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## **HCC Set to Open Community Education Centers**

**WELDON, N.C.** – On Thursday, Sept. 26, Halifax Community College (HCC) will host the grand opening of its three Community Education Centers.

The three centers offer both curriculum and continuing education classes for local residents. The goal of the centers is to bring education to the residents, making it easier for area citizens to receive the training and education they need for the future. The Golden Leaf Foundation provides the funding for the three community education centers. The grant, submitted in partnership with Halifax County Schools and Halifax County leadership, has the aim of bringing education and training within ten miles of every resident in Halifax County. Under the current plan, the three centers will serve as a springboard for future centers.

The celebrations will take place simultaneously at each of the three sites. In order to join, each campus will be video-linked to the others, allowing all sites to interact and learn from each other.

"A rural community such as ours brings with it a set of unique challenges that includes access to internet, transportation, and resources to provide crucial workforce and educational training," said Dr. Michael Elam, president of HCC. "I am delighted that the Golden Leaf Foundation recognizes the importance of investing in the rural community to address these challenges.

The grand opening celebrations will begin at 4:30. The three community education centers are at the following locations:

Scotland Neck Primary School, 901 Jr. High School Road in Scotland Neck , Hollister Elementary School, 37432 NC-561 in Hollister, and on the campus of HCC at 100 College Drive in Weldon.

For more information, please contact Dr. Jeffery Fields at 252-536-7289 or [jfields@halifaxcc.edu](mailto:jfields@halifaxcc.edu).

### **Halifax Community College's Mission**

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