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# President's Message

Dear Friends,

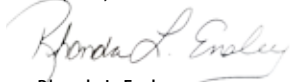
It's my honor to serve as the President of the Western Piedmont Foundation for the 2017-2018 academic year. As a Community College graduate, I fully understand the importance and value Western Piedmont Community College brings to our area. The Foundation is committed to the continued impact that Western Piedmont Community College has on the students as well as our community and I am honored to serve and be a part of this commitment.

Last year, the Foundation awarded over 60 scholarships providing more than \$65,000 in student aid; over \$30,000 in programs impacting thousands of Burke County residents; and 17 new Burke Collegiate Scholars who are guaranteed a tuition-free education at WPCC when they arrive in 2024. This was made possible by donors like you (see pgs. 18-23) as well 100% of our full-time employees, 100% of our College's Board of Trustees and 100% of our Foundation's Board of Directors who gave to the Foundation. We are proud of these results and hope that you are as well. Thank you for making this happen!

This year, the Foundation will maintain focus on raising funds to support student scholarships in addition to professional and community development (pgs. 6-9). There are several convenient ways to give (pg.11) and we hope you will consider making a gift, because your support does so much to make an impact on Western Piedmont students, employees and our shared community. In addition, this year we are looking for additional monies to help support the WPCC campus. Please look at Other Ways to Give (pg. 14).

Thank you for your unwavering support in the past and thank you for considering your support again this year.

Very Truly,



Rhonda L. Ensley

# A Case for Support

Founded in 1967, the Western Piedmont Foundation was one of the first, private fund raising organizations among members of the North Carolina Community College System. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization and was created to develop public and private support that will supplement beyond the county, state and federal funds needed to sustain Western Piedmont Community College.

Donations to the Foundation fund professional and community development activities that enhance the service Western Piedmont Community College provides to students and Burke County residents. Donations also provide students with the scholarships they need to attend and maintain enrollment in college.



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## JASMINE ARROWOOD

Jasmine Arrowood wasn't sure that WPCC was her initial calling after she graduated high school. But thanks to the wide variety of classes and different pathways offered at WPCC, she found her way to completing her degree in the Medical Laboratory Technician program.

Arrowood is thankful that WPCC provided a pathway to gainful employment and also thanks donors to the Western Piedmont General Scholarship Fund, and the Western Piedmont Foundation (WPF) for granting the funds needed in order to help her achieve her goals. She is a recipient of the WPF General Scholarship as well as the Corpening Memorial Scholarship.





**“The scholarships have definitely helped me stay focused. If I had to worry about another full time job, it would not be possible for me to make the grades that are required to maintain enrollment in the program.”**

**- Jasmine Arrowood**

# Student Scholarships

Each year, the Foundation provides student scholarships and assistance through endowed and annual funds. Awards are based on need and merit and make it possible for hundreds of students to maintain pursuit of their education and career goals.

More than 80% of WPCC students receive aid through federal grant programs and scholarships. However, there are students who are often forced to choose lower paying jobs over the pursuit of a degree to meet the rising costs of attending college and living expenses.

**Donations to the General Scholarship Fund are needed to increase the number of unrestricted scholarships and assistance funds available to students who share the financial challenge of staying enrolled and focused on their educational and career dreams.**



Scholarship recipients gather at the annual scholarship reception.



Brittany Smith (center) is congratulated by donors at the Lt. Kelly Kincaid Endowed Scholarship.



# Professional Development

A strategic goal at WPCC is the professional development of our employees. We believe providing training and educational opportunities to our faculty and staff is an important way to ensure quality programs and services are provided to the community.

Development opportunities are provided through the Foundation's Faculty/Staff Mini-Grant program, three endowed teaching chairs and annual awards for the Excellence in Teaching and Outstanding Staff Member. Other opportunities are provided through the Jim W. Burnett Professional Development Fund, which was established by former president, Dr. Jim Burnett, who recognized a need to establish a permanent fund to help meet the growing need for faculty and staff training.

**Donations to support professional development are needed to sustain and expand the number of professional development opportunities made available to College employees.**



Rachel Bradshaw (left) accepts the Excellence in Teaching Award from previous year winner, Jonathan Crumpler.



**“As a part of their program, dental assisting students provide oral health education to school-aged children. Thanks to the financial support from our donors, students were also able to provide these children with toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss as well.”**

**- Tammy Glover, Dental Assisting Coordinator**



# Community Development

The Foundation assists the College in pursuing its strategic goal to engage the community through service and involvement. Programs are held throughout the year and are designed to explore and celebrate cultural diversity, global events and social topics.

Each year, the Foundation sponsors the Fall Speakers Forum & Ervin Constitutional Issues Program, multiple concerts by the Western Piedmont Symphony resident quartet, and several multi-cultural events on campus. These events are free, open to the public, and offer the local community access to unique learning opportunities. Additionally, the Foundation supports the Exploring Joara Archeological Field School at the Berry dig site in Burke County. This site enables many citizens to interact with an important piece of history.

**Donations to support community development are needed to continue providing education-based programs for the community.**



## ARTIST TO CAMPUS

Dom Flemons, Grammy Award winning musician, singer-songwriter, and slam poet, performed for students, employees, and the community, on the campus of WPCC last year. His performance was made possible by donations made to the Foundation.

# Ways to Give

## ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP

There are two types of scholarships: endowed and annual. Both types of scholarships are established and administered using a fund authority based on the donor's wishes and guidelines established by the Foundation.

A named **endowed scholarship** requires a minimum principal gift of \$10,000, which is permanently restricted for investment. Income on the principal provides annual scholarship awards and is determined by the Foundation's annual endowment spending allotment.

A named endowment may be established with an initial gift of any amount, and the Foundation expects that the minimum principal required will be reached within three years.

Scholarship awards begin after the fully endowed fund earns interest income for one year, based on the availability of funds. Designated gifts to the endowed scholarship fund may be made at any time.



Dr. Michael S. Helmick accepts the VanNoppen Marketing Community Leaders Scholarship from Allen VanNoppen.



A named **annual scholarship** requires a minimum gift of \$1,000. The donor, or donors, contribute the funds necessary to award the scholarship each year and the fund must maintain a balance equal to the annual scholarship award amount and the initial minimum gift amount (\$1000.00 + annual award = minimum balance).

# How to Give

Regardless of the type of gift a donor chooses to pursue, all gifts will support the mission of the Western Piedmont Foundation and are tax deductible. Several convenient methods of giving are available.

## **IN PERSON:**

The Western Piedmont Foundation offices are located on the main campus of Western Piedmont Community College in Moore Hall, suite 207.

## **BY MAIL:**

Donations may be mailed to the Foundation office at the following address:

Western Piedmont Foundation  
1001 Burkemont Avenue  
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## **ONLINE:**

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# Ways to Give

## SUPPORT THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Foundation conducts an Annual Giving Campaign every year during the fall semester. Gifts to the Annual Giving Campaign may be unrestricted or can be designated to an existing scholarship. A complete listing of Western Piedmont Foundation's scholarships, and other support funds are listed on pages 16-17.

## PLAY IN OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Western Piedmont Foundation's Annual Golf Classic is held in May at Mimosa Hills Country Club. Proceeds go to fund professional and community development opportunities. Several opportunities to support the tournament exist including individual players, team sponsors, tournament host, hole sponsors and food sponsors. For more information, visit [www.wpcc.edu/golf](http://www.wpcc.edu/golf).

## JOIN THE WESTERN PIEDMONT FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY

The Foundation Legacy Society includes donors who have made Western Piedmont Foundation a part of their overall financial and/or estate plan. The Legacy Society includes donors who make planned gifts to the Foundation as bequests, income generating assets, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance and retirement plan assets.

Planned giving tactics offer donor benefits including increasing or securing retirement income, reduced and eliminated income taxes, reduced estate taxes and ensuring the future of the Western Piedmont Foundation. Donors considering planned giving options are advised to contact their personal financial advisors.

## BURKE COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS

In 1989, the Western Piedmont Foundation designed a program to improve the educational level for students in Burke County, especially those who are first generation college students. The Burke Collegiate Scholar Award was founded in order to provide one fifth grader at each elementary school in Burke County a guaranteed education at Western Piedmont Community College upon successful graduation from high school.



Dr. Michael S. Helmick poses with 2017 Burke Collegiate Scholar and Graduate, Makayla Radford.

# Other Ways to Give

What better way to honor a person, company, or an organization than to attach the honoree's name to a key feature of WPCC, a campus community with a bright future. Naming opportunities are available across campus, including the new Mechatronics Building. The Foundation welcomes any suggestions or ideas for naming suggestions and can be directed to Atticus Simpson, Executive Director, at 828-448-3120.

## MECHATRONICS BUILDING

WPCC's new Mechatronics Building will be complete in 2018 and several naming opportunities exist to make long-lasting tributes of your generosity. Honor or memorialize a person who has influenced you, or the College in a special way. For our local industry partners, naming rights provide a way to show your commitment to the College and a way to reach future employees.



WPCC Trustees broke ground on the new Mechatronics Building.



Mechatronics Building rendering.

Building	\$250,000
Lab 1	\$50,000
Classroom 1	\$15,000
Classroom 2	\$15,000
Lab 2	\$25,000
Student Lounge	\$30,000
Conference Room	\$15,000
Office	\$10,000



Mechatronics Building floor plan.



# Western Piedmont Foundation

## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Benner-Pharr Endowed Scholarship

Nadia & Steve Blahut Endowed Scholarship

Richard T. Breeden, Sr. Academic Merit Endowed Scholarship

Breeden Family Collegiate Endowed Scholarship

Suzanne Bleynat Bridges Endowed Scholarship

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Sam Brinkley Endowed Scholarship

Heather Smith Brown Scholarship

Iris "Tootsie" Browning Endowed Scholarship

Burke Collegiate Scholars Endowed Scholarship

Burke County Firefighters Association Endowed Scholarship

Burke County Medical Alliance Scholarship

Burke Education Endowment Program: Huffman-

Cornwell, Richardson & Rostan Scholarships

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Othenia "Tina" Taylor Endowed Scholarship  
James "Bud" Toner Memorial Scholarship  
Carol Jean Williams Endowed Scholarship \*  
George & Wilma Williams Endowed Scholarship

## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Ryan Bobo Scholarship  
Bowen Primary & Urgent Care Nursing Scholarship  
Building Construction Technology Scholarship  
Catawba Valley Paralegal Association (CVPA) Lynn Price Memorial Scholarship  
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Morganton High School Class of 1972 Memorial Scholarship  
William Lee Richardson Scholarship  
Western Piedmont Woodcrafters Scholarship  
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Phifer Allied Health Emergency Loan Fund

## ENDOWED TEACHING CHAIRS

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Sara Lee Knit Products Endowed Teaching Chair  
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## ENHANCEMENT FUNDS

Basic Skills Enhancement Funds  
Better Day Fund  
Burke Middle College Enhancement Funds  
Jim W. Burnett Professional Development Funds  
Ervin Library Fund  
Program Enhancement Fund  
Student Assistant Program  
VanNoppen Community Engagement

\*New Scholarships

*"I want to thank you all so much for the effort and the funds that you were able to come up with for my education. Without this problem resolved, schooling would have been impossible for me. This has made a huge difference in the plans that I was afraid to think about. I will continue schooling here and complete my major as planned, and will work even harder knowing that I have been highly blessed with these funds."*

- WPCC Student

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# 2016-2017 Annual Golf Classic

The Western Piedmont Foundation has hosted the Annual Golf Classic since 1984 and the tournament is held at Mimosa Hills Country Club. The tournament attracts golfers and sponsors committed to supporting the mission of the Western Piedmont Foundation and WPCC.

The Western Piedmont Foundation thanks

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