A Legacy of Excellence

ANNUAL REPORT 2015–2016

Dr. Tony Zeiss
CPCC President, 1992–2016
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been my privilege to participate in the development of 24 Central Piedmont Community College Annual Reports. I know these annual reports have been appreciated in the community because I have received a great deal of feedback from you over the years.

Like previous annual reports, this one provides a look at the college’s achievements over the past academic year and how CPCC has endeavored to serve its students, local employers and Mecklenburg County at large.

Our 2015–16 academic year proved to be a milestone year, as the college launched several new academic and job-training programs, including a new truck driving program for which we have a waiting list of about 100 prospective students. In each case, these new programs were designed to meet a growing workforce need in Mecklenburg County.

During the year, CPCC secured two large-scale federal grants, offered for the first time an innovative compressed two-year degree program aimed at working adults, partnered with Mecklenburg County on an apprenticeship program for military veterans, celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Halton Theater, and shared in the pride as WTVI PBS Charlotte received an Emmy® Award.

The college also completed the first new construction project funded by the 2013 Mecklenburg County bonds. The Cato III building on the Cato Campus opened, providing much-needed classroom space at our fastest-growing campus.

Finally, after more than two decades as president of Central Piedmont Community College, I announced my plans to retire. Beth and I have been extraordinarily blessed by this wonderful community and the dedicated boards, faculty, staff, students and donors of CPCC. It truly has been an honor and a privilege to lead this wonderful institution.

Even though my involvement at the college will change, this is home for us. We will continue to live in Charlotte and support many of its fine organizations, including CPCC.

As always, we thank our many friends and partners for their continued support and for making the important work of this college possible.

Sincerely,

P. Anthony Zeiss, Ed.D.
President
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Annual reports usually look back on a 12-month period to provide context to the achievements and progress made by the institution during that time. This 2015–16 Annual Report does just that, showing how CPCC continued to serve its students and community through a wide array of programs.

This annual report also provides a one-time opportunity to say thanks to our long-time president and leader, Dr. Tony Zeiss. After 24 years of service to the college and the community, Dr. Zeiss announced his plans to retire. While it’s hard to quantify the full impact of Dr. Zeiss’ leadership, here are some numbers that help tell the story.

During Dr. Zeiss’ tenure, the college grew from one to six campuses, plus two centers and a public television station, adding more than 2-million square feet in facilities. The college’s operating budget grew from $46.7 million to approximately $200 million. Mecklenburg voters affirmed and reaffirmed CPCC’s importance to the county by approving more than $700 million in bond funding. Foundations and individual benefactors also recognized the good work of the college and Dr. Zeiss’ innovative leadership by contributing more than $125 million in private support to CPCC.

More difficult to count is the number of families whose situations improved because mom, dad, a son or a daughter earned a degree at CPCC or the number of employers whose operations were enhanced because they hired well-trained CPCC graduates or the college provided on-site training. It’s harder still to estimate how many individuals found hope and a path to a brighter future at CPCC because Dr. Zeiss made student success and completion a top priority.

For all of this, my fellow Trustees and I say thank you. We offer our utmost appreciation and gratitude for all Dr. Zeiss has achieved during his presidency and how well he has served the community.

We’re also grateful for how well Dr. Zeiss has paved the way for our next president, Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer. The board of trustees is excited that we have attracted and recruited such a high-energy and insightful person as Dr. Deitemeyer to take over the reins at CPCC. We know Dr. Deitemeyer will build upon the college’s legacy of dynamic leadership and its vital role of being an economic engine and workforce provider for Mecklenburg County.

I’m continually humbled by the abiding support CPCC receives from throughout Mecklenburg County. The support of the Mecklenburg County Commission, the County Manager and her staff, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the Charlotte Regional Partnership, our business and industry partners, multiple foundations and our many wonderful individual donors enable the college to fulfill its important mission of education and workforce development.

Thank you for taking a moment to read this annual report. Thank you also for your continued support of CPCC.

Edwin A. Dalrymple Jr.
Chairman
CPCC Board of Trustees

2015–2016
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HALTON THEATER HOSTS “THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA” IN HONOR OF 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY


Over the past decade, some 360,000 ticket buyers have attended more than 735 theatre productions and other performances. The theater has also offered approximately 100 children’s shows.

The 1,020-seat venue, built in the style of a 19th-century opera house, is home to CPCC theatre, music and dance productions and has featured presentations and performances from notable award-winning artists and speakers such as President George W. Bush, Cokie Roberts, the Vienna Boys Choir, Michael Jordan and others.

Located in the Christa and Reece A. Overcash Performing Arts Center, Halton Theater opened on Nov. 10, 2005, with a gala and sneak preview of its first theater production, “The Sound of Music.” The musical opened to the public the following evening and sold nearly 6,000 tickets during its two-weekend run. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit tix.cpcc.edu.

COLLEGE DEDICATES ZEISS BUILDING IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT

CPCC officially dedicated the Dr. Tony Zeiss Building on May 18, in honor of President Zeiss who announced his plans to retire at the end of 2016.

The event’s speakers included Edwin Dalrymple Jr., chairman of the CPCC Board of Trustees; Patricia Rodgers, president of the CPCC Foundation Board of Directors; and Dr. Zeiss.

In December 1992, Zeiss became the third president of CPCC, one of the largest colleges in the Carolinas. During his historic tenure, the college grew from one campus to six and is highly regarded as a national leader in workforce development. Under Zeiss’ leadership, the college’s annual operating budget has grown from $46.7 million to approximately $200 million.

The 106,517 square-foot Zeiss Building, the newest classroom building on CPCC’s Central Campus, opened to students in January 2014. The building includes 40 smart classrooms, a 250-seat math emporium, an auditorium and EMT certification program facilities.
COMMPRESSED, TWO-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED

In 2015, CPCC introduced a compressed, two-year associate degree program at the Levine Campus, giving students the opportunity to complete a two-year degree in just 12 months.

CPCC decided to add the program after data from other schools indicated community college students tend to be more successful (A–C grades) when they take courses in a compressed, four-week format, as compared to traditional eight-week or 16-week courses.

CPCC created its new pilot program, comprised of 16 high-demand transfer courses offered in four-week sessions. This two-semester format gives students the opportunity to earn as many as 51 credits of the 60 college credits needed to complete a two-year degree at CPCC.

CPCC STARTS TRUCK DRIVING PROGRAM

To help meet a rapidly growing demand for professional drivers in the Charlotte region, CPCC opened a truck driver certificate program in January 2016. JPMorgan Chase provided much needed assistance by investing $180,000 in the new program. The program is based at the Merancas Campus.

Workforce studies indicate a critical shortage of truck drivers in the Charlotte region, with more than 2,600 driver openings. The American Trucking Association points to a nationwide truck driver shortage of 48,000. Starting salaries for truckers are around $34,000. The average annual salary in the Charlotte region is $55,000.

WTVI PBS CHARLOTTE WINS A MIDSOUTH REGIONAL EMMY® AWARD

The Nashville/Midsouth Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) awarded WTVI PBS Charlotte a Midsouth Regional Emmy® Award during its 30th annual awards ceremony on Feb. 27 at the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum in Nashville, Tenn.


The award-winning story reported the Catawba Indian Nation’s plans to bring casino gambling to Kings Mountain, N.C., and the opposition it is facing from churches, neighbors and a rival Indian tribe.

“I’m so proud of our production team here at PBS Charlotte and thank them for all their hard work,” said Amy Burkett, general manager of PBS Charlotte. “But this recognition wouldn’t be possible without the support of our community and Central Piedmont Community College.”
When CPCC opened its 2015 fall semester, students had four additional associate degree programs to consider. The college introduced each of the new programs in response to growing local demands for specifically trained skilled workers.

**ASSOCIATE IN ENGINEERING**
The Associate in Engineering (A.E.) program is a transfer program, designed for students who want to pursue a four-year bachelor’s degree in civil or mechanical engineering at one of the UNC system universities. Workforce studies and employer surveys indicate the Charlotte region needs more bachelor-degree-level engineers.

**BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY**
This program prepares students to install, operate, troubleshoot and repair sophisticated equipment and instrumentation used in healthcare facilities. Students learn about instrument calibration, design and installation testing; system safety and maintenance procedures; procurement and installation procedures; and report preparation. Novant Health supported the program launch with a $150,000 gift to CPCC.

**BROADCASTING AND PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY**
This program prepares students for a wide range of media/communications jobs in the Charlotte region. Students take a number of their classes at WTVI PBS Charlotte, which serves as a learning lab. The program’s curriculum includes courses in film and video production and editing, newswriting, broadcast sales, social media marketing and entrepreneurship.

**GLOBAL LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT**
CPCC launched a new associate degree program in global logistics and distribution management, supported by a $235,000 investment from JPMorgan Chase to promote career opportunities in the fast-growing field. The new program is aimed at meeting local demand, where 80,000 current logistics-related jobs are expected to grow significantly in number through the end of the decade.

Logistics generally involves moving products from raw materials at the point of origin through the supply chain to the end consumer and eventually to recycling and end-of-life disposal. Logistics also can involve the moving of information, finances and services.

**COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH COUNTY ON VETERANS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**
Seeking military veterans with an interest in safety and construction, Mecklenburg County and CPCC launched the “Building With Our Veterans” apprenticeship program in early 2016 to meet a local need for more building code inspectors.

The apprenticeship program is a collaboration between the county’s Veterans Services Division of Community Support Services, the Code Enforcement Division of Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) and CPCC. Once accepted into the program, participants undergo one year of coursework at CPCC, with additional field training from a County Code Enforcement mentor. After the completion of 999 training hours, graduates earn their CPCC code inspection certificate.
Dozens gathered at WTVI PBS Charlotte on Thursday, June 16, to dedicate the station’s production control room in memory of Harold A. Bouton Jr. He served as the station’s president and general manager for 20 years.

“Hal would have been thrilled,” said his wife, Dr. Deborah Bouton. “He spent his life working for PBS and telling the story of public television and the value that it brings to people, young to old.”

Hal passed away earlier this year. All of us at PBS Charlotte are grateful for the legacy he left behind.

CPCC RECEIVES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT TO COMBAT COUNTERFEITING

CPCC is using a $200,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to develop a new certificate program focused on anti-counterfeit printing and packaging technology.

The NSF Advanced Technological Education grant supports a number of project activities, including course development and adaptation leading to a new technician certificate program, as well as a continuing education course for incumbent workers, faculty professional development, and cultivation of business and industry partnerships. The college will conduct the grant project over three years.

According to the International Chamber of Commerce, counterfeiting is one of the fastest-growing economic crimes of modern times; it accounts for between 5–7 percent of world trade. Counterfeiting activity is worth an estimated $600 billion a year.

CPCC SECURES $1.3-MILLION FEDERAL GRANT TO BOOST DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS

CPCC is working with a five-year, $1.32-million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help more disadvantaged, low-income and first-generation college students, as well as students with disabilities, successfully complete a program of study.

The federal grant is aimed at enhancing CPCC’s student support services to increase the retention and graduation rates of disadvantaged students and help facilitate their successful transfer to a career or a four-year institution.

Through the grant, CPCC is working closely with students required to take developmental math and/or English courses. These students receive proactive advising, intensified academic advising, career exploration, financial aid education and other resources to deal with life challenges that could prevent them from completing their courses of study. Tutors working with these students emphasize success in reading, math and science – courses that are critical to their retention and completion.
PERKINS LEADERSHIP PARTNERS CPCC WITH OTHER N.C. COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION

The North Carolina Competency-Based Education Project is a collaborative statewide effort to design and build a sustainable and scalable competency-based associate degree pathway in Information Technology by fall 2017. Competency-based education (CBE), a nationally-recognized, best-practice model for teaching and learning, provides students a flexible way to get credit for what they know; build on their knowledge and skills at their own pace; earn high-quality, industry-validated degrees and credentials; get a new job or advance along a career pathway; and earn a fair wage to support themselves and their family. The $625,000 grant, provided by the U.S. Department of Education through the Perkins Act, supports curriculum improvement activities, the adoption of new technologies and the development of comprehensive student support. Forsyth Technical Community College, Stanly Community College, Wake Technical Community College and the NC Community College System are equal partners on the project.

CABRERA SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRESTIGIOUS CBYX PROGRAM
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CPCC TAKES TOP HONORS IN SIEMENS COMPETITION
Students enrolled in CPCC’s Engineering and Engineering Technology programs received first-place honors in the Siemens Energy 2016 Engineer’s Week Design Competition, held at Siemens in Charlotte on Feb. 26. This accomplishment marks the first time a guest school has won first place in the competition’s four-year history.

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COLLEGE HONORS DR. DRUMM WITH BUILDING DEDICATION

In August 2015, CPCC dedicated the Kathy H. Drumm Facilities Services Building, located on Central Campus, in recognition of Dr. Kathy H. Drumm and her more than 25 years of exemplary service to the college and community. As CPCC executive vice president from 1998 to 2014, Drumm was instrumental in guiding the college’s growth and ensuring its vitality and responsiveness to the needs of its students and Mecklenburg County.

CPCC RETIREE RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

In honor of Dora Johnson’s 52 years of service, CPCC dedicated the Dora Johnson Office Technology Center during a special ceremony on March 21, 2016.

Johnson began her professional career at Mecklenburg College and joined CPCC when it opened in 1963. “To end my professional career as an instructor at CPCC is a high honor for me,” said Johnson. “I wish all CPCC faculty and staff success as they continue to serve the greater Charlotte community.”

ZEISS HONORED WITH ORDER OF LONG LEAF PINE

In May, Dr. Tony Zeiss received the highest honor bestowed by the State of North Carolina – the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Created in 1965, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine is the most prestigious award presented by the Governor of North Carolina. The award honors individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Contributions to their communities, extra effort in their careers, and many years of service to their organizations are some of the guidelines by which recipients are selected for the award.

CPCC DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

With just five students, CPCC graduated its first class of dental assistants in 1965. Today, after celebrating its 50th anniversary in June, the program has three times the number of students applying than there is space.

CPCC’s Baking & Pastry Arts division provided the food for the celebration, which included a special anniversary cake in the shape of a tooth. Guest speakers included Dr. Monique McEachern of Mountain Island Pediatric Dentistry, an employer of graduates from CPCC’s Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene programs. Special thanks to Patterson Dental for helping to underwrite the event.

Dental Assisting students with Annette Brawley (red shirt), who was a graduate of the program when it first started.
1995 – An Okuma Computer Numerical Control Cadet Lathe valued at $94,000 is delivered to the Advanced Technologies Center, marking the renewal of a partnership with Okuma that began in 1988.

1996 – The work CPCC did in the area of workforce training garnered national attention, including a visit from President Bill Clinton in July.

2001 – Harris Campus opened

1998 – Levine Campus opened

2002 – Cato Campus opened

1999 – Harper Campus opened as Southwest Campus. It was designed to house CPCC’s Applied Technology and Construction programs.

2002 – CPCC was named the Community College of the Year by the National Center for Educational Accountability and Dr. Zeiss was named the 2002 Community College System President of the Year.

1992 – Dr. Tony Zeiss named president

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NOTABLE EVENTS FOR CPCC DURING DR. TONY ZEISS’ ERA
2004 – President George W. Bush spoke at CPCC about national efforts in workforce development and job training.

2005 – Harris Corporate Training and Conference Center opened.

2005 – Christa and Reece A. Overcash Academic and Performing Arts Center opened during a ceremony on November 10, 2005. The 130,000-square-foot building is the new “front door” to CPCC’s Central Campus.

2008 – US Senator Elizabeth Dole was the commencement speaker at CPCC’s graduation.

2012 – CPCC signed an agreement with IHK-Karlsruhe, a German regional chamber of industry and commerce, to offer IHK-certified job-training programs. CPCC is the first community college in the United States to offer such a program.

2012 – CPCC acquired PBS station WTVI PBS Charlotte.

2015 – Second Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden, was the commencement speaker at CPCC’s graduation.

2015 – Dr. Tony Zeiss honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

2016 – Dr. Tony Zeiss honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

A Legacy of Excellence
Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Central Piedmont Community College Foundation, I am writing to extend sincere thanks for your generous support. In the 2015–16 fiscal year, the Foundation was the beneficiary of gifts and pledges totaling $3,475,926. Please know your generosity furthers the college’s mission of providing affordable, accessible, quality educational and career-training opportunities to thousands of citizens in our region. In the just-completed fiscal year, the generosity of donors enabled the Foundation to provide scholarships to more than 1,100 deserving students. Without donors such as you, this would not have been possible.

As we express thanks to all those who have supported the Foundation, it is most appropriate to recognize two individuals for their incredible record of service in generating resources for CPCC—Dr. Tony Zeiss and Tommy Norman. In their respective roles as president of the college and president of the Foundation, they constituted an effective team which provided leadership and energy for a series of successful fundraising campaigns and contributed to the dramatic growth in Foundation assets. Countless numbers of students and the broader community are the beneficiaries of their good efforts. We are grateful for all they have done.

Again, to each of you, many thanks for your support in 2015–16. We look forward to your continued partnership and support of Central Piedmont Community College and its students.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Rodgers
President, Board of Directors,
Central Piedmont Community College Foundation

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JPMORGAN CHASE INVESTS IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

In 2015–16, JPMorgan Chase donated $180,000 to help launch the Truck Driver certificate program located on CPCC’s Merancas Campus in Huntersville. Workforce studies indicate a critical shortage of truck drivers in the Charlotte region, with more than 2,600 driver openings. Following the launch of the 16-week program in January 2016, 140 individuals have applied for classes.

JPMorgan Chase also donated $110,000 in support of global initiatives at CPCC and 14 other community colleges in the region. This grant supports research, educational summits and conferences and the operations of the Charlotte Regional Collaborative for a Global Economy, which focuses on identifying and promoting regional assets essential to the region’s expansion as a global commercial hub.

“Our region can realize its full global competitiveness when we work jointly to accelerate access to talent and resources that will help attract more companies and trade opportunities to the region,” said Craig May, market leader for JPMorgan Chase in the Carolinas and head of the firm’s commercial bank in the region.

“The investments made by JPMorgan Chase are important to this region’s efforts to become a global hub of commerce, including the development of a skilled workforce employers need,” said Dr. Tony Zeiss.

OKUMA AMERICA GIFT ENHANCES STUDENTS’ SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS

Okuma America Corporation donated two high-tech advanced manufacturing machines to CPCC. The computer numerical control equipment, valued at $214,000, helps CPCC Computer Integrated Machining students and other Engineering Technology students gain sought-after skills and an advantage with local employers.

“Okuma recognizes the lack of skilled labor is one of the biggest threats to the manufacturing industry. Our ability to assist CPCC in educating and training the next generation of operators, machinists and programmers is a key to the success of our local customers and our local economy,” said Jim King, president and COO for Okuma America.

MERANCAS FOUNDATION – OPPORTUNITY THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Merancas Foundation assisted more than 1,850 students in 2015-16 with scholarships and support through the opening of a Center for Military Veterans and Families at Merancas Campus in Huntersville, N.C., services offered at Single Stop, and career counseling and coaching services provided to students seeking apprenticeships.
METLIFE FOUNDATION HELPS STUDENTS IMPROVE FINANCIAL LITERACY

Underscoring its commitment to financial inclusion and providing individuals with the tools needed to improve their lives, MetLife Foundation awarded CPCC $75,000 to create the Keys to Financial Success program. This comprehensive program, which complements services provided to students at the college’s Single Stop centers, fosters financial literacy and empowerment among low-income students enrolled at CPCC.

SUN CHEMICAL’S SOFTWARE DONATION AIDS FLEXOGRAPHY STUDENTS

Sun Chemical selected CPCC as a pilot for its new program – the Next Generation Customer program – which helps students obtain the tools needed and hands-on training required to understand every aspect of the ink business in the flexographic printing process.

After assessing the college’s needs, Sun Chemical donated its SunMatch computer software to help the college’s flexography students achieve success in the 2016 Phoenix Challenge College Competition, a year-long, problem-solving team project that culminates in a formal presentation to a panel of industry judges. SunMatch helps students more accurately achieve the right brand color on a variety of substrates and understand how to achieve colors through scientific numbers.

Throughout the school year, Sun Chemical experts came to the college to teach and offer hands-on training. During the 2016 Flexographic Technical Association’s INFO*FLEX show, students from CPCC presented their rebranded labels for the start-up Triple Whammy Sauces and won awards for the best execution and best design categories of the Phoenix Challenge.

DONOR’S GIFT OF LAND OFFERS EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CPCC’S HARPER CAMPUS

A. Ray Mathis’ donation of 10.75 acres of land in Charlotte’s southwest corridor translates to an expansion opportunity for CPCC’s Harper Campus. The campus, home to a variety of curriculum programs, such as Advertising & Graphic Design; Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration; Construction Management; Non-Destructive Examination; and Welding, is projected to have more than 1,400 students enrolled for fall 2016, an increase of 12 percent over 2015 enrollment figures. The land will be developed to offer additional parking for the growing campus. CPCC looks forward to recognizing Mr. Mathis’ donation with a future dedication ceremony.
PNC FOUNDATION GRANT HELPS PRESCHOOL STUDENTS GROW UP GREAT WITH MATH

Renewed support from PNC Foundation is preparing teachers enrolled in CPCC’s Early Childhood Education program to help preschool students “Grow Up Great with Math.” Preschool teachers shape a child’s zest for learning. With PNC Foundation’s support, CPCC is empowering early childhood educators with knowledge and resources that make math education fun and help to build preschoolers’ confidence for mathematical association, computation and the comprehension tools they will need to succeed in school and life. CPCC students receive training at CPCC and role-modeling/shadowing onsite in their preschool classrooms.

LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS SERVE THROUGH STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Charlotte Rotary and Charlotte North Rotary Clubs are active servant leaders at Central Piedmont Community College. Each club provides annual scholarships to CPCC students on the basis of community service and academic merit. Since 2014, more than $25,000 has been awarded to 18 Rotary scholars at CPCC.

In addition to scholarships, local Charlotte Rotary clubs sponsor Rotaract “Rotary in Action” Clubs at CPCC. Rotaract teaches students about being active in their local and global communities and helps develop leadership and professional skills.

WILLIAM M. CLAYTOR SCHOLARSHIP HONORS LONGTIME COMMUNITY AND COLLEGE LEADER

The Central Piedmont Community College Foundation established a scholarship in honor of Charlotte attorney William M. Claytor, past chairman of the college’s Board of Trustees, CPCC Foundation director, Planned Giving Committee chairman and college instructor. The William M. Claytor Scholarship will be an annual, full-tuition grant for one student.

“This scholarship is a fitting tribute to Bill Claytor in recognition of his nearly 40 years of selfless service to the college as a foundation director and trustee,” said Patricia Rodgers, president of the CPCC Foundation Board of Directors.

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF “CHARLOTTE, A CITY OF INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS”

On September 24, 2015, the college celebrated the 10th anniversary of “Charlotte, A City of International Success,” a WTVI PBS Charlotte show hosted by Dr. Maha Gingrich, international community liaison for the CPCC Foundation.

This unique show features people from around the world who have contributed to the success of the Charlotte region. More than 80 community leaders, CEOs, honorary consuls and dignitaries, including Luis Guillermo Solis, president of Costa Rica, have shared their life stories and secrets to success through this television program.

Dr. Maha Gingrich with Klaus Becker, Honorary Consul of Germany
DONORS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES WITH GIFTS TO CPCC ANNUAL FUND

With support and leadership from the CPCC Foundation Board, CPCC launched a coordinated Annual Fund Campaign focusing on volunteer leadership and alumni; 230 donors responded to the effort, raising more than $95,000. Donors who contributed $1,000 or more were recognized as President’s Society members.

Annual Fund gifts help CPCC respond to the most pressing financial concerns and provide the ability to seize unique and important opportunities that benefit students and the community. Featured in campaign materials was Kelley Creed, a 2015 graduate of CPCC, who, through the generosity of donors, received scholarship assistance to pursue her education at CPCC.

ASC GRANT HELPS BRING DANCES OF INDIA TO COMMUNITY

With generous support from the Arts and Science Council (ASC), CPCC presented the 14th annual Dances of India on April 23. The production celebrates the culture of India and showcases 3,000-year-old classical dances and traditional folk dances featuring unique props, silk costumes and masks. ASC funds enabled CPCC to include international artists in the show’s signature dance, “Unity in Diversity,” and provided tickets to Community Charter School, Girl Scouts and underserved youth.

SINGLE STOP AND CPCC PARTNER TO HELP STUDENTS FOCUS ON GOALS

CPCC and Single Stop, a non-profit organization, partnered in January 2016 to create a one-stop service center that connects students with the resources they need to stay focused on their academic and career goals. Funds and software contributed by Single Stop allow CPCC to assist qualifying students and their families with free tax preparation; benefits counseling; financial counseling; legal advice and representation; and referrals for other college and community resources. More than 700 students were served by Single Stop in the spring semester.

CPCC CELEBRATES COUPLE’S DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE

In June 2016, CPCC dedicated the Wilton L. and Mary W. Parr Auditorium in recognition of the couple’s generous support of CPCC students and faculty.

Mr. Parr began taking classes at CPCC in 1968 and continued through 2006. During his time at CPCC, he not only served as a math tutor in CPCC’s Adult Literacy program, but also attended as a student. He took most of his classes after his retirement from Piedmont Natural Gas, where he served as senior vice president of marketing.

Mr. Parr and his wife established the Wilton and Mary Parr Scholarship Program in 1998. In 2005, they established the Wilton and Mary Parr Fellows Program to recognize teaching excellence, and in 2010, they became members of CPCC’s Legacy Society with the establishment of their first Gift Annuity.

David Parr, Beth and Dr. Tony Zeiss, Mary Parr and Wilton Parr
THANKS TO CPCC ARTS DONORS, COLLEGE THEATERS AND GALLERIES ARE BRIMMING WITH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Phantom of the Opera
The college celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Dale F. Halton Theater with a production of “The Phantom of the Opera.” More than 8,000 patrons attended the eight performances where CPCC Theatre, Opera Theatre and Dance Theatre worked in conjunction for this special production. A special thanks to the Arts and Science Council for their contribution and for the donors who gave their support through The Phantom Fund.

Charlotte Symphony Orchestra on Campus
Thanks to longtime CPCC and CSO supporters Catherine & Wilton Connors, 900 plus CPCC students enjoy the symphony in their own campus backyard at the Dale F. Halton Theater. Friends and family members of the Connors gather for a pre-concert reception in CPCC’s Elizabeth Ross Gallery. (L to R: Mac Connor, Wilton and Catherine Connor, Elizabeth Stewart and Sean Stewart)

Sensoria
Each spring, donors help CPCC celebrate literature and arts at Sensoria. In 2016, Sensoria featured many artists and writers, including Amy Bloom.

Bill and Patty Gorelick Galleries at Cato Campus
CPCC opened its latest Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery in 2015–16. The gallery, located on the college’s Cato Campus, is the third of six proposed Gorelick Galleries at CPCC. The opening exhibit featured works from the private collection of Carol and Shelton Gorelick. (L to R: Carol Gorelick, Jeff Gorelick and Bill Gorelick)

Bill and Patty Gorelick Galleries at Harris Campus
Beginning in January 2016, clients, students, faculty and staff of CPCC’s Harris Campus were treated to a year-long exhibit of works from Sonia and Isaac Luski’s private collection at the Bill and Patty Gorelick Gallery at the Harris Conference Center. (L to R: Ellie Valenstein, Moses Luski, Sonia and Isaac Luski)

Bill and Patty Gorelick Galleries at CPCC
CPCC was thrilled to begin a partnership with Penland School of Crafts in 2015–16 that will bring the works of Penland artists to CPCC for two years. Works are transitioning in and out and from campus to campus during this time, so visitors will enjoy something new and fresh with each exhibit.
LEGACY SOCIETY NIGHT OF STARS

CPCC’s Digital Media, Journalism and Communication students interviewed Legacy Society member Dr. Russell Rogers.

Legacy Society member Harriet Barnhardt enjoys speaking with CPCC Student Ambassador Devante House.

Danielle Lazaro, recent CPCC graduate and featured guest speaker, credits CPCC with changing her life: “I would never be here without the help of others because I could not afford to attend college. I want these donors to know there are success stories.”

DONORS’ LEGACIES PROVIDE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

CPCC Legacy Society member Vaughn Luckadoo passed away in 2015. Vaughn, who served as chairman of CPCC’s Human Services Department, retired in 1997 after 25 years of dedicated leadership.

Upon joining the CPCC Legacy Society in 2008, he named the college the beneficiary of his Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and established a revocable trust for CPCC to receive the residue of his estate. Per his wishes, the Luckadoo and Johnson Scholarship for Human Services was created in his memory and in memory of his life-partner, Charles Stephen Johnson, who predeceased him.

 Vaughn touched faculty, students and countless friends with his loving and caring spirit. He chose to continue his kindness by naming the college in his estate plan and helping CPCC students achieve their educational and career goals.

CPCC lost a great friend with the passing of Robert L. Gossett in 2015. Bob, a physical therapist, was a member of the faculty for 23 years. He developed and led the first Physical Therapist Assistant Program in North Carolina, which served as a pilot program for other colleges and teaching facilities. After retiring, Bob served the college as a founding member of the CPCC Retirees Association.

Bob lost his wife, Eleanor, also a CPCC instructor, in 1995, and he established a scholarship in her memory. When Bob retired, faculty and staff contributed to this fund, and the Robert L. and Eleanor Gossett Scholarship Endowment was created to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant program at CPCC.

Bob also named the college as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy and requested that memorials be made to CPCC upon his death. Together, these gifts will continue Bob’s legacy of helping CPCC students.

Robert L. Gossett

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2015–16 CPCC FOUNDATION EVENTS

SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC
The CPCC Foundation hosted its 13th annual Sporting Clays Classic in April 2016 with more than 250 people participating. Three tournaments – the B.D. Rodgers Cup, Clay Pigeon Challenge Cup and the First Responders Cup – made up the day’s activities. Proceeds from the event benefit programs and scholarships for first responders and military veterans enrolled at the college.

CPCC CHARLOTTE SKYLINE RUN
Runners, baby joggers and walkers participated in the 21st annual CPCC Charlotte Skyline Run. The theme for the event was “Do Good, Feel Good.” Participants and guests took home saplings from TreesCharlotte, registered to be bone marrow donors through Project Life and ran alongside homeless runners affiliated with RunningWorks. They also enjoyed the products and services of vendors in CPCC’s Food, Health and Kids Zones.

SWIRL
New and longtime friends of CPCC turned out in style for Swirl, an evening of fine wines, passionate minds and tasteful finds. French and Italian wines were paired with delicious foods prepared by Culinary and Baking & Pastry Arts faculty and students. In addition, the event featured a live auction with exciting wine packages and getaways. Funds from the annual event support CPCC’s culinary programs.

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