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HCC Local African-American Heroes nomination deadline slated for Feb. 14

WELDON, N.C. –Thirteen years ago, Halifax Community College (HCC) held its first-ever “Saluting Our Local African-American Heroes” event. Due to their accomplishments, several people from the community gained recognition for their hard work and dedication.

To continue that tradition, nominations are open for this year’s hero event. The nomination deadline is set for Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. by mail or online submission. The nomination includes completion of a short form and submission of a brief essay detailing qualities in identified areas.

The essay will address each of four qualities listed below that are the selection criteria. The narrative should expand and focus on specific examples that demonstrate the nominee’s commitment and unique contributions to the Roanoke Valley. Any citizen of the African-American community is eligible for consideration for this nomination. Nominations must come from friends or family members only - individuals may not nominate themselves.

The narrative should describe the nominee’s qualities in the following areas:

1. Commitment and contributions to the community
2. Unselfish devotion to others
3. Initiative, innovation and leadership in the region
4. Willingness to share time and wisdom through service to the community and its citizens

For more details or a nomination form, call Joanne Jolly-Ellis at 252-538-4320 or e-mail jjolly761@halifaxcc.edu. Recognition of our heroes is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 11 a.m. in the Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. Centre.

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