

## CELEBRATION

Graduation Day, May 16, marked the end of students' tenure at the community college and the beginning of their journey to the four-year institution. Faculty, staff, family, and friends celebrated the accomplishments of RCC graduates. Students walked across the A.D. Lewis Auditorium stage to receive their diplomas wearing their honor cords and stoles. Summer graduation will be held August 1 in the A.D. Lewis Auditorium.



*AA and AS graduates line up for graduation.*

## PLANNING TO TRANSFER? AA TO BA OR AS TO BS?

Upon entering Robeson Community College, students are assigned to a major. If you plan to transfer, either an Associate in Arts (AA) or an Associate in Science (AS) is appropriate. Both require students to complete general education courses which are required for the bachelor's degree. Some of these courses categorized as general education and are fundamental to your university education while others are categorized as elective or premajor courses that are taken based on your intended major. Determining which degree, AA or AS, one is best may involve a little more research.

Generally, the AA degree is linked to a BA degree while the AS degree is linked to the BS degree. Why? The BA may be more focused towards the communication, education, fine arts, and humanities fields. The BS may be more focused towards the science and mathematics fields. That is generally speaking.

You must do your due diligence and explore the university to which you plan to transfer, examine its degree programs and consider professional and graduate school requirements. For example, students planning to major in Criminal Justice at Fayetteville State University may elect to earn the AA degree at RCC first. While at UNC Wilmington, both the AA and AS degree are acceptable if you plan to transfer and major in Business Administration.

Clarification on one's major at the community college as well as transfer planning first begins with the RCC academic advisor and then the Transfer Center.

## TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSFER

**Semester 1 at RCC**—Meet your academic advisor, take the required general education courses, and investigate possible transfer institutions

**Semester 2 at RCC**—Narrow the list of possible transfer institutions, use the 4-year institution's transfer guides to assist you in course selection, use RCC resources (Transfer Center, ACA 122 faculty, academic advisor), and participate in student organizations

**Semester 3 at RCC**—Complete a graduation check, use the Transfer Center resources, attend transfer fairs and open house events, apply to the 4-year institution for summer or fall enrollment, and investigate scholarships

**Semester 4 at RCC**—Complete coursework for the AA or AS degree, order graduation regalia, send official transcripts at the end of the semester to the 4-year institution, and attend new transfer orientation sessions at the university

## **BACHELOR DEGREE PLANS PROVIDE GUIDANCE**

Baccalaureate Degree Plans (BDPs) are guides that outline how community college courses meet specific degree program requirements as well as the junior and senior-level courses required to complete the program. Academic departments from each of the 16 UNC campuses has created such BDPs; they are displayed on each institution's website. Such a resources is essential when registering for classes at RCC. However, students should consult with their RCC academic advisor instead of attempting to decipher the BDPs alone. Let's look at an example of how the plans are useful.

Scenario: Russell is an AA major who wishes to transfer to a 4-year institution and major in Social Work. He has completed 6 SCH in English, 9 SCH in humanities/fine arts, and 9 hours in social/behavioral sciences; however, he needs to register for math and science. Interested in transferring to UNC Pembroke, Russell and his advisor look at the BDP. It indicates that MAT 152 Statistics is preferred and BIO 163 Human Anatomy and Physiology is required for the Social Work program.

The BDPs are used in conjunction with the RCC AA and AS program outlines to assist students in a smooth transition to the 4-year institution. RCC students are introduced to the BDPs in ACA 122 and that is reinforced with academic advisor conferences.

## **PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS HONOR ICAA**

The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) is a statewide agreement between the University of North Carolina (UNC) system and the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS). It outlines the college-transferrable courses community college students may take and how they will transfer to the 4-year institutions. The agreement serves as a guide for seamless transfer from the 2-year to the 4-year institutions. It assures admissions to one of the 16 UNC institutions as long as students meet criteria including having earned an AA or AS degree, having a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, and earning a grade of C or higher in each course.

Similarly, private institutions have signed the ICAA (Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement) and honors students' community college credit. As you consider where to transfer, do not overlook these private institutions that signed the ICAA, effective 2016: Barton College, Belmont Abbey College, Bennett College, Campbell University, Chowan University, Gardner-Webb University, Greensboro College, Guilford College, Lees-McRae College, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Livingstone College, Mars Hill University, Meredith College, Methodist University, Montreat College, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Pfeiffer University, Salem College, Shaw University, St. Andrews University, University of Mount Olive, William Peace University, and Wingate University.

## **NCSU'S GOODNIGHT SCHOLARS OPEN TO TRANSFERS**

Raleigh, NC--The Goodnight Scholars Program that traditionally targets high school seniors is now accepting applications from community college transfer students. On May 15, 2017, the program announced 10 recipients of the Transfer Class of 2019. The program targets NC residents who wish to pursue a degree in a STEM related field (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). In addition to a \$19,500 renewable scholarship (up to 2 years for transfer students), participants receive guidance from local and state STEM industry leaders and participate in outreach initiatives. The program was established in 2008 by NCSU alumni Dr. John Goodnight and Ann Goodnight. According to the NCSU Press Release, "the Goodnight Scholars Program is one of the first scholarship programs in the U.S. to offer a generous scholarship and comprehensive development programming catered towards transfer students attending a four-year institution."

## **UNC GREENSBORO CELEBRATING ITS 125th ANNIVERSARY**

Greensboro, NC—(Press Release) June 2 marks the beginning of UNCG's 125th anniversary celebration, a yearlong commemoration of UNCG's history of opportunity and excellence as the university looks forward to the future. The

celebration kicks off exactly 125 days before Founders Day, Oct. 5, with the unveiling of a new anniversary website, commemorative video and visual mark.

The interactive site includes downloadable “digital swag” for social media, smart phones, tablets and computers, a drone tour of campus, digital yearbooks and other unique ways for the UNCG community to explore the university’s history and participate in the celebration. A special 125th anniversary event will be held on Aug. 8 in conjunction with Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr.’s State of the Campus Address. On Founders Day, the university will host a campus-wide celebration with a free concert. Additional details will be announced later this summer.

Throughout the year, students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends are encouraged to share their UNCG story on social media using the hashtag #UNCG125. Anniversary-related posts may be featured on the anniversary website.

The institution was chartered in 1891 and welcomed its first class of students – approximately 200 women – nearly 125 years ago on Oct. 5, 1892. Now, UNCG is the largest university in the Piedmont Triad with nearly 20,000 students and more than 2,500 faculty and staff. To learn more about UNCG’s history, the anniversary celebration and the university’s plans for the future, visit [125.uncg.edu](http://125.uncg.edu).

## **BECOME ACTIVE IN RCC ACTIVITIES**

### **Student Organizations**

Honors Program—Applications now being accepted; interviews begin August 2.

Contact: Dr. Gaylyn Eddy at [geddy@robeson.edu](mailto:geddy@robeson.edu) or 910-272-3664

Daniela Newland at [dnewland@robeson.edu](mailto:dnewland@robeson.edu) or 910-272-3994

Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Society—Applications now being accepted; deadline is August 31.

Contact: Crystal Edmonds at [cedmonds@robeson.edu](mailto:cedmonds@robeson.edu) or 910-272-3362

Website: <http://www.robeson.edu/university-transfer-center/>

### **Special Transfer Programs**

C-STEP—Applications due Oct. 1 for community college students

Contact: Crystal Edmonds at [cedmonds@robeson.edu](mailto:cedmonds@robeson.edu) or 910-272-3362

### **Classes**

Traditional 16-week semester—Classes begin August 14

Questions? Contact: Admissions Office at 910-272-3342

Career & College Promise (CCP) Session—Classes begin August 28

Questions? Contact: Patricia Locklear at [plocklear@robeson.edu](mailto:plocklear@robeson.edu) or 910-272-3356



*Students listen to university admissions representative in Transfer Center.*

## Contact Us

### **RCC Transfer Center**

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## UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information Session

**John Hopkins University**

July 11 @ 7 p.m.

NC Museum of Art

East SECU Auditorium

Raleigh, NC

Transfer Thursdays

**UNC Pembroke**

Now until June 29

Campus tours begin at 10am

Contact: Undergraduate Admissions

910-521-6000

Transfer Tuesdays

**NC Central University**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

Contact: Undergraduate Admissions

919-530-6688

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## RCC TRANSFER CENTER

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**Recipient Name**

Street Address

City, ST ZIP Code