

2023-2024 President's Report



Vance-Granville
Community College

An aerial photograph of a campus featuring a large lake, several modern buildings, and extensive parking lots. The surrounding landscape is filled with trees displaying vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The sky is clear and blue.

Our Mission and Vision

To educate, inspire, and support a diverse community of learners to achieve professional and personal success and to be a catalyst in developing strong communities where everyone experiences a fulfilling quality of life.



From Our President

Last fall, Vance-Granville Community College facilitated community conversations across our four-county service area to gain broad perspectives on workforce development, business support, and community needs. These conversations—coupled with student input, local business direction, and timely data—were the genesis of new strategic priorities for the College.

The sudden shifts and dramatic societal changes experienced nationally and internationally over the past several years have proved that traditional strategic planning is too slow and inflexible a tool to provide the type of value needed for a nimble, responsive institution. Borrowing from a sister community college's approach, we decided to focus our work on broad strategic priorities as informed by those we serve. In January 2024, we published our new strategic priorities and committed to short-term initiatives designed to “move the needle” in these four areas. On behalf of the College, I am pleased to announce our four strategic priorities:

1. We will prioritize economic mobility through existing and future programs for student and community success.
2. We will be student-ready by centering our work both inside and outside the classroom with the students we have.
3. We will amplify community connections to fulfill workforce needs and strengthen our communities.
4. We will drive innovation by optimizing campus resources to ensure growth and success.

I invite you to explore the stories, accomplishments, people, and programs described in these pages to see how we have already begun to make these priorities a reality for our communities!

Yours in service,

Rachel M. Desmarais

Rachel M. Desmarais, VGCC President

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Dear neighbors and friends,

As the new Chair of the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees, it is my honor to reflect upon our successes from the past year. The College has once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to providing accessible, high-quality education that empowers our diverse student body. The Board is especially proud to highlight our newly-revised Strategic Plan, which will inform how we serve our four-county service area over the next few years.

Throughout the 2023-2024 academic year, our dedicated faculty, staff, and students have demonstrated resilience and innovation, driving us to new heights in academic excellence and impactful partnerships. On behalf of the Board, I thank our community for your continued support and collaboration. Together, we will continue to educate, inspire, and support our students and our region.

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In Memoriam: Rev. Dr. Willie T. Ramey, III

Vance-Granville Community College honors the late Reverend Dr. Willie T. Ramey, III. At the time of his passing in June 2024, Rev. Dr. Ramey was in active service on Vance-Granville's Board of Trustees.

A native of Henderson and graduate of North Warren High School, Trustee Ramey went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education with a Minor in Religion, a Master of Arts Degree in School Administration, an Ed.S. in School Administration, and a Doctor of Divinity in the Division of Practical Theology. Education was extremely important to Trustee Ramey, and as a retired educator, he championed education for all.

Ramey held numerous community leadership roles and served as senior pastor for Ridgeway Missionary Baptist Church for 46 years. Governor Roy Cooper appointed Rev. Dr. Ramey to the Board in June 2020 to fulfill the remainder of the late Andrea Harris' unexpired term. Ramey was then reappointed to a four-year Board term in June 2022.



Strategic Plan 2024-2027

In January 2024, the Vance-Granville Board of Trustees adopted a new slate of strategic priorities to focus its vision and guide its efforts over the next four years. Each of the four long-term priorities listed below is comprised of specific short-term initiatives and key measures by which to gauge success. Scan the QR code on the adjacent page to read our Strategic Plan in greater detail at VGCC.edu.



Prioritize economic mobility through existing and future programs for student and community success.



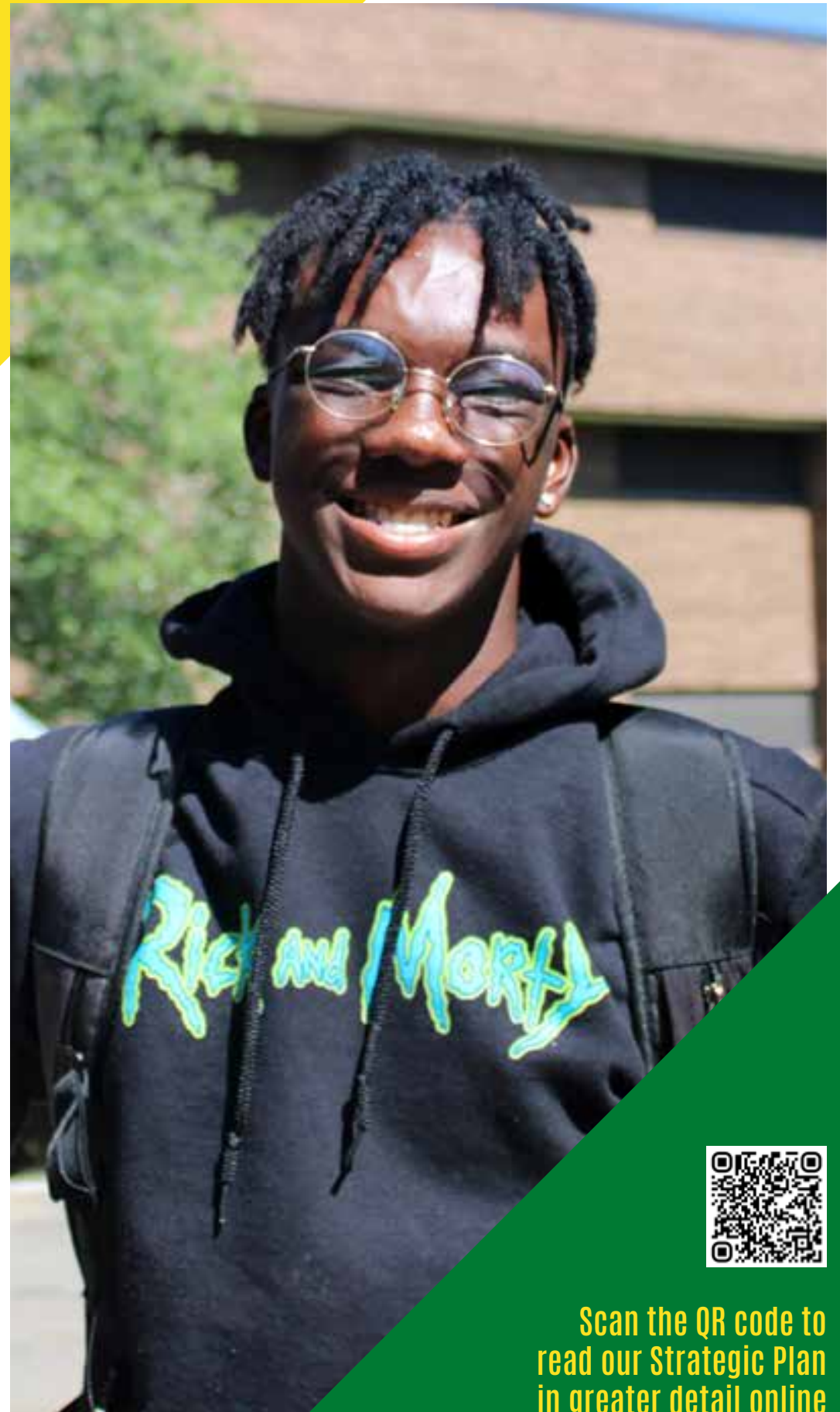
Be student-ready by centering our work both inside and outside the classroom with the students we have.



Amplify community connections and belonging beyond campus boundaries through dynamic partnerships.



Drive innovation by optimizing campus resources to ensure growth and success.



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Building One Front Door

In 2023, the College reviewed institutional and community data in preparation for crafting new strategic priorities. Students, community members, and employees, engaged in conversations around their experiences and this data, were asked an important question: “Is VGCC designed to serve today’s students?”

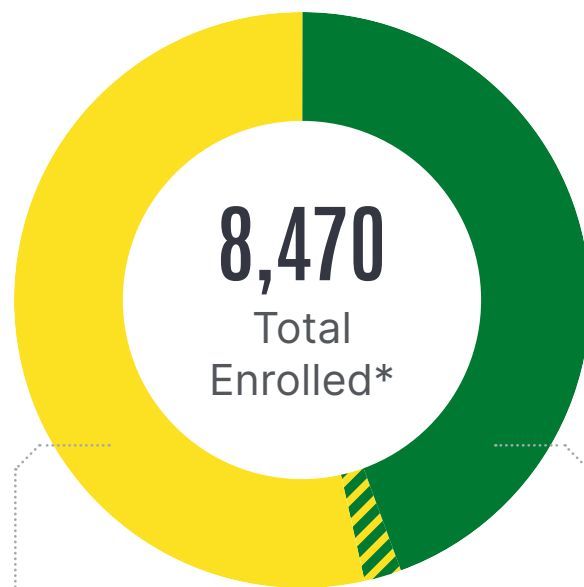
Feedback suggested the way we recruit, onboard, and serve our short-term workforce and Adult Basic Education students did not meet current needs. Specifically, these students are not served by dedicated enrollment and advising staff as our credit students are and thus frequently “self-advise,” relying on deans and administrative staff for assistance. As post-pandemic demand for short-term workforce education continues to grow, this outdated service model is inadequate to serve all students appropriately.

In 2024, the College began developing a new service model—known as One Front Door—to achieve parity in service to students. To prepare for this change, a cross-representative group of faculty and staff participated in an ideation workshop led by Bryan Mattimore, co-founder of the Growth Engine Company. From this, an approach for the One Front Door work was developed, and an appointed steering committee is now working on the model design.

When fully implemented, all students, regardless of their education interests, will receive the same onboarding and advising services, and the College’s capacity to provide the right support will broaden. Coupled with internal crosswalks between credit and short-term workforce courses, students will easily be able to get the “just-in-time” skills they need and keep their options open for employment, longer-term education, and credentials.

Pictured: Some of our 2023-2024 Student Government Association officers gather in our Main Campus courtyard

The Year in Numbers



4,709 Students in Continuing Education and Literacy Programs

4,118 in Occupational & Industry Training, Small Business Center, Personal Enrichment

637 in Adult Basic Skills, ESL, and HS Equivalency

3,938 Students in Curriculum Programs

600 Curriculum Graduates

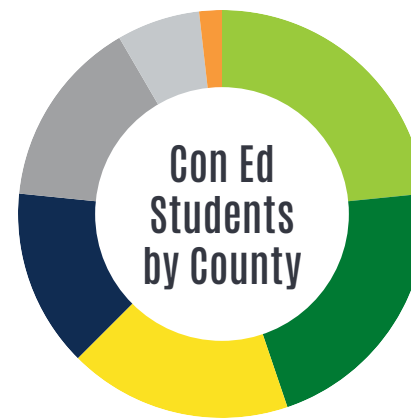
466 Associate Degrees

68 Diplomas

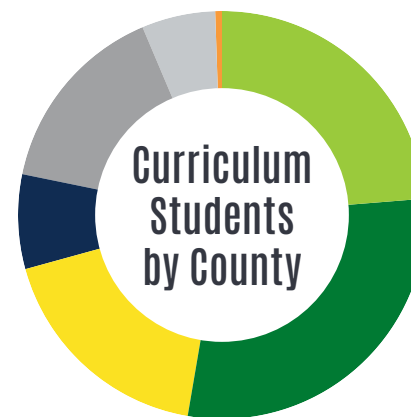
131 Certificates

* Student total is not the sum of the two subtotals because some students took both Curriculum and Continuing Education/Literacy courses during this academic year.

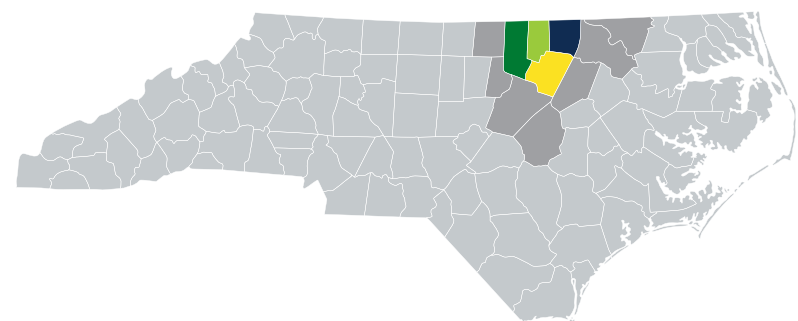
Graduate data (7/1/23 – 6/30/24) obtained from Colleague as of 6/6/24. Enrollment data obtained from North Carolina Community College System Report/Colleague.



Vance County	23.40%
Granville County	21.40%
Franklin County	17.70%
Warren County	14.10%
Adjacent Counties	15.00%
Other NC Counties	6.60%
Non-NC Residents	1.80%



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Warren County	7.49%
Adjacent Counties	15.41%
Other NC Counties	5.84%
Non-NC Residents	0.53%



Scan to view more detailed student data



Future Advanced Manufacturing Center

VGCC is growing! The College received an \$11.5 million allocation in the 2023-2024 State Budget to build a center for advanced manufacturing in eastern Granville County, thanks to an allocation request sponsored by Representative Frank Sossamon and supported by Reps. Matthew Winslow and Lisa Barnes. Reps. Sossamon and Winslow each represent part of Granville County, while all three represent other portions of the College's service area. The request also received bipartisan support from Senator Mary Wills Bode, representing Granville County and part of Wake County. [Note: Officials and districts reflect the state's legislative map at the time of the allocation. They may have changed by time of publication.]

Granville County Economic Development, the Triangle North Board, and the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments joined to set aside 10.25 acres in the Triangle North Granville business park for the project near Interstate 85. Granville County and Vance-Granville's Board of Trustees have allocated additional construction funding.

"We've been trying this for seven years, actively trying to get a center for advanced manufacturing," noted President Dr. Rachel Desmarais. "This building...embodies our collaborative approach in bringing multiple counties, economic developers, educational institutions, for-profit businesses, and non-profit institutions together to positively contribute to our region's economic and social wellbeing."

An investment of this magnitude sends a strong message to current and future manufacturing stakeholders that the region values the manufacturing sector, supports growth and innovation, and increases employee value. The future Vance-Granville Applied Technical Center for Advanced Manufacturing will support industry training needs in areas such as industrial maintenance, mechatronics, electronics, welding, and fabrication; serve as an advanced manufacturing company recruitment benefit; and support education partnerships.

Facility construction is currently projected to be completed in 2026.



The Spirit of Collaboration

The North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) offers a sweeping portfolio of initiatives designed to train workers for new careers and help companies develop workers already on the job. Because those apprenticeships and courses are offered by individual colleges with defined service areas, it's not always simple for those institutions to work across borders—but during the 2023-2024 academic year, Vance-Granville found many opportunities to work with NCCCS sister colleges to support our communities better.

One such occasion came in September 2023 with the groundbreaking AdvanceNC coalition, pictured above. Ten community colleges, two state universities, and six regional workforce development boards formally united to develop expert workers for an exploding number of advanced manufacturing companies spanning an 18-county region.

See the adjacent page to learn about additional program partnerships VGCC signed this year to equip local learners for impactful careers.



Richmond Community College

In October 2023, VGCC signed an agreement allowing students to enroll in RichmondCC's online 911 Communications & Operations degree program. The program standardizes statewide training for emergency telecommunicators and elevates a crucial career field.



Piedmont Community College

In December 2023, VGCC and PCC established a Level-Two Instructional Service Agreement for Cybersecurity, signifying a comprehensive collaboration to share resources, faculty expertise, and instructional support to develop work-ready talent. As part of the agreement, PCC Cybersecurity faculty provides on-campus instruction at VGCC.



Fayetteville Tech

In January 2024, we partnered with FTCC on an innovative hybrid program to offer Funeral Service Education in our service area. VGCC students can take general courses locally before applying to transfer into FTCC's program, only traveling to Fayetteville to learn or demo certain practical skills. The program will create a skilled workforce for locally owned businesses.



Honoring our Leaders

Vance-Granville celebrated with President Dr. Rachel Desmarais this year when the Triangle Business Journal named her one of its 2024 Women in Business Awards winners. She and her fellow recipients were honored during the month of March at a ceremony in Raleigh.

For nearly three decades, the TBJ Women in Business Awards have celebrated women in the Triangle region who are dynamic and outstanding leaders, with established track records of significant accomplishments in business and community service. By including President Desmarais among their honorees, Triangle Business Journal underscored her commitment to supporting local communities and economies through a highly skilled workforce.



Congratulations to Vice President Chris Pearce (above center), who successfully completed his Doctor of Education in Community College Leadership at NC State University in May 2024! A veteran of the state's community college system, Dr. Pearce officially became our Vice President of Institutional Research & Technology in October 2023 after having served as interim vice president since the preceding July.



Vance-Granville Community College has made a name for itself well beyond our four-county service area! Dr. Jerry Edmonds III, VGCC's Vice President of Workforce & Community Engagement, represented the College at West Virginia University at Parkersburg when he was invited to be the keynote speaker for their 2024 commencement.

VGCC CDL Goes Independent

When Vance-Granville Community College welcomed a new group of students into its Truck Driver Training program in January 2024, the College reached a remarkable milestone.

Also known as CDL (“commercial driver license”), Vance-Granville’s Truck Driver Training program debuted in early 2020. It launched through a partnership with Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute, which already had an established trucking program. For the better part of four years, CCC&TI was closely involved in each nine-week CDL session, sharing resources, expertise, and even instructors who regularly traveled to Henderson from the western part of our state. But by late 2023, VGCC finally met all the faculty criteria for its program to ride solo.

An independent VGCC trucking program provides a major advantage to our students. Conducting the program entirely in-house lowers the overall cost of running the program—a difference reflected in the course’s tuition. With possible scholarships on top of reduced costs, the road to a successful trucking career is more accessible to many local learners than ever before!

CDL students learn through a variety of methods, from online studies to behind-the-wheel instruction. This includes time in the classroom, learning pre-trip and backing maneuvers on the range, and safety precautions for the open road. A total of 292 VGCC students have successfully completed the program as of this report’s printing.

Pictured: Vance-Granville Truck Driver Training students celebrate during their respective graduation ceremonies, which took place October 2023 (top), March 2024 (middle), and May 2024 (bottom).



Scan the QR code to learn more about Truck Driver Training at VGCC and register for upcoming courses



Accelerating toward Success



Congratulations to former Vanguard Sontisha Jordan! She was one of 69 individuals recognized at the inaugural Accelerate NC Career Celebration in May 2024. The event honored those who had recently secured life sciences jobs after successfully completing BioWork, a certificate program that teaches the fundamentals of working as a process technician in biotechnology, pharmaceutical, or chemical manufacturing facilities. Vance-Granville Community College is one of just 13 North Carolina community colleges to offer the program.

The successful Accelerate NC – Life Sciences Manufacturing coalition is the result of a sizeable U.S. Economic Development Administration “Build Back Better” Regional Challenge grant awarded in fall 2022. VGCC received approximately \$1.75 million from the grant to enhance its Biotech program. Those funds have been well spent, preparing students like Sontisha for a fulfilling new career in about two months.

While the short-term BioWork program provides a fast track to the life sciences field, Vance-Granville students also have the option to dig deeper. BioWork graduates may transition to the College’s Biotechnology associate degree program and receive credit for the work they already completed in the shorter program.

Pictured top: Pathway Navigator Morris Dillard (left) joins honoree Sontisha Jordan at the inaugural Accelerate NC Career Celebration.

Pictured bottom: BioWork graduates honored at the Accelerate NC Career Celebration on May 7, 2024. Sontisha Jordan is pictured right of center and toward the back, partially obscured by a cluster of attendees wearing red T-shirts.

Photos courtesy of NC Biotech





VGCC Textbook+ Program

Vance-Granville has made course materials more affordable and accessible for students with its VGCC Textbook+ initiative, which launched during the spring 2024 semester. The new program helps students save hundreds of dollars per semester on textbooks and course materials. Students are also spared the time and effort of hunting down those materials on their own, meaning they can step into a new semester feeling prepared, confident, and ready to learn.

The new VGCC Textbook+ initiative provides Cengage Unlimited Institutional subscriptions to students, which allows first-day access to a virtual library of thousands of e-books, online learning platforms, and study materials in one place at a single price.

“With textbook prices rising every year, VGCC wants to help students with the cost as much as possible,” said Dr. Kim Sepich, VGCC’s Vice President of Learning, Student Engagement & Success. “We want our students to have what they need as quickly and as economically as possible. VGCC Textbook+ makes this happen.”

All curriculum students are automatically included in VGCC Textbook+, but participation is not mandatory. Students may opt out at the start of each term and purchase required materials in the way that best suits their situation. All course materials continue to be available at the Vance-Granville Bookstore.

VGCC Drama Returns

When student actors returned to the Vance-Granville stage during the 2023-2024 academic year, it was a moment four years in the making.

Toward the end of the spring 2024 semester, VGCC Drama presented its production of David Auburn’s “Proof,” winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play. This riveting play was the first performed in person at the College since the disruptions of the 2019-2020 academic year. It was also the first production to utilize the Henderson campus’s newly-renovated Small Auditorium.

The show featured four student actors: SGA President Micah Jones as “Robert,” Saylor Gray as “Catherine,” JayAnn Gupton as “Claire,” and Andrew Arnott as “Hal.” The crew included Aidan Bowen on props and makeup, Morgan Burnett on sound, Chania Miller on lighting, KB Wiggs as stage manager, and Riley Stone as assistant stage manager.

The all-student cast and crew worked under the direction of Betsy Henderson, the College’s Department Chair of Fine Arts & Humanities.

Audiences can expect new VGCC Drama productions to hit the stage during the 2024-2025 academic year. Visit VGCC.edu/calendar to learn more about upcoming campus events.



A New Way to Enroll On-the-Go

When your service area is as large as the state of Rhode Island, local learners with limited transportation could have a difficult time traveling to campus and meeting Admissions staff face-to-face—but during the 2023-2024 academic year, the enrollment process got a lot more convenient for potential VGCC students!

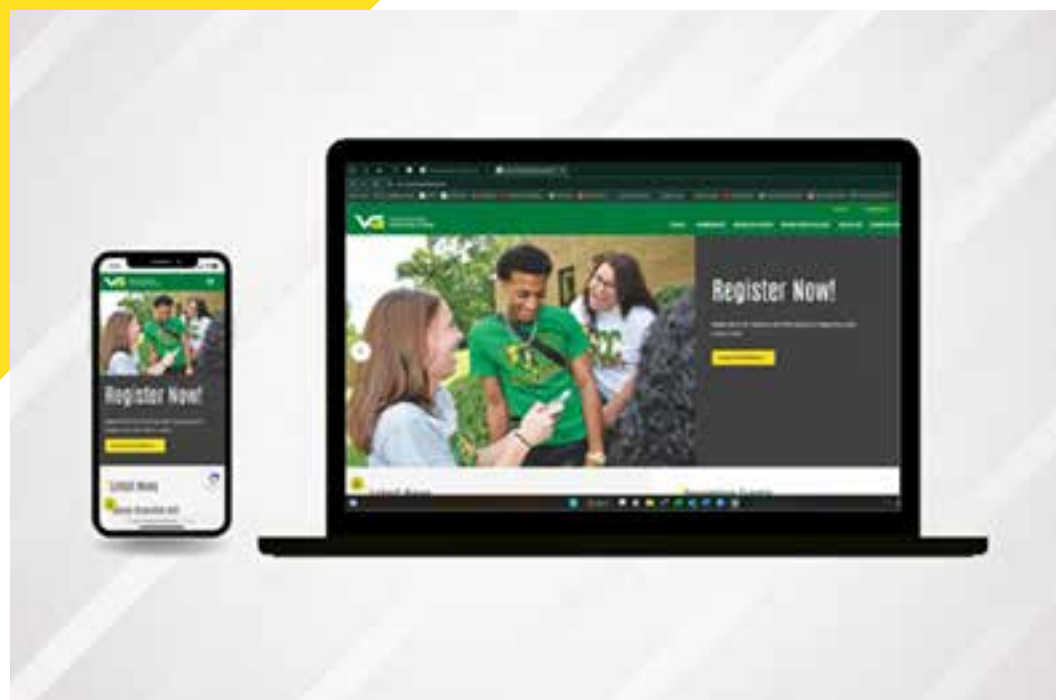
After Vance-Granville received a donated bus from local partner KARTS (Kerr Area Transportation Authority) in late 2023, a team of VGCC staff started dreaming big and working hard to turn the vehicle into something special. On April 9, 2024, the College officially unveiled the newly renovated VGCC On-the-Go Bus.

This mobile office empowers College faculty and staff to meet future students where they are, literally. Now it's easier than ever for Admissions staff and other College representatives to head into the community and provide our neighbors with the tools they need to achieve their educational and career goals. To make it even better, guests can help themselves to a snack during their visit!

This is not the first time Vance-Granville Community College and KARTS have teamed up to make a college education more accessible. Since January 2020, the two organizations have partnered to provide students with rides to and from the College's four campuses. Through grant funds and donations to The VGCC Foundation, these rides are provided at no cost to the student.

Bottom photo, pictured left to right: Allison Pegram of KARTS, VGCC President Rachel Desmarais, and Zelodis Jay of the Granville County Board of Commissioners at the bus's ribbon-cutting ceremony.





A Fresh Online Experience

Just days after the spring semester ended, Vance-Granville unveiled its long-anticipated website relaunch. Since the site serves as a gateway to the College for many, it was crucial for its redesign to be clean, focused, and easy to navigate. Thanks to Webmaster Ashley Pendergrass and partner Springer Studios for all their hard work in bringing this vision to life!

(If something about the new VGCC.edu seems familiar, you've got the right idea—the fresh appearance directly inspired the design of this year's annual report.)

Pictured on opposite page: No amount of rain could dampen the atmosphere at our spring commencement. Congratulations to the 528 curriculum graduates in the Class of 2024! Photos by Jeronica Alston.





23-24 Academic Excellence Award

Every year, each of the 58 institutions of the North Carolina Community College System selects one student to receive the NCCCS Academic Excellence Award. To be eligible, students must be currently enrolled, have completed at least 12 semester hours in a curriculum degree program, and have a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.25. Vance-Granville is proud to recognize Tia Evans as its 2023-2024 Academic Excellence Award winner!

Tia desired to be a nurse from childhood, and 20 years later, that dream came to fruition through Vance-Granville Community College. She graduated from Northern Vance High School and later from Winston-Salem State University. As a first-generation college student, Tia decided to return to college and pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. She started her journey at Vance-Granville Community College in 2021 and was the top of her Nurse Aide class. She then received a letter of recommendation for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program, becoming one of our top-performing nursing students and a peer tutor for the program.

Tia was also very active in student life as a Student Ambassador, a Student Government Association Senator, and a member of the Student Nurse Association. Tia told us that her goal of becoming a nurse came from her passion for helping others. She graduated from the VGCC Associate Degree Nursing program in May 2024.



Feeling inspired by Tia's story? Scan the adjacent QR code to get career-ready in one of our Health Sciences programs.



The Faces of Public Service

At Vance-Granville, we are proud to educate and support the next generation of essential workers in our communities. We honor these students at program-specific pinning and graduation ceremonies which take place independently from our annual spring convocation. Please join us in congratulating 2023-2024 graduates of our Health Sciences and Public Safety programs, some of whom are seen here!

Pictured: BLET Class 117, Radiography, Practical Nursing, Detention Officer Certification, Medical Assisting, and Associate Degree Nursing



2023-2024 Staff Awards



Faculty Member of the Year

Erin Folz

Mathematics Professor



Staff Member of the Year

Jason Snelling

Academic Skills Center Coordinator



Game Changer Award

sponsored by Duke Energy

Leslie Hurt

Sociology Instructor



Mission Possible Award

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Jennie Davis

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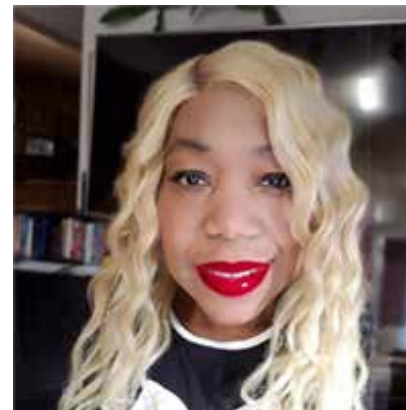


President's Leadership Award

sponsored by Duke Energy

Stephanie Tolbert

*Dean of Business, Applied
Technologies & Public Services*



Star Service Award

sponsored by Duke Energy

Lora Durham

*Outreach & Adult Student
Support Coach*



Vanguard Cup Award

Basic Law Enforcement
Training Program (BLET)

*Pictured: Brandon Bishop,
VGCC Director of BLET/LET*

Staff Milestones

Vance-Granville thanks all those who have dedicated years of service towards our students and communities! The following faculty and staff were recognized for service milestones during the College's annual employee convocation in August 2023.

30 Years of Service

Ricky Small

25 Years of Service

Dan Bender

Andy Grissom

Pamela Harris

20 Years of Service

Christan Melvin

15 Years of Service

Frances Hargrove

Elisa Rodwell

10 Years of Service

Brandy Bowling
Jason Bryan
Emily Coburn
Cathy Davis

Curtis Henderson
Evangeline Mitchell
Candy Parker

David Ramey
Jonathan Sparks
Rebecca Stewart
Natasha Thompson

5 Years of Service

Emily Abbott
Jemal Alston
Christiana Bamigbade
Sara Bell

James Boone
Elvin Curtis
Jamie Davis

Adam Garrett
Jimmie Holloman
Brande McIlroy
Ashley Roberson



Being in the dark is usually not a good feeling. It often brings feelings of uncertainty, fear, and a feeling of panic. We feel a lack of control, fear of the unknown, and fear of what we can't see.

Darkness is defined as a lack of illumination or an absence of visible light; we can't see what direction we need to go or what's going on around us. But when just a small amount of light is shined into that darkness, not only is our way illuminated, but that light is spread to those around us. We gravitate towards the sources of light in that darkness, and our feelings of fear and panic begin to ease. The more light in the room, the easier it is to see and to find our way. When light is present, the darkness doesn't feel so powerful anymore.

More light, scattered in different parts of a room, diffuses the effect of the darkness. When we help our students, whether we're a donor, volunteer, faculty or staff, we are like lights scattered around a room.

We are hope. We are encouragement. We are understanding. We are revelation—all synonyms of light.

Light creates rainbows after storms, beacons that guide lost ships, and sparks that ignite curiosity. We have this same impact on our students in various ways: by sharing an encouraging word or a smile, by offering a helping hand when they don't know where to go or what kind of help is available, and by giving to those resources that are in place to assist our students with various needs.

This is why we chose to make our theme for this year "Be the Light in a Student's Life." Each light in a dark room makes a difference, and each of us, no matter how big or small our light is, makes a difference in the lives of our students and our college.

At The VGCC Foundation, it is our responsibility to raise funds to help students reach their goals and support a broad range of special projects in our community. There are several ways we do this: by encouraging generous planned giving, cultivating transformational grants, planning fundraising events, and welcoming individual gifts from our supportive friends within the community. If we do our job well, then the trust you place in us is well spent.

For generations, with The Foundation's dedicated assistance, VGCC has been able to touch the lives of so many students. Thank you for allowing us to provide the communities we serve with the finest student support possible.



Tanya S. Weary,
VGCCF Executive Director



The VGCC Foundation

Pitch for the Skilled Trades

In October 2023, teams from across the nation came together at the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) Annual Conference to compete in NACCE's Pitch for the Skilled Trades competition, sponsored by the Philip E. & Carole R. Ratcliffe Foundation. This annual competition offers faculty, staff, and leadership from NACCE member colleges the chance to pitch to a panel of judges and potentially win funding. Competitive projects are those demonstrating the greatest economic impact on the local level with respect to jobs created, employment obtained, income earned, and businesses launched.

As a result of their successful pitch, the team from Vance-Granville Community College won \$40,000 to purchase an ABB Collaborative Flex Trainer STEM Education Machine (Mobile Robotic Training Unit). This mobile device will travel to different Vance-Granville programs as well as area manufacturing companies, teaching students and the local workforce how to program robotic manufacturing equipment. The programming class takes just one week, and participants will earn a certificate upon completion.

Vance-Granville Community College has a history of successes in NACCE's pitch contests. At the 2022 conference, teams from Vance-Granville won \$60,000 in funding across two competitions, in addition to NACCE's 2022 Entrepreneurial College of the Year Award.

Center photo, pictured left to right: Dean Stephanie Tolbert performs as a robot in Vance-Granville's winning pitch skit. She is joined by Grants Administrator Ken Wilson, along with Tanya Weary and Sheri Jones of The VGCC Foundation. Photos from NACCE.



Watch Our Food Pantry Grow

Something new sprung up at the Vance-Granville Community College Henderson campus during the spring and summer of 2024!

The VGCC Foundation introduced a new vegetable garden this year, which provided fresh produce to supplement the nonperishable items on our food pantry shelves. Under the diligent care of VGCCF Food Pantry Assistant Angie Douglas, the garden saw a bountiful harvest of tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots, greens, and more. The addition of pollinator flowers did a beautiful job of attracting butterflies and bees to the space.

This endeavor was made possible with the support of Swipe Out Hunger, the leading nonprofit addressing hunger among college students. The College officially became a Swipe Out Hunger partner in January 2024, when the organization awarded The VGCC Foundation a \$6,000 grant to help combat food insecurity through healthy food and snack options.

The VGCC food pantry provides quality foods such as meats, baking goods, and vegetables to current students and employees experiencing food insecurity. Other helpful products such as toiletries and household items may also be available. Learn more by visiting VGCC.edu/food-pantry or by emailing VGCCFoodPantry@VGCC.edu.

Center photo, pictured left to right: VGCCF Associate Director Sheri Jones, Food Pantry Assistant Angie Douglas, and VGCCF Executive Director Tanya Weary



Scan the QR code to learn more about the VGCC food pantry, including its location and hours of operation





Inaugural VGCCF Tasting Gala & Silent Auction

In April 2024, The VGCC Foundation hosted a Wine & Beer Tasting Gala and Silent Auction at beautiful HighRock Farms in Oxford, the first event of its kind for the organization. HighRock Farms, owned by Beth and Dave Hollister, also acted as the event's primary sponsor.

Titled "Be the Light In a Student's Life," the event served to benefit students facing unforeseen financial crises. Unexpected burdens can easily derail some of our students—but by having a stocked food pantry, emergency assistance options, and transportation vouchers, The VGCC Foundation helps meet students' basic needs and steps in when the unexpected threatens their academic progress.

The evening began with a program showcasing students who have benefited from donor contributions; VGCC students and the Oxford Preparatory School Jazz Band provided further entertainment. An array of wineries served their signature beverages, and Tobacco Wood Brewing Co. showcased their craft beers. In addition, a variety of silent auction items were available for bidding throughout the gala.

Mark your calendars now for the 2025 event scheduled for April 5! Contact the VGCCF office for more information or purchase tickets.

2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

During its 2023 Scholarship Awards Luncheon, The VGCC Foundation honored Dr. Priscilla Chavis-Lockley of Creedmoor with its second annual Distinguished Alumni Award.

A VGCC alumna twice over, Dr. Chavis-Lockley was part of the first graduating class at our Henderson campus's current location, which opened in 1976. She ultimately went on to earn five additional college degrees, including a doctorate from NC State University.

It is no stretch to say that Chavis-Lockley has dedicated her life to education on all its levels. She worked in local schools for decades and even served as a part-time Communications instructor at Vance-Granville at one time. Since retiring from Vance County Schools in 2017, Chavis-Lockley has devoted her time to service. She is active on many boards, including VGCC's Basic Skills Advisory Board and the Creedmoor Parks & Recreation Committee. She also teaches quilting at the Oxford Housing Authority.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Priscilla Chavis-Lockley, VGCCF Executive Director Tanya Weary, and VGCC adjunct professor Andrew Beal, who submitted the award nomination



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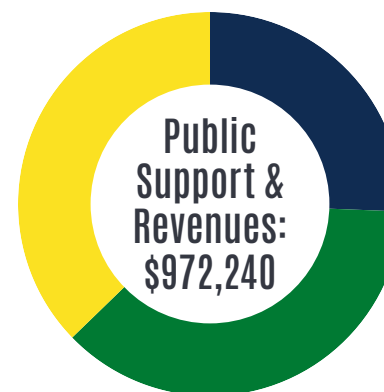
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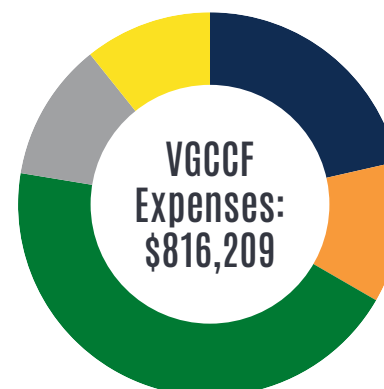
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Cash Gifts & Contributions	
\$249,122.....	25.62%
In-Kind Contributions	
\$360,952.....	37.13%
Investment Income Contribution for Scholarships*	
\$362,166	37.25%



Scholarships+	
\$175,037.....	21.45%
Program & Institutional Support	
\$97,123	11.90%
In-Kind Expenses	
\$361,203	44.25%
Student Assistance Expenses	
\$95,228.....	11.67%
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\$87,618	10.73%

Total Net Assets: \$10,542,625 (Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/24)



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+ This amount reflects the scholarships awarded from the total funds available for scholarship payouts per the spending policy. Any remaining available funds are reinvested per investment policy.

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