guidance, and we appreciate all your efforts.

To provide you with important information about our college, we are very proud to release our first monthly newsletter. We hope this will be a resource you depend on and can quickly refer to for updated information and guidance. The goal of this newsletter is to report college news, updates, ideas, spotlights, and to promote student achievements. We hope you enjoy!

With warm regards,

Enrollment Services  
South Piedmont Community College

## Program Spotlight: Agribusiness Technology Degree

The Agribusiness Technology program provides entrepreneurial and technical skills necessary to manage a profitable and environmentally sound small farm or agricultural business. Students will learn the fundamentals of agriculture, focusing on farm production and business. Emphasis is placed on entrepreneurial training and project-



## Upcoming Events

### October 9

Spring Registration begins  
(Current & CCP Students)

### October 11

Fall Break (no classes)

### October 28

FAFSA Day

## Important Announcement

- **As of August 1, 2017, graduation fees have increased from \$18.50 to \$20.00.**
- **Effective immediately, transcripts have increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00**

based learning. Transfer agreements allow our graduates to pursue the following bachelor's degree programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education at North Carolina A & T State University
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Production Systems at University of Mount Olive
- Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management at University of Northwestern Ohio (Online)

For more information, contact the Department Chair, Mrs. Fedder R. Williams, at 704.290.5877 or [f-williams@spcc.edu](mailto:f-williams@spcc.edu) , or Faculty, Brian Campbell, at 704.272.5430 or [bcampbell@spcc.edu](mailto:bcampbell@spcc.edu). You can discover more about our Agribusiness Technology program by visiting the following link: <http://www.spcc.edu/agribusiness-technology/>

## SPCC Online Interest Card

As you meet with your seniors over the next few months, please use our Online Interest Card which is available at: <https://goo.gl/forms/U324fzf5oA8RGV6j2> , to send the student's contact information to us. This information will allow us to follow up with them about any questions they may have about attending SPCC.

## 2017-18 College Catalog

The 2017-18 College catalog is now available. Counselors, please contact your assigned recruiter if you would like a catalog delivered to your office.

## Career and College Promise (CCP) Updates



Spring 2018 Registration (Begins October 9): Please contact your assigned Enrollment Recruiter to begin scheduling a time to reenroll your current and new CCP students. Enrollment Recruiters are available to register your students beginning Monday, October 9.

Recent Update: Students who wish to change CCP pathways must now supply verification that the new pathway will lead to their chosen career. Verification could include a bachelor degree plan published by the university, a career pathway plan, career information published in the Occupational Outlook Handbook and/or information published in the North Carolina Career Cluster Guide.

Recent Update: Concurrent pathways are no longer authorized for students who have also been authorized as Provisional. This means that a provisionally admitted student can

only be in one pathway/program of study until they complete the math and English requirement to show college readiness.

SPCC Application & SSN: Students must now enter their social security number on college applications to ensure successful submission. Applications without an included social security number are not automatically downloaded; this creates an issue for admissions officers who are required to manually retype all information into data systems.

Forms: Please begin using our new CCP Eligibility and Registration Form immediately. New forms can be downloaded from our website at: <http://www.spcc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Eligibility-and-Registration-090117v2.pdf>

Brochure: We also have a new brochure that is available on our website at: <http://www.spcc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Career-College-Promise-2017-18-Sept.pdf>

The landing page for all CCP info is: <http://www.spcc.edu/programs-and-courses/high-school-programs/>

## More Important News

### New In-State Residency Process

The method for establishing or reclassifying student residency for tuition purposes is changing from a college driven procedure to a centralized online process where the decisions are made by the Residency Determination Service (RDS). Graduating seniors will need to complete the process prior to applying to a college. It is also highly recommended that graduating seniors complete the FAFSA and RDS at the same time. Students need to complete the RDS and FAFSA in the presence of their parents. "Easy Enrollment Steps" are listed below:

## In the Community

### Strategic Planning Listening Sessions

**South Piedmont is in the process of creating a new strategic plan that will chart our course into the future! The sessions are scheduled for employees, students, and the community. Input will be used to inform the new strategic plan and help determine how we can best use our resources to serve our students and community.**

### Dates, Times, Location & Participants

- Sep 14, 2017 6:00-7:30PM  
Jesse Helms Center  
Community - Monroe and Eastern Union County
- Sep 18, 2017 3:00-4:30PM  
OCH, Salon A  
Students - Union County
- Sep 21, 2017 1:00-2:30PM  
LLP, Raye Community Room  
Students - Anson County
- Sep 27, 2017 6:30-8:00PM  
Waxhaw CHS Community Room  
Community - Western Union County in Waxhaw
- Oct 11, 2017 2:00-4:00PM  
OCH, Building B

Community – emphasis on business, industry, and healthcare with Union County Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.spcc.edu/strategic-planning-at-spcc/>

You may access a recorded RDS webinar for DPI school counselors at:

[https://www.cfnc.org/home/sc/RDS\\_Video.html](https://www.cfnc.org/home/sc/RDS_Video.html)

The RDS site, <http://www.ncresidency.org/>, has more information about the process.

## Easy Enrollment Steps for Graduating Seniors

1. FSA ID [www.studentaid.gov/fsaid](http://www.studentaid.gov/fsaid)
2. FAFSA [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
3. RDS [www.ncresidency.org](http://www.ncresidency.org)
4. Apply to College [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
5. Request H.S. Transcript [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
6. Take Placement Test - If Required
7. Visit Academic Advising
8. Register for Classes in Program

## FAFSA Road Show



The SPCC Campus Cruiser will hit the road for the FAFSA Road Show events as we partner with Union County Public Schools to promote FAFSA Completion and college applications. Events will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. as follows:

1. October 9 at Porter Ridge High School
2. October 12 at Monroe High School
3. October 16 at Cuthbertson High School
4. October 19 at Forest Hills High School

Contact John Ratliff, Dean of Enrollment Services, at 704-272-5325 or [jratliff@spcc.edu](mailto:jratliff@spcc.edu) to schedule a Campus Cruiser visit on your high school campus today!

## State Wide FASFA Day – Saturday, October 28

Parents and students can receive free assistance with completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during FAFSA Day, Saturday, October 28 from 9 until noon. Events are being sponsored at South Piedmont Community College and will be held at the Old Charlotte Highway (OCH) Campus and the L.L. Polk (LLP) Campus. The events are open door, but reservations are preferred. Reservations can be made at:

<https://www.cfnc.org/fafsaday>

### The weeks ahead

#### Student Success

The SPCC Academic Support Center is an interactive, online learning assistance platform that seeks to serve students, faculty and staff by providing convenient, anytime access to learning support opportunities in a nurturing environment that promotes academic success while supporting the College mission of learning, student success, and workforce and community development.



The SPCC Academic Support Center is the student's key to academic success by providing tutoring, support and subject-matter assistance. Students can make an appointment by logging into <https://spcc.mywconline.com/> or by calling the Center directly at 704.290.5239 (OCH) or 704.272.5440 (LLP). For operating hours, please visit <http://www.spcc.edu/academic-support-center/>.

#### Curriculum Nights

As you are planning your curriculum nights, scholarship nights and/or parent information sessions, we would be delighted to attend and participate. Your assigned Enrollment Recruiter can assist with enrollment steps and college preparation strategies. Having a college representative in attendance is a great way to ensure you have the most up to date enrollment information and provides support and answers to parent and student questions.

## HS to College Articulation

High school students who achieve a grade of B or higher and achieve a score of 93 or higher on the standardized Career and Technical Education (CTE) post-assessment test, for certain high school CTE classes, can be provided college credit toward many of the college CTE pathway courses within the Career and College Promise (CCP) program. This option is made available through the North Carolina High School to Community College Articulation Agreement which provides a seamless process that joins secondary and postsecondary CTE programs of study.

The articulation agreement ensures that if a student is proficient in their high school course, the student can receive college credit for the articulated course at South Piedmont Community College. To receive articulated credit, the current high school student must be enrolled in a Career and College Promise CTE pathway that contains the articulated course. High school graduates can receive credit by requesting the articulated course credit within two years of their high school graduation date. Articulated courses that match with courses within current CTE Pathways are marked with **(HS)** in our CCP Program Guide.

Our latest Career and College Promise program guide can be located on our college website at: <http://www.spcc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Career-College-Promise-2017-18-Sept.pdf> . In mid-October a new program guide will be released to include the new application process for CCP students. The new process will eliminate the requirement for high school counselors to access the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) Professional Site to approve students for participation in the CCP program.

### To learn more, contact:

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