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HCC Recognizes Students, Staff for Excellence

Weldon, NC – On April 24, Halifax Community College (HCC) recognized students, faculty and staff who have demonstrated exceptional commitment over the last academic year.

Dr. Michael Elam, president of HCC, started the event by recognizing the importance of the day, and reminding everyone in attendance that he was proud of all they had accomplished. Michael Felt, chairperson of the HCC Board of Trustees, echoed those sentiments, offering congratulations from the board. “You all have done great things, and we are so proud of you,” he said. “Each of you are the reasons we do what we do, and why HCC is such a great place.”

Dr. Barbara Bradley-Hasty, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services, and Dawn Veliky, the Registrar, recognized those students who had achieved academic success over the last year. Each student who had achieved the Dean’s list or President’s list for the last two semesters was recognized for their hard work and scholastic accomplishments. Students earn their place on the Dean’s list by earning a 3.25 GPA, while enrolled full time, and without earning any incomplete grades. Students earn their place on the President’s list by maintaining a 4.0 GPA, while enrolled full time, and without earning any incomplete grades.

After recognizing the students, Elam recognized faculty and staff members who have retired, or are retiring, from HCC over the last academic year. These individuals are: Lateef Balogun, Business Administration department chair; Deborah Boone, Medical Office and Office Administration department chair; Larry Crisafulli, Customized Training; John Foriest, director of resource development; Nina Swink, math instructor; and Therman Taylor, adult education retention specialist.

Elam then recognized members of the faculty and staff who had reached years of service milestones. Employees who had reached five, ten, fifteen, twenty or thirty years of service were honored for their commitment to HCC and their dedicated service.

Finally, Elam presented annual awards to those individuals who have gone above and beyond over the last academic year. The awards are selected by fellow employees, and students, and give recognition to those who do more than just their jobs – they ensure that they give their best and change the lives of those around them.

The Spirit Award, given to an individual who exemplifies cooperation and enthusiasm and serves as a positive reflection of the college's mission was presented to Marcella Cooper. The Innovator award, presented to the HCC employee who has implemented a fresh or new idea that addresses the mission of the College, was presented to Sonya Robinson. The Part-Time Excellence in Teaching award, given to the adjunct faculty member who exemplifies the highest quality and standards of instruction, was presented to Amanda White. The Full-Time Excellence in Teaching award, given to the full-time faculty member who exemplifies the highest quality and standards of instruction, was presented to Arnette Davis. Finally, the Academic Advising award, presented to the HCC faculty instructor/advisor who exemplifies the highest quality and standards of advising students, was presented to Angela Randolph.

The final awards given were the Presidential Leadership awards. The award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in support of Halifax Community College's mission. This year's recipients were Chelsea Harris, student body president, Marcus Lewis, director of institutional research, and Nichole Pitchford, administrative assistant to the vice president for academic affairs.

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Halifax Community College strives to meet the diverse needs of our community by providing high -quality, accessible and affordable education and services for a rapidly changing and globally competitive marketplace.

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