



# The Transfer Times



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## Academic Achievement, Leadership Honored at ASUT Student Recognition Night



At its annual Student Recognition Night on Thursday, May 5, the Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer department honored **Donna McNally** with the Dr. Maria Fraser-Molina Dean's Award for outstanding academic performance, leadership, and contribution to the Durham Tech community.

**Faren Ange** won the Outstanding Associate in Arts Student plaque, while **Tamra Franklin, Chris Hart, and Bronson Hissom** received certificates for AA Academic Achievement. **Shogo Kimura** won the Outstanding Associate in Science Student plaque, while **Warren Bealer, George Coan, Amy Kovick, and Mohammad Nassabzadeh** received certificates for AS Academic Achievement.

Members of the Student Math League were honored for their strong performance this year. **C-STEP (Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program)** participants and ASUT students involved in Durham Tech's Year of Service also were recognized. Excellence in Adjunct Instruction awards went to **June Rohrbach (Math)** and **Dell Tolin (Social Sciences)**. **Carlo Robustelli**, director of Durham Tech's Orange County Campus, received the Interdepartmental Recognition award for his invaluable assistance in promoting the ASUT department and program to students in Orange County. The ASUT department extends its congratulations and best wishes to all graduating and transferring students.

(See photos on back page.)

## Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer Department Launches Honors Program



Looking for ways to do more in-depth study in a particular course? Want to do an additional independent research project in a field related to your course and career interests? This fall, the ASUT Department will launch an Honors Program to offer advanced opportunities for learning, leadership, and service within the arts and sciences curriculum for academically motivated students. The Honors Program is designed to enrich students' experiences in the classroom, on campus, and in the community and to prepare them for future academic pursuits.

Since the Honors Program is new, the number of students accepted will be limited initially. Students will need to register for courses that are offering Honors Options to be eligible. Honors Options courses for Fall 2011 will be posted later in May. Interested students must be finished with all developmental course work before the semester in which they are applying for an Honors project. An academic reference letter is required also.

For more information, see [www.durhamtech.edu/honorsprogram](http://www.durhamtech.edu/honorsprogram).

## NASA's Community College Aerospace Scholars Program Looking for a Few Good Applicants

The National Community College Aerospace Scholars is a program funded by NASA's Exploration Systems Mission Directorate and the Minority University Research and

Education Program and administered by NASA Johnson Space Center. Community college students from across the nation who are interested in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics will apply to travel to NASA for a three-day experience. This opportunity will provide a hands-on project featuring engineering career possibilities. Selected students will 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.

Interested students must complete online applications by June 2, 2011. More information follows.

### What is NCAS?

An interactive, online learning experience where students complete Web-based lessons during the spring and travel to NASA for a three-day experience in late fall where they work with NASA engineers and scientists developing a proposal for a fictitious Martian rover.

### Who is Eligible?

Community college students (must be US citizens).



### Who pays for NCAS?

There is a one-time, non-refundable \$30 registration fee (due at the time of acceptance); all travel (up to \$700), room, and food is included.

### Student Benefits

- \* All-expense paid trip to NASA for workshop
- \* Network with other community college students from across the nation
- \* Discover career opportunities at NASA

For more information or to apply online, visit <http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov> or <https://events.jsc.nasa.gov/registration/NCAS/>

*The Transfer Times will be on hiatus for June and July. Look for the next issue in August 2011 - or read from our archives, available on the Virtual Transfer Center page at [www.durhamtech.edu/transfer](http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer).*

## 2011 Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer Student Recognition Night



The Honorable Michael J. Denning, District Court Judge, Wake County, 10<sup>th</sup> District and former DTCC

University Transfer student, offered advice for students transferring to four-year schools like his undergraduate alma mater, UNC-CH.



Above: Winners of Associate in Arts Awards are Tamra Franklin, Bronson Hissom, Christopher Hart, and Faren Ange (with Ms. Mancini and Mr. Slappy). Below: Winners of Associate in Science Awards are Warren Bealer, George Coan, Amy Kovick, Mohammad Nassabzadeh, and Shogo Kimura (with Ms. Spahr and Ms. Battle).



Above: Mr. Mansfield and the prize-winning Student Math League. Right: Donna McNally, winner of the Dr. Maria

Fraser-Molina Dean's Award with Dr. Thomas Gould, Dean of Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer.



## ASUT Graduates and Transferring Students: Keep In Touch Through the Durham Tech Alumni Association!

The Durham Tech Alumni Association offers graduates and transfers a wonderful resource for job searches and career services, social and professional networking connections, invitations to alumni gatherings and events, and discounts at local area restaurants and services. Join the Durham Tech Alumni Association today to stay connected:

[www.durhamtech.edu/alumni](http://www.durhamtech.edu/alumni).

## Extended Stay? You'll Have to Pay...

Did you know that the 16 schools in the UNC System will assess a surcharge (50%!) on tuition for students who take more than 140 degree credit hours to complete their undergraduate degree? This may mean that you will be assessed for courses you transfer to a senior institution that exceed the number of credits they allow for degree completion. Read more about these surcharges under "Possible Tuition Surcharges" on the UNC System web page, accessible through the Virtual Transfer Center web page at [www.durhamtech.edu/transfer](http://www.durhamtech.edu/transfer).

## Update: Computer Competency Requirement

Beginning this summer session, students may no longer request a waiver of the computer competency requirement for graduation from the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science programs. Students must meet the computer competency requirement in one of two ways: (1) satisfactorily complete the computer competency placement test that is offered in the Testing Center on the third floor of the Wynn

Center with an 80 percent or higher or (2) complete CIS 110 or CIS 115 with a grade of C or better.

In the past, some students have opted to pay for CIS 110 and then take the final test for "Credit by Examination" two weeks into the semester. CE (the grade for Credit by Examination) counts toward completing the credit-hour requirements for the AA or AS degree, but students should be aware that UNC institutions will not transfer in a CE grade.

Be sure to complete the computer competency requirement early in your plan of study, preferably in the first or second semester. Students who attempt to graduate without having completed the requirement will not be permitted to graduate.

## "Like" ASUT on Facebook

Another way to read announcements, post your stories, and keep current with the Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer program is through our Facebook link (click on the block to the right). Hope you "like" what you find there.



## Reminders:

- Late registration for summer session will be held on Wednesday, May 11, from 9:00-6:00 on Main Campus and from 12:00 to 6:00 on Orange County Campus.
- Summer classes begin on Monday, May 16.
- Graduation is May 18 at 4:30.
- Fall advising appointments begin for students with assigned advisors on July 5.
- Fall registration begins on Monday, July 11.
- Fall classes begin on Monday, August 15.