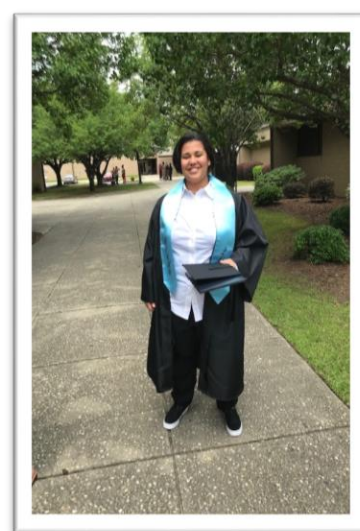
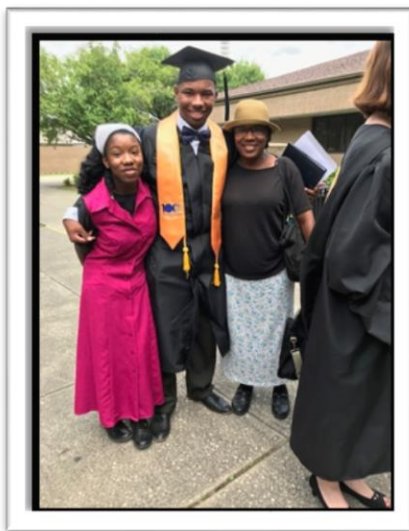


Volume 5 / Issue 3 June/July 2019 -- News from the Transfer Center

Congratulations to 2019 Spring Graduates



For over forty University Transfer students, graduation day ended with a diploma in hand, smiles, and many photos. After two years of classes and participating in student organizations, many of the students will begin a new journey at other educational institutions. After graduating from RCC, students will transfer to four-year institutions such as UNC Pembroke, NC State University, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte, and Western Carolina University.

New Collaborations: RCC Partners with NC State University

PackTrac an Option for RCC Students Interested in Agriculture

Students interested in academic programs that focus on agriculture now have a path to earn a degree through a new partnership between Robeson Community College and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at NC State University. PackTrac is a collaborative program that provides academic training and more importantly, advising to students passionate about agriculture and those who wish to earn a degree from NC State University.

PackTrac targets community college students who are either Associate in Arts or Associate in Science majors; in these two programs students enroll in general education courses designed for seamless transfer to the university. Through

PackTrac, students are advised by both an RCC and NCSU advisor as well as learn about the various agriculture academic programs at the university. Upon successful completion of at least 30 transferable hours along with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, students are admitted to a CALS major.

Students interested in participating in PackTrac should contact Connie Ivey at 910-272-3700. RCC will host new student orientation sessions in July. Interested students are encouraged to apply to the community college early and to register for one of the July orientation sessions to learn more about PackTrac and other partnerships.

C3—Partnership with NCSU to Benefit University Transfer Students

Lumberton, NC—On May 14, Robeson Community College entered into a collaboration with NC State University that will benefit Associate in Arts and Associate in Science majors. The NC State Community College Collaboration (C3) is a dual-enrollment program designed as a guaranteed admission pathway for participating community college students interested in completing their bachelor's degree at NC State University.

The C3 Program targets students from rural or low-to-moderate income backgrounds who demonstrate potential for academic success and exhibit a high level of motivation and perseverance. It is open to students immediately after completing high school or for community college students who have completed less than 30 credit hours of college work. The program pairs one's path to an NC State degree with academic and social support through specific programmatic support: an NC State advisor, online planning tools, and networking events. Participants in the program commit to earn either the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, maintain a GPA above 3.0, and participate in program activities. Upon completion of the degree and

verification of the cumulative GPA, students are guaranteed admission to NC State University. Admissions to specific programs may be more competitive.

Robeson Community College is one of ten community colleges participating in the program. Other partners are Alamance Community College, Central Carolina Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Johnston Community College, Nash Community College, Sampson Community College, Vance-Granville Community College, Wake Technical Community College, and Wilson Community College. Students interested in participating in C3 should contact either Crystal Edmonds or LaRonda Lowery at 910-272-3700. Applications for C3 are being accepted this summer.

RCC will host new student orientation sessions in July. Interested students are encouraged to apply to the community college early and to register for one of the July orientation sessions to learn more about the NC State C3 program and other partnerships.

CREATIVE NEWS

What's on Your Mind Poetry Contest Winners Announced



Figure 1. Pictured Joey Hinson, Samirah Love, and Arthur Hall

For 2019 the English Department and Book 'Em North Carolina Writers Conference partnered to co-host a poetry contest and reading. The contest focused on the theme of "What's on Your Mind?" Based on the winners, there is quite a bit. Entries were categorized into three groups: RCC students' general population, Early College/Career and College Promise high school students, and faculty/staff.

Winners of the RCC student category are Zachary R. Lunn (first place), Lucille Revels (second place), and Robert L. Linebarger (third place). The winner of the Early College/Career and College Promise high school student category is Samirah R. Love. This category is sponsored by Book 'Em North Carolina.

Winners of the faculty and staff category are Joey Hinson (first place), Arthur Hall (second place), and Artando Roberson (third place). Winners will have an electronic copy of their poem to be published in the RCC literary publication of *Rhyme and Reason*—fall 2019 issue.

NC Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green on RCC's Campus for One Day Only



Only July 17, poetry will take center stage at Robeson Community College as NC Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green conducts two events on campus. Green is the first African American and third woman to be appointed as the North Carolina Poet Laureate. When he appointed her in 2018, Governor Copper stated that "Jaki Shelton Green brings a deep appreciation of our state's diverse communities to her role as an ambassador of North Carolina literature. Jaki's appointment is a wonderful new chapter in North Carolina's rich literary history."

The July workshop will focus on the stories we need to tell whether they are ones someone told us or the tales we may remember. The program description states that "these stories suggest ways in which communities have survived through art, music, stories, and crafts. The workshop will explore and celebrate the shapes, colors, and musicality of stories—often unspoken—that serve as symbols and myths for communities."

Green will **first** host a poetry workshop, Building Community through Art and Writing, from 9am until 11:30am. Registration is required as space is limited to 25 participants. Individuals may register through the Book 'Em website or by contacting C. Edmonds at cedmonds@robeson.edu or 910-272-3362.

The workshop is being sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council, Robeson County Public Library, Robeson County Arts Council, Book 'Em and Robeson Community College. This project is made possible in part by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Later that same day, the public is welcome to attend a session in which Green will read her work and speak about poetry. The session is sponsored by the Robeson County Arts Council and Book 'Em. The open session will be held in the Workforce Development Building, BB&T Room. Both events are free.

TRANSFER CENTER NEWS

Important Dates

- Second session of summer school begins June 19
- New Student Orientation sessions on July 10 and July 17
- Summer graduation on August 1
- Application for Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship opens August 1

Transfer Center Calendar

Each semester the Transfer Center hosts visits from admissions representatives from various four-year institutions. Students are encouraged to stop by the center to speak with these individuals. Announcements are made via RCC email as well as being posted on the University Transfer website. All university visits are located in the Transfer Center, Building 13.

College/University	Dates	Times	Location
UNC Pembroke	Sept. 18, 2019	11am-1pm	Transfer Center
	Oct. 16, 2019	11am-1pm	Transfer Center
	Nov. 20, 2019	11am-1pm	Transfer Center

Keep abreast of happenings and events being sponsored by the Transfer Center. Like us on Facebook [at https://www.facebook.com/uttransfer/](https://www.facebook.com/uttransfer/).

Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

Application Open

AUGUST 1, 2019 -
NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Apply through the Common App for Transfer

[JKCF.ORG/TRANSFER](https://jkcf.org/transfer)

The Program Experience

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is a highly selective scholarship for the nation's top community college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year colleges or universities. Each Cooke Scholar has access to generous financial support for two to three years, college planning support, ongoing advising, and the opportunity to connect with the thriving community of fellow scholars. As part of their scholarship, recipients may:

- Receive up to \$40,000 per year to use toward tuition, books, and other fees and expenses at any accredited four-year institution.
- Pursue any area of study.
- Have access to personal advising about selecting a college, navigating financial aid, and maximizing their experience at their new institution.
- Be eligible to apply for the Cooke Graduate Scholarship.

Who We Select

Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients are selected from a nationwide applicant pool each year. As minimum criteria, students must:

- Be a current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status or a recent graduate (within the last five years).
- Intend to enroll full time in an accredited four-year college or university in fall 2020.
- Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 in college.
- Demonstrate financial need. We will consider applicants with family income up to \$95,000. Last year's cohort of new transfer scholarship recipients had a median family income of approximately \$28,000.

Cooke Scholars come from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds and from rural, suburban, and urban communities. Many scholars are the first in their families to pursue higher education.

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