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Save the Date!
ASUT Student
Recognition
Night Set for
Thursday, May 3



The stars will shine at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 3, 2012**, when the Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer department will recognize student accomplishments for the year. "It's one of the best nights of the year, when we celebrate the achievements of students who have completed the AA or AS degree and those who have been accepted at some of the best universities in the country," said Dr. Thomas Gould, dean of Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer. Student Recognition Night serves as a chance for the department to honor its best and brightest. The event is held in the **Educational Resources Center** auditorium.

This year's alumni speaker will be **Emily Vargas**, who graduated with an Associate in Arts degree and the Community Spanish Facilitator certificate from Durham Tech before earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler School of Business. Emily is an audit associate for KPMG LLP in Raleigh.

All students who will graduate in May with the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in General Education degree, those completing the Transfer Core Diploma, and those transferring to a four-year school in the fall are encouraged to attend. Family members and other supporters are welcome to attend both the ceremony and the reception that follows. Please contact Brenda Cleary in Phillips 313 and let her know where you've been accepted, so we can recognize your accomplishment!

Meredith College Signs NCICU Articulation Agreement, Offers Transfer Scholarships for Community College Students

In honor of Meredith College's recent signing of the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU)

Articulation Agreement with the North Carolina

Community College System, Meredith is introducing new and significant transfer scholarship for students transferring from a North Carolina community college in Fall 2012.

Students who complete an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree can now enter Meredith College as juniors and can register early for classes with the Meredith junior class.

A recent press release reports that "Meredith is providing new incentive scholarships for women who successfully complete their community college studies. In addition to need-based financial assistance that is available to all students coming to Meredith, several key grants and scholarships have been earmarked specifically for students who transfer from the North Carolina Community College System."

The incentive scholarships are attractive: students who transfer with the A.A. or A.S. degree and a minimum 3.0 GPA are eligible for \$10,000 per year for their junior and senior years at Meredith. Students who transfer with just the Core 44 credit hours and a 3.0 GPA or higher -- without completing an associate's degree -- are eligible for \$5,000 per year. The bottom line is that completing the associate's degree makes

community college students eligible for twice as much scholarship money next year (and in their senior year) at Meredith than in previous years.

In addition, Meredith offers a \$5,000 per year Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, for up to three years, for students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and have at least 30 hours of transfer credit. Durham Tech chartered its chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in October 2011, and one Durham Tech student who transferred in January to

Meredith is already receiving the Phi Theta Kappa scholarship there. So,

Phi Theta Kappa members from Durham Tech who graduate with an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to receive \$15,000 per year for their junior and senior years at Meredith. That makes

going to Meredith, which is ranked third on the 2012 *U.S. News & World Report*

list of the South's Best Regional Colleges, much more affordable for community college students in North Carolina. For more information, call 919-760-8581 or email admissions@meredith.edu.



Cricket McCoy, Assistant Director of Admissions at Meredith College, comes to Durham Tech's campus regularly to answer prospective transfer students' questions. She serves on the Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer Program Advisory Committee.

Visit the Virtual Transfer Center
at www.durhamtech.edu/transfer

“Lucky” Poetry Hour Participants Experience Celtic History, Lure, Music



In their March 19 presentation of “Poetry of the Emerald Isle from Amergin to Seamus Heaney,” Susan and Dillon Wilson created a smorgasbord of sensory pleasures. They, along with Developmental Math chair Vernon Bridges and Center for Academic Excellence director Karen Jackson, entertained a packed room of students, staff, and faculty with stories about early Celtic conquests, lure about Celtic symbols such as the shamrock, and music written to poems by William Butler Yeats. The Wilsons brought along books about Irish poetry and Celtic history for participants to peruse and debuted a video prepared by instructor of Student Success Kerry Cantwell on Yeats’s “Easter 1916.”

ΦΘΚ Launches Speaker Series, Holds Spring Induction, and Walks for DTCC Dreamkeepers



Durham Tech’s Beta Tau Phi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (ΦΘΚ) Honor Society hosted its first lecture in what will become an annual Speaker Series on Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. in the Collins Auditorium.

Instructor of Communications, Dr. Jason Moldoff, presented “Why are These Men Laughing?” – an informative lecture on the theories and uses of humor in political campaigns.

Thirty-five new ΦΘΚ members were inducted on Friday, March 16, 2012, bringing the total number of active and currently enrolled members to 60. Pictured below are some of the new members, along with chapter vice president, Natalia Serediuc (far left) and student senate representative Haman Nassabzadeh (second from left).



ΦΘΚ members also participated in the Great Human Race on March 24 to help the Durham Tech Foundation raise money for the Dreamkeepers emergency assistance fund.

Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, April 16

WebAdvisor opens for students who have seen an advisor and had their advising restrictions lifted. Open dates vary based on the number of completed credit hours a student has.

ASUT Department to Take Part in Orange County Campus Information Session



Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend an information session at Durham Tech’s Orange County Campus on **Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Students can learn about earning their Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees for seamless transfer to four-year institutions, get information on Health Technologies and Career

and Technical programs, and begin taking enrollment steps. Information on the financial aid process will also be available, and Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer faculty will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, see

www.durhamtech.edu/orange.

Duke PFF Participant and Durham Tech Adjunct Wins Teaching Award

Shannon McDermott, a Ph.D. candidate in Genetics and Genomics at Duke University, has been named a recipient of the Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching by the Graduate School at Duke. Shannon has participated in Duke’s Preparing Future Faculty program, which pairs graduate students with faculty mentors at four-year colleges and community colleges to hone their teaching and classroom management skills. After being mentored by Dr. Dorothy Wood, Instructor of Biology at Durham Tech, Shannon has gone on to become an outstanding adjunct instructor here. Congratulations, Shannon!



Aerospace Scholars Applications Due

National Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) is a program funded by NASA’s Exploration Systems Mission Directorate (ESMD) and the Minority University Research and Education Program (MUREP) and administered by NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC). Community college students interested in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics can apply to travel to NASA for a three-day experience, including a hands-on project. Selected students begin the semester commitment with web-based preparation prior to their onsite visit. The only cost to the student is a \$30 registration fee; NASA covers travel (up to \$700), food, and lodging.

For instructions on applying, visit:
ncas.aerospacescholars.org/apply.

