



More New Resources from the Virtual Transfer Center!

Durham Tech's **Transfer Center** (Phillips 303) is a valuable resource for all students. Marsha Cupitt staffs the center approximately 20 hours per week, making available useful resources, such as information about transfer to other colleges and universities and details about articulation and bilateral agreements that DTCC has with these institutions. Visitors may also learn more about the pre-majors offered at Durham Tech. Cupitt is available to assist students in browsing college and university web sites as they make decisions about their programs of study and make future college choices.

In addition, the Transfer Center maintains a **Virtual Transfer Center** link from the Durham Tech home page (see below). Students can find plans of study, "crosswalks" that identify course equivalencies between Durham Tech and popular four-year colleges in North Carolina, links to the admissions pages of area schools, and more – all from their home computers or wherever else they have Internet access.

This semester, the Virtual Transfer Center has a glossary of common terms associated with the University Transfer program, a link to the revised University Transfer Handbook, and Information on Career Studies – including Business, Education, Engineering, and Nursing – at Durham Tech and area universities. Visit Durham Tech's Virtual Transfer Center at <http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer/index.htm> or stop by Phillips 303 to make an appointment with Marsha Cupitt.

NC Community College System Gives Thumbs Up to Durham Tech University Transfer Program

Durham Tech received high marks in the recently released 2010 North Carolina Community College System's Critical Success Factors report to the NC General Assembly and the state's

citizens. The Critical Success Factors indicate how well the state's 58 community colleges are

meeting statewide performance measures and serving students, business and industry, and the community. Colleges may receive additional funding for high performance on some success measures.

Specifically, "**Performance of College Transfer Students**" results affirm the strength of Durham Tech's Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer program. DTCC University Transfer students continued to perform well at four-year University of North Carolina System institutions. In the 2010 report, 89 percent of DTCC transfer students had a grade point average (GPA) higher than 2.0 after one year at a UNC System institution. The state standard is 83 percent, and the community college system average is 85 percent.

In addition, student satisfaction with the quality of the college's programs and services was 92 percent. The college



also received a 93 percent approval rating for customized training to area companies and agencies. The statewide standard for both of these measures is 90 percent.

Remember to Stay Connected to Durham Tech with **ConnectMail**

Now that all Durham Tech students have their own email addresses through the College's ConnectMail service, the College has greater ability to remind you about events, news, and changes, and YOU have a personal reminder system to alert you to registration dates and other news that can make your academic life easier. Be sure to check your ConnectMail account regularly to see if your instructor has sent an email about assignments, to find out when it's time to meet with your academic advisor to plan for registration, or to receive notice about your admissions status. What's more, waitlist notifications only happen through ConnectMail. If your name comes up on the waitlist, you'll have 24 hours from the time a notice is sent to your ConnectMail account to register and pay for that course. If you don't check ConnectMail, you might miss your window of opportunity to register for a class you really want to take.

Stay aware, be in-the-know, and get connected to Durham Tech. Check your ConnectMail account regularly.

TransferTimesTips



Start the semester off on the right foot by being on time for all your classes. Instructors often distribute critical information during the first few minutes of class. Show up early so you are settled and ready to absorb the information you need to succeed.

Upcoming Campus Recruiter Visits and Local College Information Events

Students interested in learning more about undergraduate transfer admission, financial aid, and student services at any of the following schools are encouraged to take advantage of these information sessions. The schools listed have provided this information to Durham Tech; students interested in other schools should visit their admissions pages (see links to area schools at the Durham Tech Virtual Transfer Center site) for details on their information events.

At Durham Tech:

St. Leo University

September 20 (Monday) 10:30-12:30
Outside of the TLC (Phillips 325)

At Area Colleges/Universities:

UNC-Greensboro

Next Information Session
September 28 (Tuesday)

For a list of UNC-G's ongoing information sessions and details about time/location, see

<http://web.uncg.edu/adm/programs/infosession/default.asp>.



North Carolina Central University

North Carolina Central University encourages students to come for a tour of the campus.

Group tours are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00am, 11:00am and 2:00pm. **Family tours**

are given Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am and 2:00pm. Tour requests are handled on a first-come, first-served basis, and two weeks notice is required for families/groups of 1-75 people. Groups of more than 75 people must submit a request at least 30 days in advance. To sign up, go to <http://www.nccu.edu/formsdocs/campustour.cfm>



C-STEP Information Sessions in August and September

Are you a bright, motivated student who wants to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill but are wondering how you will afford it?

C-STEP, the Carolina Student

Transfer Excellence Program for high-achieving, low- to moderate-income Durham Tech students who wish to transfer to UNC-Chapel Hill, will soon accept applications for a new cohort. C-STEP participants receive additional advising at both Durham Tech and UNC-CH and potential financial assistance, along with opportunities for other social and academic activities to help ease their transition to the university.

Come to an information session about the opportunities available through C-STEP to see if you are eligible to apply for the program.

C-STEP information sessions will be held in Phillips 325 (the Teaching-Learning Center) at the following times:

Monday, August 23, 12 noon
Tuesday, August 24, 5 p.m.
Monday, September 13, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, September 14, 12 noon

For more information about C-STEP, see the College's website at <http://www.durhamtech.edu/html/prspective/programsofstudy/asut/cstep.htm> or visit Mary Marsha Cupitt, C-STEP Advisor, in Phillips 303.



Piedmont Laureate, Zelda Lockhart, Will Conduct Writing Workshop on Campus

Local novelist and 2010 Piedmont Laureate **Zelda Lockhart** will be on campus for two events with Durham Tech students. She will read from her new novel, *Fifth Born 2: The Hundredth Turtle*, and host a question and answer session afterward, on Wednesday, October 6, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the ERC Auditorium.

Lockhart will conduct a writing workshop on Wednesday, October 6, from 11:00 to 12:00 in the Multi-purpose Room of the Wynn Center.

Lockhart says she will cover three "Jump Starter Exercises" that can help writers "go from a mundane brain to being in 'the zone' of inspiration in less than 60 seconds. Each Jump Starter Exercise results in a 10-minute writing moment to produce creativity from your core."

The events are sponsored by the Durham Tech Vive/Viva the Arts Committee. Learn more about Lockhart and her books at <http://www.zeldalockhart.com/>

Science Seminars Start in September

The Science faculty at Durham Tech will sponsor the first of their Science Seminars for this academic year on Wednesday, September 15, at 3:30 in the Collins Auditorium. The speaker will be Dr. Pat Halpin, Associate Professor of Marine Geospatial Ecology and Director of the Geospatial Ecology Program at Duke University. Dr. Halpin worked with Google in their virtual mapping of the ocean. Refreshments will be served in the lobby of the auditorium at 3:00.

Look for the next *Transfer Times* in September...
