



WESTERN PIEDMONT
FOUNDATION

Supporting
Success



Supporting the Western Piedmont community

The Western Piedmont Foundation invests your resources into making a positive, life-changing difference in the lives of our students. We provide scholarships to help students complete their degrees or to acquire a credential to help them prepare for their careers. The Western Piedmont Foundation also invests your resources in professional development for our faculty and staff and community development for our local citizens. We are providing a solid investment in the future of our wonderful community.

Building the Foundation

A Case for Support

Founded in 1967, the Western Piedmont Foundation is one of the first, private fundraising 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.



Student Scholarships



"I have been blessed to get support from the Foundation for 3 years. I haven't had to worry about costs while I pursued my nursing degree. Thank you for believing in me."

— Althea Collado
WPCC Class of 2019



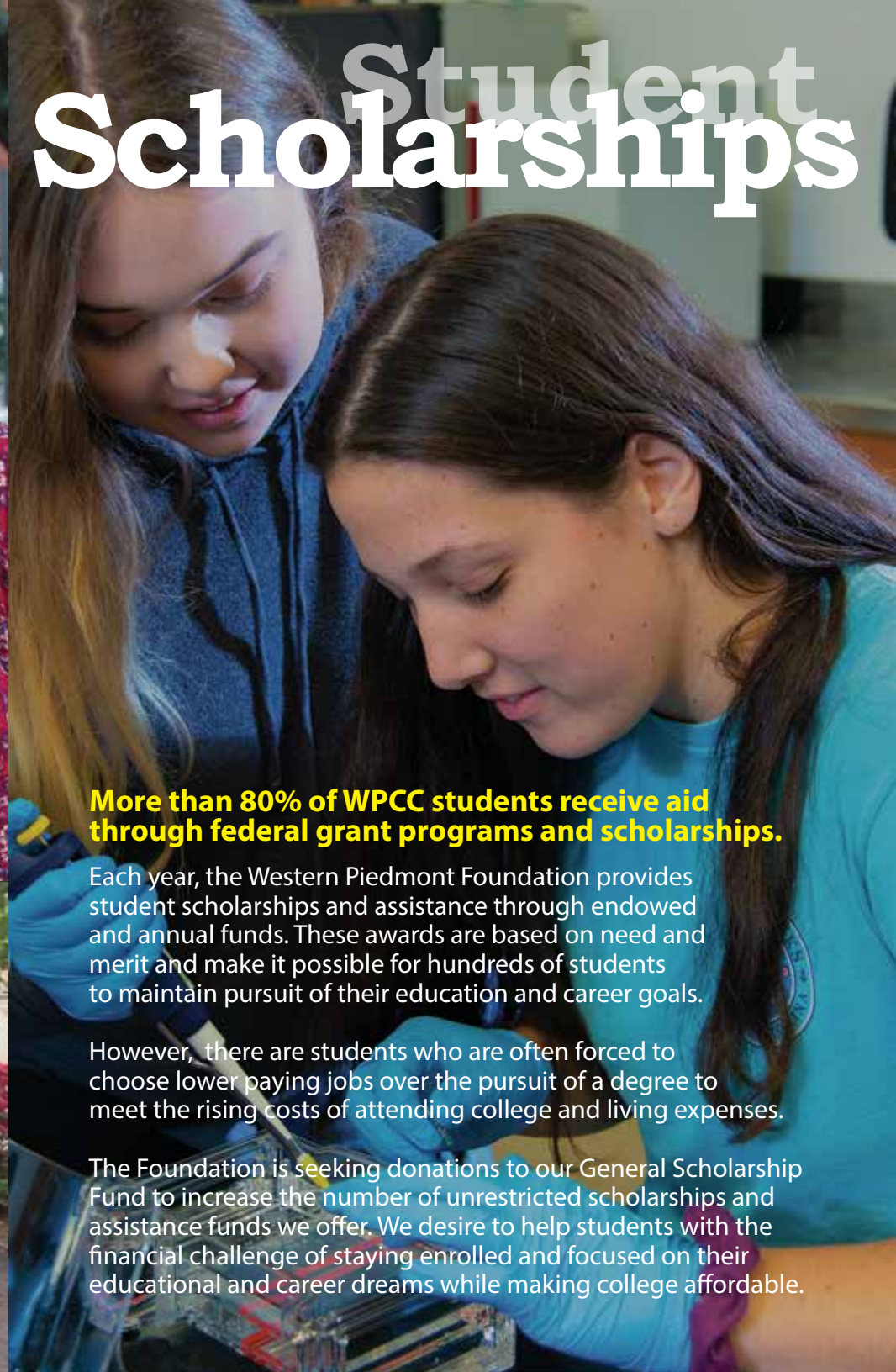
"The support network at WPCC has been crucial to me, not only academically but also with life issues. It is wonderful to come to college and get to learn."

— Hannah Baker
WPCC Class of 2021



"Being able to afford school was important to me. WPCC made that possible. You will be more than prepared to succeed at the next level by starting there."

— Jericho Cook
WPCC Class of 2016
UNC-Chapel Hill Class of 2019



More than 80% of WPCC students receive aid through federal grant programs and scholarships.

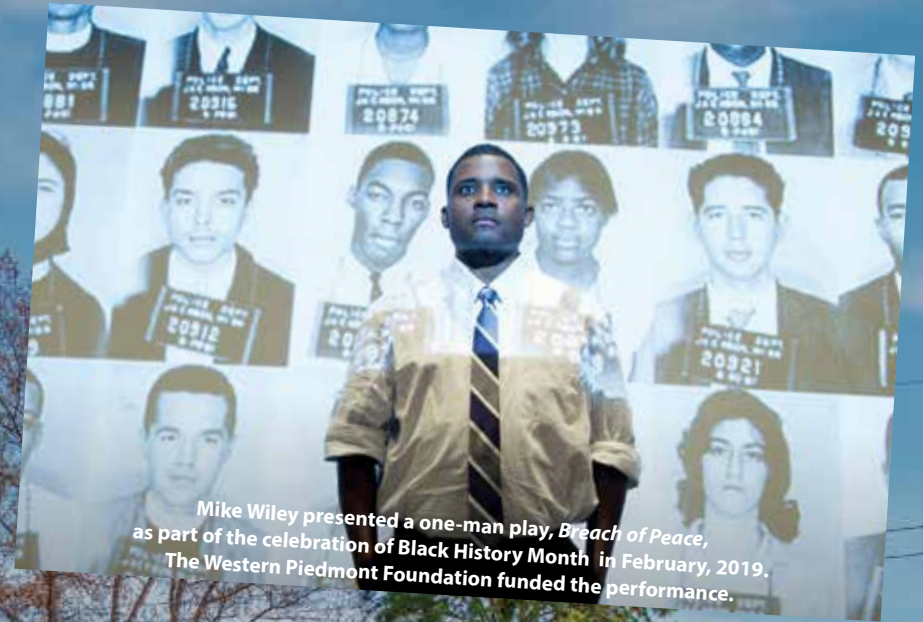
Each year, the Western Piedmont Foundation provides student scholarships and assistance through endowed and annual funds. These awards are based on need and merit and make it possible for hundreds of students to maintain pursuit of their education and career goals.

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.

The Foundation is seeking donations to our General Scholarship Fund to increase the number of unrestricted scholarships and assistance funds we offer. We desire to help students with the financial challenge of staying enrolled and focused on their educational and career dreams while making college affordable.



WPCC President Dr. Michael S. Helmick (L) and 2018-19 Western Piedmont Foundation President Dalton Walters (R) with 2019 Excellence in Teaching Award winner Mark Pellatt and 2019 Outstanding Staff Member Award winner Nancy Daniel.



Mike Wiley presented a one-man play, *Breach of Peace*, as part of the celebration of Black History Month in February, 2019. The Western Piedmont Foundation funded the performance.

A major goal at WPCC is the professional development of employees. Providing training and educational opportunities to faculty and staff helps ensure quality programs and services are provided to Burke County.

Opportunities are provided through the Western Piedmont 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 WPCC 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 opportunities made available to employees.

The WPCC Foundation assists Western Piedmont Community College in engaging the community through service and involvement. Programs are held throughout the year that explore and celebrate cultural diversity, global events, social topics and workforce development.

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 access to unique learning opportunities.

Donations to support community development are needed to continue providing these programs for Burke County.

Professional & Community Development

Ways to Give

ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP

There are two types of scholarships: endowed and annual. Both 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 awards and is determined by the Foundation's annual endowment spending allotment.

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 ($\$1000.00 + \text{annual award} = \text{minimum balance}$).

The Morganton's Men Club established a scholarship in 2018 to provide support to a student enrolled in a WPCC Associate in Applied Science program, diploma or certificate, with preference given to a student in the Building Construction Technology Program.



SUPPORT THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The Western Piedmont Foundation conducts an Annual Giving Campaign every year during the fall. Gifts to the Campaign may be unrestricted or can be designated to an existing scholarship. Please see a complete listing of Western Piedmont Foundation scholarships and other support funds on the next page.

CORPORATE GIVING

Corporate gifts of annual fund contributions, one-time contributions, facility naming contributions, matching contribution programs, scholarship funds, and event sponsorships support the mission of the Western Piedmont Foundation to develop partnerships that support WPCC and its students' success.

JOIN THE WESTERN PIEDMONT FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY

The Foundation Legacy Society includes donors who have made the 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 offers 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.

2019-20 Foundation Scholarships

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
- Bright Salvageot Endowed Scholarship
- 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
- Carlton E. Caruso, Sr. Endowed Scholarship
- Paul and Mildred Cash Scholarship
- Mary Ann Chou Achievement in Nursing Education Award
- K. Harold Clark Endowed Scholarship
- Larry R. and Patricia H. Clark Endowed Scholarship
- Doug Cline Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Chad B. Cole Merit Endowed Scholarship
- George T. Cornwell Endowed Scholarship
- Helen Kincaid Craft Endowed Scholarship
- Elizabeth Irene Dale Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Virginia Davis Endowed Scholarship
- James H. and Doris E. Edwards Endowed Scholarship
- The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, III Scholarship
- Dr. Jean C. Ervin Presbyterian Endowed Scholarship
- Fitzgerald Nursery Endowed Scholarship
- Foothills Chapter North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Endowed Scholarship
- Foothills NC Society of Surveyors Endowed Scholarship
- Larry "Skip" Foxx, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
- Freedom High School Scholarship Fund
- Raymond B. Goodfellow Endowed Scholarship
- Grace Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Endowed Scholarship
- Riley Thomas Greer Endowed Scholarship
- Robert S. & Autumn Henson Endowed Scholarship
- Johnny & Abby Hildebrand Endowed Scholarship
- Margaret H. Hoyle Endowed Scholarship
- Steve M. Hoyle Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- R.O. Huffman/Joe K. Byrd, Sr. Merit Scholarship
- Richard B. Hurst Endowed Scholarship
- Linwood & Harriet Inscoe Endowed Scholarship
- Ruth Coffey Isenhour Endowed Scholarship
- Connie Williams Hollar Scholarship
- Elizabeth Hooper Jackson, M.D. Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Naomi & Oval Jaynes, Sr. Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Jones-Pons Nursing Endowed Scholarship
- Lt. Kelly Kincaid Emergency Services Scholarship
- Elizabeth D. Lefevers Endowed Scholarship
- Louis A. Lovelace Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Robert C. McAdams Endowed Scholarship
- JH McMurray Endowed Scholarship
- Morganton Men's Club Endowed Scholarship*
- Morganton Service League Endowed Scholarship*
- Michael J. Morse Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Rebecca K. Ollis Endowed Memorial Scholarship
- Liz Oxford Memorial Scholarship
- Oxford Scholarship for the Arts

- Oxford-White Academic Merit Scholarship
- Palmer-Wrigglesworth Endowment Fund
- Ann Cornwell Patton Endowed Scholarship
- Robert L. Patton Endowed Scholarship
- Raymond & Arlene Poteat Endowed Scholarship
- Clark Douglas Powell Endowed Scholarship
- Ed Reading Endowed Scholarship
- J. Iverson Riddle Employee Scholarship
- John P. Rostan, Jr. Endowed Scholarship
- J.P. Rostan, Sr. and Irma G. Rostan Endowed Scholarship
- Naomi B. Rostan Endowed Scholarship
- M.E. Shell Endowed Scholarship
- Jo Bailey Sitton Endowed Scholarship
- J.C. & Smaro Black Sossoman Endowed Scholarship
- Jan Cashion Stuenkel Endowed Scholarship
- Sandra Easterly Sweazey Endowed Nursing Scholarship
- Othenia "Tina" Taylor Endowed Scholarship
- James "Bud" Toner Memorial Scholarship
- VanNoppen Marketing Community Leaders 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
- Continental Maintenance Technician Scholarship
- Gerald & Meilia Cox Family Foundation Scholarship
- Glover-Beeson CDA Scholarship*
- Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association Scholarship
- David Simmons Flom Scholarship
- William Hall Scholarship

- Kenny Hemmings Memorial Scholarship
- Adam Klutz BLET Scholarship
- Morganton High School Class of 1972 Memorial Scholarship
- William Lee Richardson Scholarship
- Western Piedmont Woodcrafters Scholarship
- Arthur and Nelle Young Scholarship

LOAN PROGRAMS

- Mull Student Emergency Loan Fund
- Phifer Allied Health Emergency Loan Fund

ENDOWED TEACHING CHAIRS

- Sterling R. Collett Endowed Teaching Chair
- Sara Lee Knit Products Endowed Teaching Chair
- Rostan Family Foundation Endowed Teaching Chair

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

* New Scholarship

Regardless of the type of gift a donor chooses to pursue, all gifts 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 250.

BY MAIL

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

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Morganton, NC 28655

ONLINE

Visit wpcc.edu/foundation

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How to Give



In addition to the hundreds of donors that support the Foundation, the Western Piedmont Foundation's Board of Directors volunteer their time and energy to further the mission of the Foundation, the College and the Burke County community.

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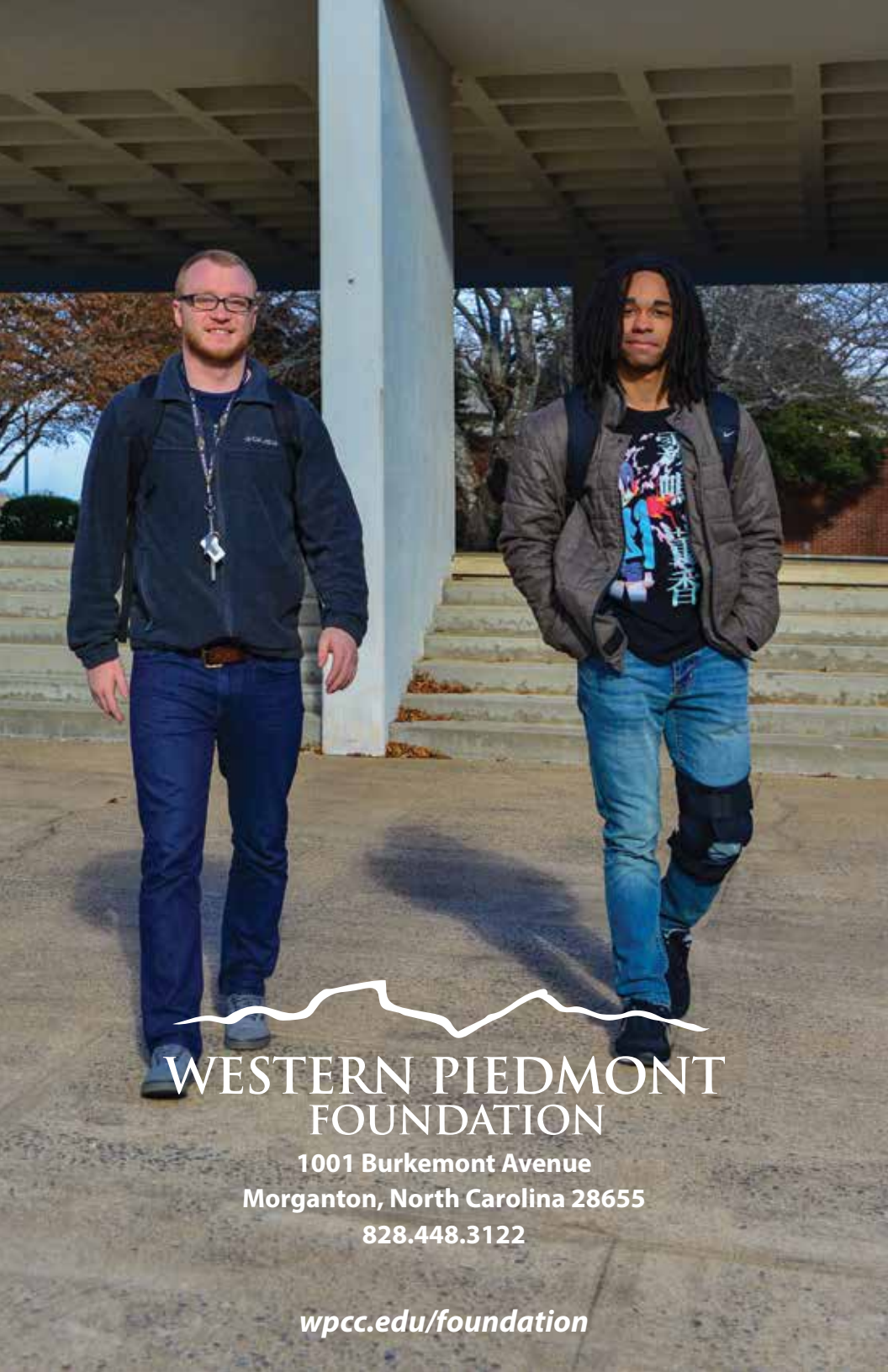
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