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## HCC Receives No Recommendations from SACSCOC On-Site Reaffirmation Committee

**WELDON, N.C.** – Halifax Community College (HCC) completed its on-site review with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) on Oct. 29. The committee passed HCC with no recommendations.

"I am absolutely delighted by the results of our on-site review by the SACSCOC committee," said Dr. Michael Elam, president of HCC. "This has been three years of hard, committed work by the faculty and staff of the College, and clearly it has paid off. I am so proud of everyone who worked together to make this exceptional news come to fruition."

The SACSCOC Reaffirmation for Accreditation process involves both off-site and on-site reviews of all facets of the College. The committee is made up of seven members from colleges throughout the southeast. Each committee member serves in leadership positions at their respective institutions.

"One of the things of which I am most proud is a comment made by the chairperson of the committee," Elam said. "She noted the unity and collaborative nature of the faculty and staff at HCC, pointing out specifically that each person shared a passion and a commitment to our students. I could not be proud of our team for displaying their commitment so openly."

The final vote will take place at the SACSCOC annual meeting, with final approval being given by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees.

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## About Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges is the recognized regional accrediting body in the eleven U.S. Southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia) and in Latin America for those institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees. The Commission on Colleges' Board of Trustees is the representative body of the College Delegate Assembly and is charged with carrying out the accreditation process.

To gain or maintain accreditation with the Commission on Colleges, an institution must comply with the standards contained in the Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement and with the policies and procedures of the Commission on Colleges. The Commission on Colleges applies the

requirements of its Principles to all applicant, candidate, and member institutions, regardless of type of institution (public, private for-profit, private not-for-profit).

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

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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