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HCC and the Community Come Together

WELDON, N.C. – Halifax Community College (HCC) hosts a wonderful Cosmetology program that includes instruction in all phases of professional imaging, hair design, chemical processes, skin care, nail care, multi-cultural practices, business/computer principles, product knowledge, and other selected topics. Our community supports this program and in turn, there are many fine cosmetologists from HCC that serve our community.

The Cosmetology program received a call this month from Ms. Janet Dixon. Ms. Dixon had a large donation of wigs, extensions and other accessories for hair design. When we say large, it was many thousands of these items. HCC's Cosmetology program was the recipient of many of these items. These great donations will save students from having to purchase their own wigs to practice on, and the students can clean, trim and style the wigs and donate them back to oncology patients. What a great experience for the students and the recipients in need of this service.

HCC's students practice their skills on campus to prepare for the State Board examination. Ms. Modessa Boone, a great supporter of HCC and the community, recently passed away. Ms. Boone was an advocate for the students of HCC through her regular patronage of the arts and the Cosmetology program. She was very proud of the students in the Cosmetology program and took a personal interest in their success. Her support included referring clients to the program and continuing to support students once they graduated in their job placements. Ms. Boone grew up in Halifax County, North Carolina. She graduated from Ralph J. Bunch High School in Weldon, North Carolina. After graduating, she moved to New York where she worked in law enforcement for 35 years, retiring in 1995 after achieving the rank of lieutenant. After retirement "Mo," as she was sometimes called, returned to her childhood home of Weldon, North Carolina, and made significant contributions to our community. Ms. Boone's fondest wish would be to continue to support the students in the Cosmetology program at HCC so they can achieve their goals. Her family recently set up the Modessa Boone Cosmetology Scholarship to ensure that students who may not be able to afford to attend HCC are able to attend. Thanks to Modessa Boone, students are able to pursue their dreams.

Community members can engage and help students often through various means. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Many thanks to Modessa Boone's family and to Ms. Janet Dixon for enhancing our cosmetology program's progress to the future.

Our community does come together often in what seem to be small ways, but it makes a significant impact. In case you are wondering, cosmetology graduates make a good living and

can easily find employment. If you are interested in the Cosmetology program or any of the career programs we have at Halifax Community College, call HCC at 1-252-536-4144 or go to the website at halifaxcc.edu.

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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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