The North Carolina Private Protective Services (PPS) Board awarded CPCC a $5,000 training grant to provide continuing education workshops for licensees, registrants, and trainees in PPS fields such as security guards, private investigators, and polygraph test administrators. This project is led by Pat Brown in the College’s Law Enforcement and Public Safety Division.

The NDE / Applied Technologies Team -- including Jay Potter, Anver Classens, Dick Hooper, Rand Ernst, and Rudy Paillaman -- received two awards to enhance the Non-Destructive Examination Technology training program. The Duke Energy Community College Grant Program awarded the College $250,000 to provide students access to the latest and most advanced technology, ensuring CPCC graduates have the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the needs of regional employers. The NDE / Applied Technologies Team also received $150,000 from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to develop and implement a new Advanced Visual Testing certificate program.

The College’s NDE team also partnered with 180 Skills, an online technical education content developer to support the development of online, competency-based Non-Destructive Examination Technology courses. Through this joint partnership, valued at $500,000, CPCC content experts will adapt curriculum related to personal effectiveness, academic, workplace, and technical competencies; and integrate online and technology-enabled learning strategies into the learning experience. These efforts will lay the groundwork for online and competency-base programs in other areas.

Janna Son-Yarbrough and the Early Childhood Division were awarded $120,059 by Smart Start of Mecklenburg County to offer contextualized developmental English, reading, and mathematics courses, an Early Childhood Education Summer Institute, and a Pathways to Employment program for Early Childhood Education students.

CPCC’s culinary team, led by Amy Bowen, received $25,818 from Smart Start to implement the new Healthy Futures Starting in the Kitchen program which creates hands-on professional development opportunities for childcare center cooks and administrators.

Thanks to a grant from the Duke Energy Community College Grant Program, and the leadership of Mike Hogan, CPCC received a grant for $223,307 to enhance its Engineering Technologies programs providing students with access to the most advanced technology and ensuring CPCC graduates have the most up-to-date technical skills to meet the needs of the region’s workforce and employers.

Mack McDonald and the Business & Learning unit were awarded $7,500 by the North Carolina State Employees Credit Union (SECU) to offer scholarships to continuing education students who are unemployed, underemployed, military veterans, and/or members of the National Guard with marketable job skills for future employment.

Awarded $43,000 by the Gates Foundation, Pat West will lead the Implementation Study of Multiple Measures Project, a rigorous qualitative and quantitative analysis of student data to evaluate the efficacy of learning support and instructional strategies aimed at potentially at-risk students placed into college-level courses under the multiple measures policies.

April Root and Jennifer Fielder will implement a $55,963 Innovation in Transitions grant from the North Carolina Community College System to continue the development of a Career Path program for College and Career Readiness students. The goal of this Career Path program is to provide a meaningful work-based learning experience for Level 3 students in preparation for immediate employment and/or further academic
study at the college. The team will achieve this goal by integrating contextualized literacy instruction with employability skills training, on-the-job training, and job mentoring.

The College’s [Refugee Education Program](#) led by [Marianne Lyall-Knusel](#) was awarded $140,000 by the NC State Refugee Office. This program provides a comprehensive educational orientation for adult refugees in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community; English language instruction to meet specific and defined language, employment, and family needs of adult refugees; and vocational training in high-demand fields.

[Marianne Lyall-Knusel](#) will also serve as project director for two additional Basic Skills projects funded by the North Carolina Community College System - [Contextualized Family Centered Literacy](#) which was awarded $69,570 and [English Literacy / Civics Education](#) awarded $77,300. Contextualized Family Literacy offers adult literacy instruction at six community sites; participants learn how to get more involved in the education of their children, and how enrolling at CPCC can further their own career goals. The EL/Civics grant supports the provision of high-quality, accessible, technology enhanced, contextualized EL/civics courses designed to support students’ need to progress along their academic and career pathways and to attain citizenship.

The [Pathways to Employment](#) program, led by [Gilda Rubio-Festa](#) and [Nadya Maisak](#), received $146,215 in funding from the North Carolina Community College System to continue providing contextualized College and Career Readiness courses and technical training that enables students to progress along their academic and career pathways and secure employment in high-demand industries.

[Nadine Russell](#) and the [Global Learning Office](#) were awarded membership in the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID) network. As a member, CPCC will lead an international service trip to Tanzania for community college students in December 2014. Through the CCID’s Cross-Cultural Solutions (CCS) initiative, CPCC students will be eligible to apply for $1,600 fellowships to support the cost of their travel.

Under the leadership of [Todd Koontz](#), CPCC joined the [Southeastern Advanced Cybersecurity Education Consortium (ACE)](#), a consortium of ten schools working to expand cybersecurity and cyberforensic education and workforce development in the Southeastern.

[Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools](#) was awarded $800,000 from the [NC Workforce Innovation Fund](#) to increase the effectiveness of two existing career academy programs and expand the number of STEM career academies in Information Technology and Health Sciences. [Heather Parusel](#) worked closely with CMS to coordinate CPCC’s involvement in this project.

[Amy Burkett](#) of WTVI PBS Charlotte received a $50,000 TV Multi-Station Master Controls grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to enter a joint master controls partnership with WCNY Syracuse. This relationship will improve operational efficiencies and secure long-term sustainability.

In addition, WTVI’s [Beverly Dorn-Steele](#) received $10,000 from The Corporation for Public Broadcasting/WNET to participate in the [American Graduate: Stories of Champions](#) national outreach project. The goal of this project is to promote American Graduate Day 2014 and increase awareness of the dropout crisis helping to move our community towards higher levels of educational achievement and equality.

WTVI also received $10,000 for the [Story of Cancer](#); $10,000 for [Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates Jr. Season 2](#); $7,500 for the [Thinking Money Outreach Project](#), and $3,500 for the [Promotional Priorities](#) outreach projects which promote PBS programming through local events.