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Belton Wins Space Grant & Named National Community College Aerospace Scholar



Liz Belton, Associate in Science student at Durham Tech, was recently awarded a \$1,000 NC Space Grant and is the only North Carolina student to be named a National Community College Aerospace Scholar -- a program run by NASA.

The North Carolina Space Grant was started in 1988 to "inspire the next generation of explorers." The Space Grant supports education, research, and public outreach in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) topics and fields -- with special emphasis on space, aeronautics, life science, physical science, and earth system science. There are Space Grants in each of the 50 United States, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, all of which are dedicated to promoting "innovative global leadership in aerospace, earth science and technology."

Belton applied for the National Community College Aerospace Scholars, or NCAS, program after reading about it in *The Transfer Times*. She was one of 200 community college students across the country who were accepted to design a robotic mission to Mars, including an abstract, project timeline and budget, the proposal, and a line drawing of a rover. She scored a 95.6 on the task and subsequently was chosen as one of 48 students selected to participate this coming November 8-10 in a hands-on engineering project at Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama.

Belton, who was part of last spring's award-winning Math League and is a member of Gamma Beta Phi, plans to apply to North Carolina State University and Cal Poly Pomona in California. She wants to major in aerospace engineering and minor in mathematics or journalism. Belton's dream is to work as an aerospace engineer for NASA in California.

University Faculty and Admissions Reps to Discuss Transfer Opportunities at 3rd Annual Info Sessions

On Friday, October 21, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., Durham Tech's Arts, Sciences, and University Transfer

program will host its third annual **University Program Information Sessions** Day in the

Collins Auditorium, room 278. The ASUT department has invited university departments with unique opportunities for community college students to

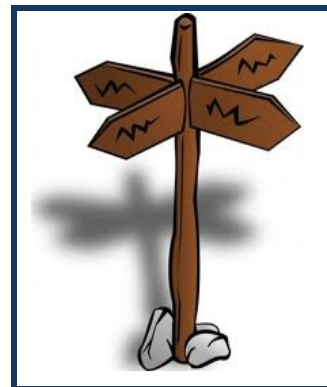
come to campus to present the details and features of their programs. Durham Tech students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend to learn more about exciting transfer options for our students. The event is open to academic advisors from other community colleges in central North Carolina and to area high school counselors.

Planned program participants include representatives from the **College Foundation of North Carolina** (CFNC) to discuss financial aid and application resources; **North Carolina Central University** (various programs, including Criminal Justice, Public Health Education, Nursing, and BRITE); **UNC-Greensboro** (various 2+ programs such as Liberal Studies, Business Studies, and Early Childhood); **East Carolina University** (to discuss A.A.S. transfer

opportunities for the B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering Technology and business undergraduate programs); **North Carolina State University** (online Leadership in the Public Sector program and the office of Undergraduate Admissions); **UNC-Chapel Hill** (Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the UNC School of Nursing); as well as admissions department representatives from

Campbell University, Meredith College, and North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Look for a schedule of presenters for University Program Information Sessions in the October *Transfer Times* and on posters in the Transfer Center (Phillips 303) in the coming weeks.

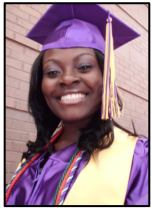


ASUT Capstone Course Student Presents Paper at Academic Conference

Associate in Arts student Brian Ladd presented at the Comics and Popular Arts Academic Conference in Atlanta on September 5, 2011. Ladd was

one of only two undergraduate students whose proposals were accepted by the conference. His presentation, "Female Characterization on the Covers of Super Hero Team Comics," was based on a content analysis project he completed for Theresa Fine-Pawsey's Associate in Arts capstone course, Visual Literacy and the Graphic Novel.





UT Grad Succeeds, Remembers DTCC Faculty

"I entered Durham Tech in 2007 as a transfer student seeking an Associate in Science degree, and I am glad that I didn't listen to what people had to say about going to a community college instead of a four-year university. That decision not only saved me a lot of money, it also gave me a solid foundation for the rest of my college career and a few lifelong friends. From class sizes to the quality of educational information, Durham Tech is a world-class college in my mind.

"The professors I had during my education there are some of the best I have come to know, in character and in the knowledge of what they teach. When I think back at the time I spent there, there are at least a dozen instructors that stand out in my mind, and that list keeps getting longer the longer I sit here and think. I had the opportunity of meeting some of the kindest instructors that went beyond the call of duty to make sure their students understood and could apply the information given in class.

"My BIO 168 professor Peter Charles would take the class to the basement of the library after class to hold reviews if the lecture hall was taken, and he would stay as long as we were willing to stay. He would even offer to hold reviews at public libraries and cafes for those who had schedule conflicts with the after-class review. He didn't have to do all this, and he wasn't getting paid or recognized for it, but he did it anyway. I also remember Mr. Oakley and Ms. Spahr in math. Mr. Oakley had a song for every convoluted Pre-calculus concept you could think of, and Ms. Spahr had the brightest attitude no matter what time or day of the week it was. I can still hear her screaming 'y'all' to get our attention in class when I listen hard enough. Let's not forget Dr. Collins in General Chemistry. He had a way of making chemistry concepts so simple I

wondered why I didn't get it the first time. See, I took the class the second time because I was not satisfied with the C I had gotten the first time. And then there was Professor Cumbie from British Lit. and Dr. Castillo from Spanish. There are many more names of instructors that I am cracking my brain to remember. But I believe that the memory of their faces and the enthusiasm and love for what they did etched forever in my heart is of much more importance.

"I know I speak for a lot of my peers when I say that the education we received from Durham Tech as transfer students has been more than influential; it has and continues to be inspiring. I transferred to ECU and subsequently graduated May of 2011. I am on my way to get a Master's in Physician Assistant Studies. As I embark on this journey to achieve my dream of being a pediatric PA, my most valuable treasures are my belief in God, the love of my family, and the support of those who believed in me and went out of their way to ensure that I believed in myself.

"My name is **Afua Boatemaa** and I would like to thank all my instructors at Durham Technical Community College for the great impact that they have had on my life."

C-STEP Applications Due October 1

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, is accepting 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. C-STEP students who



maintain the required GPA are guaranteed admission to UNC-CH.

For more information about C-STEP, see the College's website at <http://www.durhamtech.edu/html/pr ospective/programsofstudy/asut/cstep .htm>.

ASUT Administrator Changes Students Should Note

Congratulations to Ms. Kara Manley Battle (instructor and former Science chair) on her recent appointment to assistant dean of the Associate in Science program at Durham Tech, and to Dr. Kathy Zarilla (Biology instructor), who will assume the responsibilities of Science chair on October 1. Many thanks to Ms. Lee Ann Spahr for her outstanding service as assistant dean of the A.S. program for the past year and a half as she returns to her duties as Math chair.

Plan on Graduating in Spring 2012? Apply for an Audit this Fall

If you plan to graduate in May 2012, you should apply now for a graduation audit at the Student Information and Records Office (2nd floor of the Wynn Center). Your audit will provide an official list of courses you must complete in Spring 2012 to be eligible to graduate – and you can use the list to inform your spring course selection.

Phi Theta Kappa Invitations Coming

Be on the lookout for an email invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa honor society if you have completed your developmental studies work, have maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA, and are currently enrolled in an associate's degree program at Durham Tech. More in next month's *Transfer Times*.

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Take good care of yourself! Being healthy, fit, and well rested can improve your alertness and readiness for learning - and you'll feel better, too.

