Gaston College Partnerships: 2010–11

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FOREWORD

This report identifies the partnerships that Gaston College has established with other organizations in order to leverage our resources as we deliver services to our community. Gaston College has long recognized the importance of partnerships and has consistently set forth goals to establish partnerships with key community organizations. This is reflected in the current College Strategic Plan. Goals 9 and 10 state that the College will strengthen and increase partnerships with business/industry, community agencies and other educational institutions. As amply illustrated in this report, by establishing partnerships organizations can pool their scarce resources to accomplish much more than by working alone. As a responsible steward of public money, Gaston College has the obligation to work with partners to enhance, not duplicate, services to the community.

The 2010-11 Partnership Report details the extent and nature of College partnerships with community agencies, businesses, and education providers. The content of this report provides strong evidence that much of the work of the College is accomplished in partnership with others. I am pleased with our efforts to establish partnerships, and I encourage more efforts in this extremely important area.

Patricia A. Skinner, Ph.D
President
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Art and Music Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
"The Blacklisted Show" - Gaston College Arts Club Annual Juried Art Exhibit

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston County Museum
Gaston College Visual Art Club

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To present a juried art exhibit at the museum open for all artists 18 years or older

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Held exhibition March 28th – April 22nd, 2011

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to partner with the museum to exhibit local and regional artwork.

REPORTER: Gary Freeman
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Early Childhood Education Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

The 191 licensed childcare facilities in Gaston and Lincoln counties.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To be attuned to the specific needs of preschool teachers

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Regular, informed contact with the childcare facilities; conferences, banquets, workshops to communicate with preschool teachers. Also provide cooperative education onsite.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue similar activities. We are also working with four- and five-star facilities to create enrollment controls for students entering childcare facilities for educational purposes.

REPORTER: Lori Metcalf
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Learning Center

PARTNERSHIP NAME:
“America Reads”

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston County Schools
  • Carr Elementary School

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
“America Reads” is a national initiative which sends post-secondary students to neighboring elementary schools to work as reading tutors in the classroom. This program is funded through Gaston College’s Financial Aid department (work-study funds).

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Gaston College sent a total of six tutors to the above-mentioned elementary school. The classroom teachers and administration report a positive impact on the academic performance and personal confidence of those first-graders receiving assistance.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue partnership

REPORTER:
John Erickson
Coordinator, Learning Center
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Science Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College has an instructional service agreement (ISA) with Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) and South Piedmont Community College (SPCC). Additionally, we have an informal relationship with Rowan Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) and Forsyth Technical Community College (FTCC).

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Students can take classes at Gaston, SPCC, or CPCC, but degree will be awarded by Gaston College. The informal relationship with RCCC began as a former ISA. The relationship with FTCC is a result of their relationship and proximity to RCCC.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Continued work with South Piedmont Community College and Central Piedmont Community College to strengthen partnership. Transfer students from these institutions entered program at Gaston College successfully.

Members of all the above colleges also serve on the advisory committee for the biotechnology program at Gaston College.

In the past year, the college has actively worked on pursuing funding for a joint biotechnology education project between Gaston, RCCC, and FTCC. We expect to submit a proposal to the National Science Foundation in 2012 as a result of this work.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
We plan to submit a grant application to the National Science Foundation.

REPORTER: Heather Woodson
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Early Childhood Education Program, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

ComServ, Inc. - College Park Child Development Center

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Gaston College and ComServ, Inc

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To provide high quality observations and field experience for the Gaston College Early Childhood students in a 5-Star facility.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

This partnership is no longer active as the ComServ facility has closed on campus.

REPORTER: Lori Metcalf
**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:**
Liberal Arts and Sciences

**PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:**
Cooperative Education Partnerships

**PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:**

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**PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:**

To provide students with hand-on experience in their chosen career field and to keep faculty up-to-date with their academic programs.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:**

The co-op employers have provided valuable work experience related to the student's academic program of study.

**PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

Plan to continue offering Cooperative Education Work Experiences in these academic programs.

**REPORTER:** Missy Fox
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Criminal Justice Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Science Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Criminal Justice Advisory Board

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department
Gaston County Sheriff’s Office
Gaston Correctional Facility
NC Department of Community Corrections
Lincolnton Police Department
Gaston County Police Department
Gastonia City Police Department
Gaston College Criminal Justice Academy

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To provide quality input from area criminal justice professionals, current and past criminal justice students and instructors. This partnership will provide guidance and recommendations to the criminal justice program as to what students need to be ready for employment after graduation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

The partnership is new; effective Spring 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Submit plans for curriculum changes in the Criminal Justice Program to make it more streamlined and relevant to today’s topics. To submit proposals for certificate programs in Corrections, Homeland Security and Communications.

REPORTER: Calvin Shaw
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Science Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Crowder’s Mountain State Park

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide service learning experience for students.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
During Fall 2010 and Spring 2011, students in biology and geology classes participated in field trips at the park.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Environmental Biology and Geology classes will participate in field trips at the park.

REPORTER: Heather Woodson
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Early Childhood Education Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Science Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Early Childhood Education Advisory Board

PARTicipating organizations:

  Gaston County Schools More at Four
  Cline Learning Center
  Ms. Janice’s Daycare
  Partnership for Children and Families
  Child Care Information
  Gaston County Schools, Exceptional Children Preschool
  Lincoln County Schools, Preschool
  First Baptist Church

Purpose of the Partnership:

To provide quality input from stakeholders regarding the program of study. This partnership will provide guidance and recommendations to the early childhood education program as to what students need to be ready for employment after graduation.

Highlights of Activities for the Year:

Discussed and implemented curriculum changes, including the addition of pre-requisites a practicum, and a new certificate.

Plans for next Year:

Continue to assess how the program meets the current occupational needs of employers and provide input to help prepare students for work in the Early Childhood field.

Reporter: Eileen Yantz, Program Coordinator
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Art and Music Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
From Impasto to Abstraction

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Forestview High School - AP Art Students
Gaston County Schools
Bechtler Museum of Modern Art and its Artists in Schools Program

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To present an art exhibition for high school art students

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Displayed exhibition January 124th – February 18th, 2011
A reception and presentation was held for students and parents on evening of Thursday, January 27th in the Jeanne Rauch Gallery of the Rauch Building at Gaston College.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to partner with the high schools to exhibit high school artwork.

REPORTER: Gary Freeman
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Early Childhood Education Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston and Lincoln County Schools

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
School Systems (Gaston & Lincoln) and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Collaborate regarding lateral entry and teacher renewal. Collaborate regarding cooperative education in the More at Four and pre-K programs for the Early Childhood Education degree seeking students.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Teaching & Learning Conference
Lateral Entry classes

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to collaborate with the school systems in the Gaston College service area regarding lateral entry, teacher renewal, and cooperative education. The collaboration will include offering ECE courses, advising, and cooperative education, as well as the Teaching and Learning Conference for teacher renewal.

REPORTER: Lori Metcalf
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Early Childhood Education Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Head Start

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Head Start and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Cooperate to meet the national mandate that Head Start preschool teachers complete an associate’s degree.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue to collaborate with the Head Start centers in Gaston & Lincoln counties by providing advising, Early Childhood Education classes, and the opportunity for cooperative education.

REPORTER:  Lori Metcalf
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Science Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Human Services Technology Advisory Board

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Dreamweavers Unlimited, Inc.
True Behavioral Healthcare
Children's Advocacy Network
Family Services, Inc.
Gaston Residential Services, Inc.
Phoenix Counseling Center
Catherine's House
NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness)
Pathways MH/DD/SA

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To provide quality input from area human services professionals, current human services students and instructors. This partnership will provide guidance and recommendations to the human services technology program as to what students need to be ready for employment after graduation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

During Advisory Board April 15, 2011 meeting, the board focused upon marketing ideas to increase awareness of training for human services field available at Gaston College.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Discuss influence of local and national trends upon the needs of service organizations and providers in order to prepare the human services students to be ready to meet these needs upon graduation.

REPORTER: Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Cooperative Education Partnerships

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Catherine's House

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide students with hand-on experience in their chosen career field.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
The co-op employers have provided valuable work experience related to the student's academic program of study.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue offering Cooperative Education Work Experiences in this academic program.

REPORTER: Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Cooperative Education Partnerships

PARTicipating organizations:
Goodwill Job Connection

Purpose of the partnership:
To provide students with hand-on experience in their chosen career field.

Highlights of activities for the year:
The co-op employers have provided valuable work experience related to the student’s academic program of study.

Plans for next year:
Plan to continue offering Cooperative Education Work Experiences in this academic program.

Reporter: Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Cooperative Education Partnerships

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Twist and Tuck

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide students with hand-on experience in their chosen career field.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
The co-op employers have provided valuable work experience related to the student’s academic program of study.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Tentative opportunity for another co-op opportunity.

REPORTER: Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Cooperative Education Partnerships

PARTicipating organizations:
Communities in Schools (CIS) Bessemer City MS

Purpose of the Partnership:
To provide students with hand-on experience in their chosen career field.

Highlights of Activities for the Year:
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Plans for Next Year:
Plan to continue offering Cooperative Education Work Experiences in this academic program.

Reporter: Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Cooperative Education Partnerships

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Cascade Services

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
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PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
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REPORTER:  Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

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REPORTER: Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Human Services Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Cooperative Education Partnerships

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Gaston County - JobLink-East

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

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PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Plan to continue offering Cooperative Education Work Experiences in this academic program.

REPORTER: Ann Elliott
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Art and Music Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
“Line, Color, and Shape” featuring paintings by Nancy Nieves

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
The Gaston College Minority Affairs Committee

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To present an art exhibit in celebration of Women’s History Month.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Hosted exhibit in the Jeanne Rauch Gallery in the Rauch Science and Fine Arts Building
March 7th - April 15th, 2011
An opening reception was held in the Rauch Gallery at noon on Thursday, March 31st, 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to partner with the MAC to exhibit local and regional artwork.

REPORTER: Gary Freeman
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Paralegal Technology Program, Applied Social Sciences Department, Arts and Science Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Paralegal Technology Advisory Board

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Lincoln County Department of Social Services
Fosbinder Law
The Roberts Law Firm
Pennie Thrower Law
NC Superior Court – Judicial Branch
Parks Wilson Law

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide quality input from area law professionals, current and past paralegal students, administrators, and instructors. This partnership will provide guidance and recommendations for the paralegal technology program.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
The new partnership began in fall 2010. The board made recommendations for curriculum changes, which were approved and will begin fall 2011. Two representatives attended the American Bar Association Approval (ABA) Academy in June 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to align program with ABA standards.

REPORTER:    Lori Metcalf
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Social/Behavioral Sciences Department and Science Department
Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Schiele Museum

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College and Schiele Museum

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Cooperate with the museum in educational activities

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Anthropology classes, HUM 120-Cultural Studies, Geology and biology classes took field trips to the museum.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue field trips.

REPORTER: Heather Woodson
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Social/Behavioral Sciences Department, Arts & Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME:
Gastonia Sister Cities

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College Study Tours and Gastonia Sister Cities, Inc.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To promote community/educational opportunities between Gastonia's Sister Cities and the College

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Sponsored a guest speaker (Monika Siebecke) from our German Sister City for our college family concerning "Life Behind the Iron Curtain" on Wednesday, October 13, 2010.

Plan to visit Santiago de Surco (Peru) during the summer of 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
We plan to conduct a tour to Germany (and meet with some of our German Sister City members) during November, 2011.

Plans are being made to take a group from Gaston College to the Peruvian Amazon during 2012.

REPORTER:
Bob Blanton
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Art and Music Department, Arts and Sciences Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
A Visual Harvest

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
The Gaston County Art Guild

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To present an open regional juried art exhibit for all artists 18 years or older living in Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cleveland, Lincoln, or York counties.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

An opening reception and awards ceremony was held in the Jeanne Rauch Gallery on Thursday evening, October 28th, 2010.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to partner with the art guild to exhibit local and regional artwork.

REPORTER: Gary Freeman
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Business & Information Technology Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
ACBSP- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
ACBSP- Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To ensure quality programs and services to students in the Business and Information Technology Division

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Quality Assurance Report – must be completed every 2 years

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to measure program and learning outcomes for all programs in the Business and Information Technology Division.

REPORTER: Michelle E. Byrd
**ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:**
Business and Information Technology Division

**PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:**
Cooperative Education Partnerships

**PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:**

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**PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:**

To provide students with hand-on experience in their chosen career field and to keep faculty up-to-date with their academic programs.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:**

The co-op employers have provided valuable work experience related to the student’s academic program of study.
PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Plan to continue offering Cooperative Education Work Experiences in these academic programs.

REPORTER: Missy Fox
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Business & Information Technology Division – Betsy Jones

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

East Carolina University and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Cooperate to offer Business Administration—Logistics Managements, Computer Information Systems, and Networking Technology as articulated two-year degree programs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

An agreement was reached with the East Carolina Department of Technology Systems to accept graduates from one of the three identified Gaston College Business & Information Technology Division degree programs.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue to make this option available to graduating students

REPORTER: Michelle E. Byrd
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Business Department-Betsy Jones
Business and Information Technology Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College and Lincoln County Schools College Tech Prep Consortium

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Lincoln County Schools (LCS) and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The mission of College Tech Prep is to prepare students to enter the high wage, highly technical, and rapidly changing career fields available in the present and future workplace. College Tech Prep is a seamless educational program that begins in the 9th grade and continues through high school into the community college.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

- Worked on maintaining partnership with LCS through Tech Prep initiatives
- Reviewed and enhanced state and local articulation agreements
- Focused on informing parents and students of options available
- Participated in the Third Annual Entrepreneurial Student Conference

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue partnership

REPORTER: Michelle E. Byrd
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Business Department—Jeremy Railton
Business & Information Technology Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston County Junior Achievement Board of Directors

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston County Junior Achievement Council and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Activities which support the mission and goals of Junior Achievement

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Organizing and providing the Junior Achievement curriculum into third grade classes across Gaston County.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to serve on the Board of Directors and participate in various fund-raising activities in support of Junior Achievement.

REPORTER:  Michelle E. Byrd
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Information Technology Department—Mark Shellman
Business & Information Technology Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Highland School of Technology  IT Academy Advisory Board

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Highland School of Technology and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To serve in an advisory capacity on Information Technology related courses offered through the School of Technology; to make businesses & industries aware of programs offered at Highland.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Participated in meetings and assisted in recruiting employers for participation in National “Shadowing” day for high school students

Recruit employers to participate in the students’ Senior Project activities.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Remain on the Advisory Board of the Information Technology Academy and provide assistance and guidance as needed.

REPORTER: Michelle E. Byrd
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Information Technology Department—Mark Shellman
Business & Information Technology Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston County Schools Information Technology Task Force

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Gaston County School System and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To serve in an advisory capacity for the purpose of providing support, leadership and guidance to the Information Technology Division of Gaston County Schools.

To assist in development of strategic goals and objective of the Information Technology Division personnel.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Participated as needed during the past academic year; also served on two sub-committees of this group—Strategic Planning and Technology Policies sub-committees.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Anticipate continued service on the Information Technology Task Force.

REPORTER: Michelle E. Byrd
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT
Cooperative Education Program

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE
Cooperative Education Program (CO-OP)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

There were **186** participating employers in **Fall 2010, Spring 2011, and Summer 2011**

- A Toddler Tech University, Gastonia
- A Waller Learning Center, Dallas
- Abernathy’s – Lincolnton
- Active Concepts
- After Hours Emergency Clinic-Hickory
- All Creatures Pet Hosp.-Stanley
- Alliance for Children and Youth
- American & Efird, Mt. Holly
- Animal Medical Hosp.-Charlotte
- Assembly of Faith- Dallas
- Auto Zone- Cherryville
- Bear Creek Mobile Service-Albemarle
- Beatty Recovery Services
- Belair Health Care- Gastonia
- Bluerridge Radiology
- Brawley Animal Hosp.-Mooresville
- Brookside Elementary
- Buckeye Fire Equipment
- Carolina Raptor Center-Charlotte
- Carolina Veterinary Specialists- Charlotte
- Carolina’s Vet Hospital- Charlotte
- Caromont- Cherryville
- Caromont Family Medicine-Gastonia
- Caromont Family Practice/Kings Mountain
- Carteret General
- Catawbfa Heights Animal Hospital-Belmont
- Catherine’s House
- Childcare Network
- City of Gastonia- Gastonia
- City of Lincolnton
- Cline’s Learning Center
- College Park CDC
- Commscape
- Communities in Schools
- Community Choices
- Concentrix
- Cookson Co.
- Country Club Children’s Academy
- Covenant Village
- D.L. Automotive
- DEB USA
- Dilling Heating & Air
- Dilworth Animal Hospital-Charlotte
- Discovery Harbor
- Dr. Valeria Holmes Waddell DDS
- DSS Child Support
- Duke Energy (Catawba)
- Family Works, Inc-Gastonia
- Fantasy World
- Farris Eng.
- First Baptist Church Daycare- Gastonia
- First United Methodist
- Food Lion – Gastonia
- Foothills Spay/Neuter Clinic-Hickory
- Fox Charlotte
- Freightliner
- Gaston Automotive
- Gaston Co. Clerk of Court
- Gaston Co. D.A.’s Office
- Gaston Co. Fire Marshall
- Gaston Co. Job Link
- Gaston Co. Natural Resources
- Gaston Co. Public Defender’s Office
- Gaston Co. School Nutrition
- Gaston Co. Sheriff’s Office
- Gaston College – Business Office- Dallas
- Gaston College – Kimbrell Campus
- Gaston College – Lincoln Campus
- Gaston College Art Dept.
- Gaston College Bionetwork Bio-Ed Ctr
Gaston College Broadcasting Production- Dallas
Gaston College Computer Lab
Gaston College Co-op/Student Employment- Dallas
Gaston College Cosmetology Dept
Gaston College Dietetic Program
Gaston College Fitness Center- Dallas
Gaston College Health Education- Dallas
Gaston College Human Services
Gaston College Learning Lab- Dallas
Gaston College Learning Lab- Lincolnton
Gaston College Liberal Arts
Gaston College Library- Dallas
Gaston College Library- Lincolnton
Gaston College- Lori Metcalf
Gaston College Massage Program
Gaston College Persistence and Retention
Gaston College Radio Station
Gaston College Welding Dept.
Gaston College/Lincoln Campus- Lincolnton
Gaston County Courthouse
Gaston County Health Dept.
Gaston County Schools
Gaston County United Way
Gaston Family Services
Gaston HealthNet
Gaston Job Link-Dept of Corrections
Gaston Low Cost Clinic
Gaston Memorial Hospital
Gaston Urological
Gastonia Fleet Services
Gastonia TEACH Ctr
GCA Head Start
Good guides Youth
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Wellman Motor Sports
West Lincoln Family Practice- Vale
Wilkinson Animal Hosp.-Charlotte
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WPEG-CBS Radio-Charlotte
PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Cooperative Education is a structured educational strategy integrating classroom learning with productive work experience in a field related to a student’s academic or career goals. It provides sequential training in both theory and practice. Co-op is a partnership among students, Gaston College, and employers, with specified responsibilities for each party.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
There were 247 students placed in Co-op representing 25 curricula programs and 186 participating employers.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
We will continue to place Co-op students with current as well as new employers.

REPORTER: Brenda Kincaid
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Charlotte Region Workforce Development Partnership (CRWDP)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Carolinas Partnership  Mitchell Community College
Gaston College  Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Catawba Valley Community College  Stanly Community College
Central Piedmont Community College  South Piedmont Community College
Cleveland Community College  York Technical College (South Carolina)

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To join forces to meet the needs of business and industry in the region and to unite to seek additional sources of funding to help meet identified needs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Gaston College participated in a regional marketing campaign in which several colleges in the partnership shared expenses to develop a regional ad and marketing strategy.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
A major focus will be on regional marketing to attract and support Business and Industry in the Charlotte Region.

REPORTER:  Linda Greer
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston Career Climb

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College  Gaston County Public Schools
Gaston 2012  Gaston County ESC
Gaston Regional Chamber  Gaston County WIA/DSS
Gaston County Business and Industry

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To address educational and workforce development challenges that impact economic and workforce development initiatives in Gaston County. The major focus is determining skill sets and training needed for the local workforce.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
The major focus has been on assessing workplace skills and promoting and continuing to implement the Career Readiness Certificate (CRC), through a grant-funded initiative, “Gaston Career Climb.” The program was implemented in the College’s Basic Skills program in October 2008. Since its inception, 1,740 Adult High School/GED students have earned a CRC and over 100 businesses have agreed to recognize, recommend, or require the CRC when hiring new employees or promoting internally.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to market and implement the Career Readiness Certification Program by supporting the “Gaston Career Climb” initiative. Help seek funds to continue the program after December 31, 2011, at which time the initial three-year funding period ends.

REPORTER: Linda Greer
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Newspaper in Education

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
Gaston Gazette
Gaston Regional Chamber

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide information about careers in the region with expected job growth.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Gaston College became a sponsor of the NIE initiative, providing financial support and information regarding training available at Gaston College for highlighted careers. Gaston College will be featured in the August 10, 2011 issue as a program sponsor.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
The partnership will continue and Gaston College will continue to support the initiative by providing information regarding training available at Gaston College for highlighted careers.

REPORTER: Linda Greer
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
Gaston County Workforce Development Board (WDB)

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Work together to promote growth and sustainability for businesses and industry in Gaston County by having college representatives on the WDB, JobLink Management Team, and JobLink Leadership Team.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Worked collaboratively on several Incumbent Worker Training initiatives. Worked in partnership with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program to help WIA recipients earn their Career Readiness Certificate, which is an eligibility requirement for receiving WIA training funds. Provided training for WorkFirst recipients; participated in annual Job Fair sponsored by the WDB.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to partner with this Board and provide leadership and support.

REPORTER: Linda Greer
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
United Way

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
United Way of Gaston County
Gaston County Business and Industry

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
The purpose of the partnership is to help support the service agencies funded in part by United Way by providing oversight, strategic planning, budget monitoring, and assisting with the annual Fund-Raising Campaign by appointing a "Loaned Executive" to help organize the campaign and solicit funds.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Gaston College conducted a very successful United Way Campaign. Gaston College was represented at the monthly Board of Directors meetings, the Annual Meeting, led Steering Committee meetings, and assumed a leadership role in several Fund Allocation Process events, and hosted the major annual event at the Pearson Life Skills Building.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
The college will continue to partner with United Way to provide oversight and help with strategic planning by serving on their Board of Directors and continue assisting with the fund allocation process by participating in the "Loaned Executive program," by conducting their own Fund-Raising Campaign, and by hosting the annual fund-allocation event.

REPORTER: Linda Greer

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ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Teacher Renewal

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
Gaston County Schools
Lincoln County Schools

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To develop and offer courses and opportunities for Gaston and Lincoln County educators to receive required CEU’s for license renewal.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Provided registration assistance and information for instructors enrolling in online and standard classroom instruction to receive Teacher Renewal credit. Planned and hosted 2010 Teaching and Learning Conference held August 2010 on the Dallas Campus, with over 1,000 educators participating.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Credit and Noncredit Teacher renewal classes will continue to be available for local educators. The 2011 Teaching and Learning Conference will be held at the Dallas Campus of Gaston College on August 10-11, 2011.

REPORTER: Linda Greer/Jackie Ammons
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To work in collaboration with the Partnership for Children, which serves as a leading advocate and collaborative resource to provide access to high quality services for young children.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Initiated Parent University, a collaboratively designed parent support project that provides parents in Gaston and Lincoln counties the opportunity to build their parenting competence and confidence through educational seminars and workshops. A Parent University Conference was held on the Dallas Campus on Saturday, September 25, 2010 to introduce and kick-off the new program.

Provided professional development workshops and hosted the Mid-Winter Early Childhood Conference on the Dallas Campus in February 2011.

Provided leadership through college representation on the Partnership Board, Public Information Committee, and Parent University Steering Committee.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue supporting Parent University and serving on the Partnership Board. A Mid-Winter Early Childhood Conference will be held on the Dallas Campus on February 24, 2012.

REPORTER: Linda Greer/Jackie Ammons
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Economic and Workforce Development
Fire and Rescue Training

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston and Lincoln County fire/rescue agencies, Gaston County Emergency Medical Services, Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services, North Carolina Forest Service, and the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal. Scott Health & Safety continues to provide fire/rescue equipment for instructors. In return, we provide product testing and evaluation. Local businesses and industries including Celanese, Westinghouse, BASF, Southeastern, Wix, DSM Pharmaceutical, Duke Energy, Engelhard, FMC Lithium, Michelin, Performance Fibers and Progress Energy.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Gaston Lincoln Area Fire and Rescue Squads.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To provide basic and in-service occupational training to fire departments and rescue squads in Gaston and Lincoln Counties.

To provide specialized industrial fire training at the initial and continuing education levels to business and industry partners.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Regional and state emergency personnel attended monthly scheduled training programs and state sponsored schools throughout the year.

Our partnership with Duke Energy resulted in the college receiving a new building at the Regional Emergency Services Training Center that includes classroom space and equipment storage, which is a much-needed addition to the facility.
PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Fire and Rescue training courses will continue to be offered to satisfy demand and support potential growth. We will also pursue the expansion of the scope of courses available to our partner agencies.

Specialized simulations and support equipment will be provided as needed.

We will endeavor to expand the services offered to business and industry partners by broadening our course options and adding new partners.

REPORTER: Josh Crisp
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Economic and Workforce Development
Fire Rescue Training

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Globe Manufacturing LLC

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Globe Manufacturing LLC is a leader in the manufacture and development of protective clothing for firefighters. They offer an academy program for the purchase of protective equipment at a significantly reduced rate from the retail price. Because of the volume of students we serve and the multi-state draw of some of our programs, the RESTC qualifies for this program. This program allows us to keep our instructors in safe, functional protective equipment, and also allows Globe to test their products in an environment that is strenuous and trying.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

We have been able to outfit 34 fire and rescue instructors with new and up-to-date protective equipment for use in fire and rescue training.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

We will continue to work within the budget to replace and update more protective gear.

REPORTER:  Josh Crisp
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Criminal Justice Academy

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
A. Gaston College Criminal Justice Academy (CJA) and various law
    enforcement agencies throughout North Carolina. Gaston & Lincoln County
    law enforcement agencies are our primary partners although we do provide
    training to law enforcement agencies from outside our service region that
    travel to our academy.
B. Gaston College CJA North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training
    Standards Commission
C. Gaston College CJA and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training
    Standards Commission
D. Gaston College CJA and Southern Piedmont Law Enforcement Training
    Association (SPLETA)
E. Gaston College CJA and the North Carolina Animal Rabies Control
    Association (NCARCA)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
A. 39 Law Enforcement agencies in surrounding area.
   Belmont Police Dept. Gastonia Police Dept.
   Belmont Abbey Campus Police Hickory Police Department
   Bladenboro Police Dept. Huntersville Police Dept.
   Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept. King Special Police
   Cherryville Police Dept. Kings Mountain Police Dept.
   Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
   Cramerton Police Dept. Lincolnton Police Dept.
   Concord Police Dept. Lowell Police Dept.
   Cornelius Police Dept. Maiden Police Dept.
   Dallas Police Dept. Mint Hill Police Dept.
   Davidson Police Dept. Mooresville Police Dept.
   Equestrian Special Police Newton Police Dept.
   Gaston College Police NC Division of Forest Resources
   Gaston County Police Department NC Division of Parks & Recreation
   Gaston County Sheriff's Office (State Park Rangers)
NC State Highway Patrol  Ranlo Police Dept.
Norfolk Southern Railroad Police Shelby Police Dept.
Pineville Police Dept. Stanley Police Dept.
Queens University Police Dept. UNC-Charlotte Campus Police

B. The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission regulates the delivery of basic law enforcement training and mandated in-service training for police departments throughout North Carolina.


D. SPLETA is comprised of the training officers and instructors from the various law enforcement agencies within our service region.

E. NCARCA is a professional organization of animal control officers throughout the state that is dedicated to providing its members the most professional and effective animal-related assistance possible.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

A. Gaston College CJA is the primary source of Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) for the law enforcement agencies within our service region. We also partner with numerous agencies to provide occupational in-service training to law enforcement officers. This training is mandated by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.

B. Gaston College is an accredited training site authorized to deliver commission certified courses such as: BLET, RADAR (SMI), Instructor Training, and In-Service courses.

C. Gaston College is an accredited training site authorized to deliver commission certified courses such as: Detention Officer Certification Course (DOCC) and In-Service training for Deputy Sheriffs and Telecommunicators.

D. SPLETA is an advisory group for the Gaston College CJA. The organization makes recommendations for in-service training that is needed for the agencies within our service region and for sharing resources and ideas related to training. SPLETA is used as a venue for providing updates to our instructors about mandated changes to existing programs.
E. The NCARCA approached the CJA to develop a statewide animal control officer basic training program. The CJA worked with the NCARCA board of directors to conduct task analysis of skills needed to become a beginning level animal control officer then develop standardized lesson plans using the Instruction System Development (ISD) model as the format for all blocks of instruction.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Our success rate for students taking a state certification examination is better than the state average. We have had three BLET classes graduate in the 2009/10 school year. 41 out of 46 BLET students passed the state examination on their first attempt for an 89.1% pass rate as compared to the state average of 87%. All 26 of our DOCC students passed the state examination for a 100% first attempt pass rate.

During the 2009/2010 school year we conducted 19 online In-Service Training classes for Criminal Justice Standards and Sheriffs’ Standards mandated training. We had a total enrollment of 2,594 students complete these online classes.

Our Continuing Education FTEs went from 53.99 to 62.46 for an increase of 15.69%.

We offered six new classes during the past year.
- Vehicle Stops & Deadly Force
- Officer Down
- Executive Protection
- CJ Leads
- Search Warrant Execution
- Courtroom Testimony
PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

We have signed a Memorandum of Intent to enter into a Lease Agreement with the City of Gastonia to build a classroom building at their Firearms Training Facility. Included in this agreement is use of the new firearms range they recently completed. This will give us the ability to schedule firearms training classes as needed for the 16 law enforcement agencies within our service region.

We are planning to initiate three new classes next year.
- Child Death Investigations
- Narcotics Detention for K9 Officers
- Drug Enforcement for Patrol Officers (DEPO)

REPORTER:  Dennis Crosby
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Life Skills

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
ABE/GED and AHS

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
YouthWorks (Gaston County WIA for Youth)

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide comprehensive case management and support to underage, disadvantaged students enrolled in ABE/GED and AHS programs. The WIA Program for Youth provides transportation, financial assistance, and workplace internships to youth enrolled in the program. All minors are referred to the WIA youth programs prior to entering Gaston College.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
All minors are provided information on the YouthWorks prior to applying to the GED or AHS program and receive comprehensive services otherwise unavailable, ranging from transportation to assistance with textbooks and school supplies.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Expand programs, services, and partnerships in Gaston and Lincoln counties.

REPORTER: Becky McLain
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Life Skills

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
ABE/GED Program

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS
Cherryville Community Building
Dallas Correctional Facility
East Lincoln Christian Ministries
Ephesus Church
Erwin Center
First Wesleyan Church
Gaston County Jail/Annex
Holly Hill Apartments/City of Mount
Holly Housing Authority
Lincoln Correctional Center
Mountain View Family Resource Center
Restorative Justice Center (RJC)
Sacred Heart Church
Sadler Elementary School
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Westside Community Church
YouthWorks (WIA)

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide on-site Adult Basic Education (ABE) and GED preparation classes to assist adults in becoming literate and obtaining the skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency; to assist adults who are parents in obtaining the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children; and to assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Strengthened existing sites and closed geographically repetitive sites in Gaston and Lincoln counties to better serve a geographically diverse population. Work with Sheriff's office to seek funding to support the ABE/GED program currently being offered in Gaston County Jail/Annex.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Expand program offerings to underserved areas in both counties.

REPORTER: Becky McLain/Lisa Woodall
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Life Skills

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Compensatory Education (CED)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Creative Opportunities
Piedmont Pioneer House (Pathways)

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide instruction to adults with mental retardation or traumatic brain injury with the basic skills and abilities needed to become more independent and self directed, and to help them meet and manage community, social, work, and personal adult responsibilities.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Helped students to become more independent, self-directed, and active participants in the community through work, further education, and enrollment in HRD classes. Hosted two field trips and presented at Bessemer City Middle School for student transitioning from the public school system, their families, and public school personnel.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Determine feasibility of establishing a new site in Bessemer City. Updating curriculum as needed. Form a partnership with Holy Angels in Belmont to offer a nutrition/cooking class to be offered at the Kimbrell campus.

REPORTER: Becky McLain/Lisa Woodall
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Life Skills

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
English as a Second Language (ESL)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Ephesus Church
St. Dorothy’s Catholic Church
Lingerfeldt Elementary School

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide on-site English as a Second Language instruction designed to help adults with limited English proficiency achieve competence in the English language.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Expanded EL Civics course offerings in both Gaston and Lincoln counties.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Expand program offerings to underserved areas in both counties. Continue marketing program to increase enrollments.

REPORTER: Becky McLain/Leah Mackey
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Life Skills

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Human Resources Development (HRD)
Business and Industry
DSS
Gaston/Lincoln County Schools

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide KeyTrain/WIN pre-testing and skill-building training and administer WorkKeys testing in order to develop a "certified" workforce for Gaston and Lincoln counties through the NC Career Readiness Certification.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Gaston College has issued 3,832 Career Readiness Certificates (CRC's) as of June 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Expand programs, services, CRC, and partnerships in Gaston and Lincoln counties.

REPORTER:  Becky McLain/Laurel Morrow
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Life Skills

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Human Resources Development (HRD)
Gaston and Lincoln Correctional Centers
JobLink Career Centers
Gaston WIA YouthWorks
Lingerfeldt Elementary School

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS & PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Gaston Correctional Center and Lincoln Correctional Center – Provide Employment Readiness Programs for inmates nearing release for successful re-entry into society and the workplace. Thinking For A Change/CBI classes have been added at both facilities in 2011. Character Education classes and Career Readiness Certification classes are also offered at the Lincoln Correctional Center.

JobLink Career Centers - Provide an on-site intensive program to recruit, educate and train through job-seeking skills, interviewing skills, resume, and cover letter workshops, and basic computer skills classes, as well as class/program referrals, and offer other services such as employment referrals and vocationally train unemployed or underemployed adults to help orient trainee to the world of work.

Gaston WIA YouthWorks Center – We offer a job-seeking skills open-enrollment lab to assist adults with resume and cover letter preparation, job seeking skills, interviewing skills, and other services.

Lingerfeldt Elementary School – Provide basic computer skills classes for the parents of students and unemployed or underemployed adults in the local community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Gaston College has expanded its HRD program into the Lincoln County area by offering basic computer, keyboarding, and internet skills classes; office and clerical classes; and Career Readiness classes for I-Care's Summer Youth Program.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Expand programs, services, CRC, and partnerships in Gaston and Lincoln counties.

REPORTER: Becky McLain/Laurel Morrow
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College/Education To Go (Ed2Go)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
Ed2Go

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide Ed2Go courses for participants
Standardized curriculum, instructors provided

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered classes for approximately 850 participants
Added seven new classes this year

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses each semester as needed.

REPORTER:    Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College
NC Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources (NCDEHNR)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
Local municipalities with employees needing Wastewater operators

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Offer Waste Water classes
Standardized curriculum and certified instructors

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered classes for approximately 30 participants.
Met the needs of over 15 municipalities in this area.
Classes included current and/or potential operators from these 15 different municipalities.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses each semester as needed.

REPORTER: Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College
NC Department of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
NCDMV

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide NC Inspection classes and Independent Auto Dealers Renewal classes
Standardized curriculum and certification for instructors

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered classes for approximately 570 participants

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses each semester as needed.

REPORTER: Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College
NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
Local small businesses employing flag car drivers
Large corporations employing such, NCDOT

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Offer Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Certification and renewal training
Standardized curriculum, materials, and certification for instructors

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered classes for approximately 200 participants

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses each semester as needed.

REPORTER: Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College
NC Motorcycle Safety Foundation (NCMSF)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
NCMSF

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide NCMSF Basic Rider Course and the Experienced Rider Course for participants.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered classes for approximately 200 participants

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses each semester as needed.

REPORTER: Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College
NC Real Estate Commission

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
NC Real Estate Commission
Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Offer Real Estate Pre-licensing course.
Standardized curriculum and certification for instructors

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Real Estate continues to be hard-hit by the economic downturn, but we have offered classes each semester.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses each semester as needed.

REPORTER: Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College
North Carolina Secretary of State

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College
North Carolina Secretary of State

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide Notary Public classes
Standardized curriculum and certification for instructors

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered classes for approximately 350 participants.
Met the needs of over 100 different businesses and agencies in the area.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses each semester as needed.

REPORTER: Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Community Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College
Safety and Health Council of North Carolina

PARTicipating Organizations:
Safety and Health Council of North Carolina
Gaston County District Criminal Courts
Lincoln County District Criminal Courts
Various local police departments
NC Insurance Industry
DMV

Purpose of the Partnership:
Offer DDC4, ADD 8, and Alive at 25 to qualified participants

Highlights of activities for the year:
Offered classes for 7 businesses, either on-site or by adding participants to existing classes
Offered classes for approximately 2000 participants

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Plan to continue to offer courses as needed.

REPORTER: Beth Hollars
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA)
Zeta Mu Omega Chapter

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
AKA/SBC

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To provide support for “non-traditional entrepreneurship” within the minority community of Gaston County.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Provided a series of four seminars at Unity Place (Saint Stephens Church) in downtown Gastonia with 22 individuals participating in the program.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Dependent on whether AKA wishes to continue the partnership.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
SBC
Area Chambers of Commerce

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
SBC
Gaston Regional Chamber
Montcross Area Chamber
Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber
Bessemer City Chamber
Cherryville Chamber

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Assist small business owners with start-up and/or operational concerns, while promoting collaboration and growth of Chambers within our service area.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered six events for Chamber members to improve their profitability and to add additional jobs.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to work with the Chambers to offer programming to assist their respective small businesses.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Denver Area Business Association (DABA)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
SBC
DABA

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To promote businesses and business development in the eastern part of Lincoln County.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Though the membership has stabilized, there continues to be interest in sharing information to help the area businesses grow.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue partnership.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Lincolnnton’s Downtown Development Association (DDA)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

SBC
DDA

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To support the economic development in the downtown area of Lincolnnton.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Hosted Hog Happenin’ and five Alive After Five evening events. Have continued to look for investment opportunities in the downtown area.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Working on a study to determine the potential economic impact of the County’s planned move and consolidation of offices at the former hospital site.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston County Economic Development Commission Small Business Council

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston EDC/SBC

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To identify the needs of existing business owners who are facing challenges staying open and/or expanding their respective businesses.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Hosted at the Kimbrell Campus in August 2010 a “Small Business Issues Forum”. Lt. Governor Walter Dalton and the Commissioner of Small Business, Scott Daugherty, addressed the forum of approximately 80 business owners.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
An adhoc committee was formed to address the issues/barriers identified at the Forum. The goals of the adhoc committee were met, so the committee was disband.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston Regional Chamber Small Business Council (GCSBC)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
GCSBC
SBC

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To promote and support the development of small businesses in Gaston County.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Initiated several programs to assist small businesses. Also promoted the Small Business of the Year awards, which were presented at a recognition banquet June 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue partnership.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Lincoln County Agriculture Extension Agency (LCAE)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
LCAE/SBC

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide small business assistance to the farming community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Participated in a panel discussion centered on Farm Estate Planning with over 20 attending the session.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue partnership.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Small Business Center (SBC)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Lincoln-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
SBC
Small Business Council

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To assist small business owners with their respective concerns and provide educational opportunities to Chamber members through a series of workshops, networking luncheon speakers, and seminars.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Attendance at the seminars and Networking Luncheons have increased relative to the previous year.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue partnership.

REPORTER: Brad Rivers
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Corporate Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Achieve Global

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Offer Achieve Global courses to local businesses and industries and obtain training materials from Achieve Global.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered numerous classes to businesses and industries and to Gaston College employees.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to offer classes as requested by business and industry.

REPORTER: Diane Metcalfe
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Corporate Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Customized Training Program

All customized training is now known as the Customized Training Program. This was part of the consolidation of all customized training for businesses and industries at the community college system’s office. The former FIT program is specifically known as Productivity Enhancement and the former NEIT program is specifically known as the Customized Training Program.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Businesses and Industries in Gaston and Lincoln counties

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Through the Customized Training Program, including Productivity Enhancement, Gaston College provided on-site customized, occupational training to 28 companies that included 876 trainees in Gaston and Lincoln counties.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Through these programs we were able to work with companies to increase the work skills of their employees. This training greatly assists new and existing businesses and industries to remain productive, profitable and within the state of North Carolina.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
To continue to support the economic development efforts of the state by providing education and training opportunities for eligible businesses and industries.

REPORTER: Diane Metcalfe
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Corporate Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Centralina Workforce Development Board

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Work in partnership to promote growth and sustainability for businesses and industries in Lincoln County.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Worked collaboratively on several Incumbent Worker Grant training initiatives. Mr. David Hollars, Executive Director, serves on the Corporate Education Business and Industry Advisory Board.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to partner with this Board.

REPORTER: Diane Metcalfe
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Corporate Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Association for Operations Management (APICS)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
The Educational Society for Resource Management

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Offer APICS courses to participants from local businesses and industries and obtain training materials from APICS.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Plan to offer all modules of APICS for business customers in Gaston and Lincoln counties. Will offer other APICS classes as requested.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to offer courses as requested.

REPORTER: Diane Metcalfe
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Corporate Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

PARTicipating Organizations:
Gaston College
Society for Human Resource management

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Work collaboratively to promote and offer training in SHRM pre-course and testing classes. The SHRM national organization assists in marketing our classes by listing class schedules on their web site.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
The local chapter of HR professionals (Gaston Human Resource Association) recently affiliated with SHRM and now requires all members to pay SHRM dues and encourages membership to become SHRM certified. This has negatively impacted enrollments and there was not sufficient interest to warrant offering any classes this year.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
We will continue to work collaboratively with SHRM to help market the classes to HR professionals to help them achieve SHRM licensure status.

REPORTER: Diane Metcalfe
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Department for Emergency Medical Services Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College EMS Education Clinical Education

Partnership Affiliations:
Burke County Emergency Operations
Gaston County EMS
Cabarrus County EMS
Catawba County EMS
Gaston Memorial Hospital ED, Critical Care Units, Birthing Center
Holy Angels
Lincoln Medical Center
Lincoln County EMS
Gaston Memorial Hospital Emergency Department Physicians –
       Physician Shadowing
Carolinas Medical Center-Lincoln Emergency Department Physicians – Physician
       Shadowing
EMS partnerships for Training

GEMS Paramedic Recertification Academy

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Providing Health Care Facility Clinical and Field Internship experience for EMS students.

Provide renewal training for ACLS, PALS, Geriatric EMS, PHTLS, AMLS and PEPP as well as review for National Registry of EMT certification

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Partnerships have provided the students with learning experiences that have enhanced their knowledge in the field. Working closely with agencies relating to EMS research and quality education.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
To continue agreements with each of the partnerships listed.

REPORTER: Kent Spitler
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Economic and Workforce Development
Department for Emergency Medical Services Education

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston/Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston County Emergency Medical Services
Lincoln County Emergency Medical Services

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide in-service continuing education to rescue squads and fire departments who
serve as first responders for emergency medical calls involving medical and trauma
emergencies. The EMS agency approves instructors that work as part-time faculty and
establishes schedules. The college provides instruction and plans courses
collaboratively with the agency.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Provided CPR renewal and in-service training to emergency medical providers in
Gaston, Lincoln, and surrounding counties, and for fire and rescue personnel in Lincoln
County.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Introduce various methods of education delivery to engage students in their learning.

REPORTER: Kent Spitler
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
The Early College Program at Bessemer City High School (BCHS)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Bessemer City High School and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
The Early College Program at BCHS partners with Gaston College to offer students who are either at risk of dropping out of school or who would benefit from accelerated academic instruction the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate's degree. With a maximum of 250 students in grades 9-13, the Program was implemented in fall 2008 and began as a result of a state mandate to redesign BCHS due to consistently low end-of-course test results and below average graduation rates. (The overall high school graduation rate for the state of North Carolina is 71.7%, and BCHS's graduation rate was 55.1% in 2008 – prior to beginning this program.)

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Offered five courses in fall 2010 and four courses in spring 2011. Early College students were invited to the Dallas Campus of Gaston College twice during the school year for demonstrations, presentations, and tours. Additionally, the College hosted three Leadership Luncheons for Early College students and community/business leaders.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
The Program transitioned into a school within a school in fall 2010 as a result of approval of the Cooperative Innovative High School Application. Gaston College made an additional commitment to the Program by providing a College Liaison for the Program (faculty member with two course release).

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Charlotte Area Educational Consortium (CAEC)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Current members include: Barber-Scotia College, Belmont Abbey College Carolinas College of Health Sciences, Catawba Valley Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, Cleveland Community College, Davidson College, Gardner-Webb University, Gaston College, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminar, Johnson C. Smith University, Lenior Rhyne College, Livingstone College, Mitchell Community College, Phieffer University, Queens University, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Stanly Community College, South Piedmont Community College, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of South Carolina at Lancaster, Wingate University, Winthrop University and York Technical Community College.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Charlotte Area Educational Consortium (CAEC) was established in February 1969 for the purpose of fostering attainment of the highest level of collegiate and university education for the Charlotte Metrolina area. Today, it is an organization of 25 colleges and universities that encourages the sharing of resources and energies among institutions and seeks to generate creative ideas for the most effective use of human and other resources available among the institutions.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

CAEC members worked collaboratively planning a fall workshop.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue partnership

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Huskins (College Gateway) Program

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Gaston County Schools and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The Gaston College Huskins (College Gateway) Program offers qualified juniors and seniors in Gaston County the opportunity to take college courses tuition free during their high school day. The legislation in North Carolina that provides this opportunity is called the Huskins Bill. Students taking Huskins courses are eligible to earn both high school credit and community college credit.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Offered 20 Huskins courses during Fall 2010 and 23 in Spring 2011 in the academic and career technical areas in seven of the nine high schools.

Generated a word document listing courses to be offered during the fall and spring in which high school students were eligible to enroll in through dual enrollment. Distributed electronic copies of the document to all high school counselors.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Expand the partnership and grow course offerings in Biology, Business, and Fire Protection. Investigate the possibility of some Huskins courses being taught in the afternoons on Gaston College’s campus. Additionally, increase number of students taking advantage of dual enrollment opportunities.

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Piedmont Area Educational Consortium (PAEC)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Current members include: Alamance County Community College, Catawba Valley Community College, Central Carolina Community College, Central Piedmont Community College, Davidson County Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Gaston College, Guilford Technical Community College, Mitchell Community College, Montgomery Community College, Piedmont Community College, Randolph Community College, Richmond Community College, Rockingham Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Sandhills Community College, South Piedmont Community College, Stanly Community College, and Surry Community College.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Piedmont Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) is the premier professional development consortium among community colleges in the state. Member colleges work hard to share their campus training opportunities with others and to share their personal expertise by speaking and training on member campuses. The mission of the organization is to promote and provide quality training for member faculty, staff, and administrators. The collaboration and sharing of information and resources has enriched participants for over ten years. Many conferences, symposiums, seminars, and training events have been hosted by PAEC at various sites.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

No conference was held in 2010 due to budget constraints.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue partnership.

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Huskins (College Gateway) Program

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Piedmont Community Charter School (PCCS) and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The Gaston College Huskins (College Gateway) Program offers qualified students juniors and seniors at PCCSC in Gaston County the opportunity to take college courses tuition free during their high school day. The legislation in North Carolina that provides this opportunity is called the Huskins Bill. Students taking Huskins courses are eligible to earn both high school credit and community college credit.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Did not offer any courses in fall 2010 or spring 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Expand the partnership and grow course offerings. Investigate the possibility of some Huskins courses being taught in the afternoons on Gaston College’s campus.

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Community College Alliance—University Center

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Franklin University and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide courses leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Applied Management, Business Administration, Computer Science, Digital Communication, Health Care Management, Information Technology, Management, Management Information Sciences and Public Safety Management. Programs are offered entirely online.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Joined the Community College Alliance with Franklin University in the spring 2005.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Partnership was dissolved in fall 2009.

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
The University Center

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gardner-Webb University

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide educational opportunities for citizens in surrounding counties to earn a bachelor's degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Human Services by taking classes offered by GWU on the Gaston College campus. This provides convenience for many citizens in Gaston and Lincoln counties. A Masters in Business Administration Program began in Fall 2010.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
12 bachelor's degree and 2 master's degree courses were offered in FALL 2010; 13 bachelor's degree and 2 master's degree courses were offered in Spring 2011; and, 7 bachelor's degree and 1 master's degree courses were offered in Summer 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue offerings.

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
University Center

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Western Carolina University and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide courses leading to a Bachelor's degree in Birth Through Kindergarten.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
This is the second cohort of students participating in the program. Cohorts take up to 2 courses each semester.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Cohorts finished in fall 2009, and WCU will now be offering the Birth Through Kindergarten Program entirely online; therefore, the partnership was dissolved.

REPORTER: Kimberly Wyont
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
College Tech Prep

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Lincoln County Schools and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
College Tech Prep is a course of study designed to address the growing need for high school graduates to have a more technically oriented educational background. It is a blending of higher academic and vocational/technical courses which better prepare students to pursue further education including Associate’s Degree and/or Bachelor’s Degree.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
- Planned and conducted Employer Panel for Tech Prep students at the School of technology. In doing so, partnered with local businesses.
- Contacted Special Population Tech Prep students to help in transition to college and made service information available.
- Developed student portfolios for distribution to assist in increasing job finding and job keeping skills.
- Contracted services with school personnel for conducting entrepreneurial summer camp.
- Encouraged staff development of college and high school personnel by providing workshop on Digital Storytelling.
- Collaborated with school system to select students for leadership institute; provided leadership institute.
- Provided transition activity from high school to college by transporting students to college for information day and tours
- Transition activity with college personnel conducting two evening information sessions.
- College faculty and high school faculty coupled to explore and update articulation courses.
- School personnel and college faculty updated matrix of College Tech Courses.
- Conducted/ participated with public school CTP staff in two College Tech Prep Task Force meetings.
- Established a Business Task Force as part of CTP Task Force
- Attended Curriculum Fairs at each Lincoln County High School
- Distributed COMPASS, educational partnership and general college materials to each high school.
PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

- Although funding is no longer available, will continue to provide activities to promote the partnership between Gaston College and Lincoln County Schools.

REPORTER: Gail N. Ford
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Huskins and Learn and Earn Online Programs

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Lincoln County Schools and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The Gaston College Huskins Program offers qualified juniors and seniors in Lincoln County the opportunity to take courses tuition free during their high school day. The legislation in North Carolina that provides this opportunity is called the Huskins Bill. Students taking Huskins courses are eligible to earn both high school credit and community college credit. Also, Learn and Earn classes allow students to earn high school and college credit tuition free. Books are provided at no cost to students.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR

- There were 7 Huskins class offered with STEM curriculum. These were offered at the Lincoln Campus of Gaston College, the School of Cosmetology of Gaston College and the Lincoln County School of Technology. There were 117 students (unduplicated) who earned 626 credit hours.
- There were 100 Learn and Earn Online students (unduplicated) who earned 599 hours of credit.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

The Partnership will meet to consider Career and College Promise to be implemented by the community college system.

REPORTER: Gail N. Ford
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Academic Affairs

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Huskins and Learn and Earn Program

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Lincoln Charter School and Gaston College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The Gaston College Huskins Program offers qualified juniors and seniors at Lincoln Charter School the opportunity to take college courses tuition free during their high school day. The legislation in North Carolina that provides this opportunity is called the Huskins Bill. Students taking Huskins courses are eligible to earn high school and community college credit. Also, students took online Learn and Earn classes online receiving college credit tuition free, as well as, books at no cost to the student.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

- Due to a change in state regulations, there were two Self-Supporting Huskins classes (ENG 111, ENG 112) serving 16(unduplicated) in each section with a total of 96 credit hours.
- There were 6 Huskins classes with 45 students (unduplicated) receiving 285 hours of credit.
- There were 17 (unduplicated) Learn and Earn students received 81 hours of credit.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

The Career and College Promise program will be implemented.

REPORTER: Gail N. Ford
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Engineering Technologies

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Advanced Manufacturing Advisory Group

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Centralina Council of Governments

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Promote Economic Development

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Work on Advanced Manufacturing Center Feasibility Analysis and sustainability continues.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to partner on economic development

REPORTER: Virgil Cox
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Engineering and Industrial Technologies

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
None

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Caldwell Community College

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Collaborative program: AAS Biomedical Equipment Technology (A50100)
We send several students per year to complete the program at Caldwell Community College

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue as before

REPORTER: Virgil Cox
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Engineering Technologies

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
None

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College and Duke Energy

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Execute a Nuclear Technology AAS program.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Basic program structure is in place. An AOU has been signed between Duke Energy And Gaston College. Application has been completed and submitted. Expect to have students in seats Fall 2011.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
The formal process of getting the program modified for closer alignment with the occupational requirements and ease of administration and get the changes approved thru NCCCS.

REPORTER: Virgil Cox
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Automotive System Technology

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Mac Tool Company

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Train Service Technician and automotive students to use state of technology to diagnose and repair the modern automobile. Mac Tool Company uses GC facilities to train GC instructors regarding the latest technology.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue as before

REPORTER: Mike Cloninger
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Automotive System Technology

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

NAPA Parts

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Train Service Technician and automotive students to use state of technology to diagnose and repair the modern automobile. NAPA uses GC facilities to train GC instructors in the use of new technology.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue as before

REPORTER: Mike Cloninger
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Automotive System Technology, Trade and Industrial Division

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

North Carolina Safety/Emission Training

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Automotive Technology Programs: North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV); and local Automotive Service Businesses

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The purpose of the partnership is to provide NC Safety and emission training to all Gaston and Lincoln County (approximately 300 to 400 students annually). DMV offers workshops to train instructors how to train North Carolina inspector mechanics.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

The program has expanded to OBDII classes.

REPORTER: Mike Cloninger
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Engineering and Industrial Technologies

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
None

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
About 20 different companies per year for co-operative education experiences for students

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Opportunity for students to experience the work environment

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue as before

REPORTER:    Virgil Cox
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Nursing Assistant

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College Associate Nursing Assistant Externships

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2010-2011:

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PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
The federal Register requires that students participate in at least 16 hours of clinical practice. The NCCCS curriculum for NAS 101 requires 48 hours to meet the 1 credit hour of clinical experience. Students meet this requirement by practicing patient care under the direct supervision of an RN instructor in the clinical facility. The NA II class requires 80 hours of supervised instruction with the NCCCS requirement being 96 hours to meet the NCCCS 2 credit hour requirement.
HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

NA II evening classes rotate between Emergency Room and Surgical floor for clinical practice. NA II classes practice exclusively at GMH. NA I classes do all their clinical practice at long term care facilities with the exception of one class which does its practice at CMC Lincoln.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Basically unchanged. To meet the requirements of the State we will continue to schedule clinical practice as before.

REPORTER: Jane Duncan, RN, Department Chair, Nursing Assistants
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Associate Degree Nursing

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College Associate Degree Nursing Partnerships

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2010-2011:

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PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The purpose of these valuable partnerships is to meet student learning outcomes for each nursing course and to provide students with the knowledge and skills to provide nursing care to individual clients and groups of clients throughout the lifespan in a variety of settings.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Partnerships have provided students with experiential learning experiences that permit application of theoretical concepts in real life situations. The highlight of the graduating students in the Class of 2011 was providing a health fair for 9th grade students at Cherryville High School. Another phenomenal learning experience was during spring 2011 when the Nurse Education Clinician from the Burn Outreach North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center (UNC-Hospitals) came to our campus to speak with the fifth semester students. We continued the use of long-term care facilities in the first semester of the nursing program. Faculty and students have had very positive experiences in these agencies. Students were able to implement nursing skills in an environment which is at a slower pace than the acute care setting. The fourth semester students were also able to participate in vision screening in the Gaston County schools again this year. Students were trained in vision screening and worked with school nurses to assess vision in elementary students. During spring 2011 three of our associate degree nursing faculty served in the role of preceptor for graduate students working toward a Masters of Science in Nursing (Education) from UNC Greensboro.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Plans for 2011-2012 are to continue agreements with most of the partnerships listed. We plan to continue with the long-term care facilities in Gaston and surrounding counties for clinical experiences during the first semester of the program of study for the generic students. The pediatric experience on the pediatric rehabilitation unit at Levine’s Children’s Hospital (Carolinas Medical Center) will continue for fall 2011. We are planning to have the Nurse Education Clinician (UNC Hospital Burn Center) come back spring 2012 to facilitate a class. Both the generic and LPN-RN students are involved with the UNC Hospitals Burn Center class. We are continuing the collaboration with UNC Charlotte, CPCC, and Carolinas College of Health Sciences on the RIBN [Regionally Increase Baccalaureate Nurses]. We are collaboratively seeking to hire a student success coordinator to recruit and advise students for this venture. The first cohort will begin dually enrolled in general education courses fall of 2012.

REPORTER: Dianne George, RN, MSN
Chairperson of Associate Degree Nursing
ORGANIZATIONAL NAME:

Cosmetology

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Cosmetology Program

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PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

- The Cosmetology Students have the opportunity to work with salon industry quality product lines supported by hair color and hairstyling products sponsored by “Wella” and Proctor Gamble Company. This partnership offers the products to the Cosmetology under the School Program Incentive that includes continuing education for the Cosmetology Educators as well as current students. These activities are continuous every semester.
- The Gaston College Health Fair gives the Cosmetology students to participate in campus activities. Cosmetology students are able to practice their consultation skills on various members of the faculty and students from other college programs.
- Cosmetology students are able to highlight their manikin presentations during open house and demonstrate manicure services.
- Lincoln County Schools and the Gaston College Cosmetology Program partner every fall for Huskins students to attend the annual “Fashion Focus” trade show at the Charlotte Convention Center. Transportation is provided by the LCS and Gaston College provides the supervision of the students.
- Webb Street Prom offers Gaston College Cosmetology students the opportunity to provide community service to special needs children from the Webb Street School located in Gaston County while performing make-up applications and hairstyling services.
• The Gaston College Foundation offers assistance to Cosmetology Students who are financially challenged in purchasing the necessary attire and equipment required for the Cosmetology courses as per the Academic Emergency Fund.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Cosmetology students traveled to Charlotte and participated in the Fashion Focus Hair Convention. Set up and performed services for community based organization. Introduce their cosmetic skills to the community. Cosmetology students received professional seminars hosted by Wella International Industry Educators.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Maintain current partnerships and become more visible throughout the community.

REPORTER:

Catherine Cunningham, Department Chair, Cosmetology
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Dietetic Technician

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Gaston College Dietetic Technician Program

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS for 2010-11:

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The Dietetic Technician Program has a maximum enrollment in supervised practice of 35 first and second year students per our American Dietetic Association accreditation standards.
PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To provide clinical experience to meet the learning objectives and competencies for the Dietetic Technician students as specified by the American Dietetic Association, our accreditation agency.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Students experienced and learned how to interview patients, nutrition screening & assessment procedures, vital sign proficiency, therapeutic diet education skills, menu writing skills for clients across the life span and for special dietary needs, food safety skills, food service management skills which includes but is not limited to budget preparation, personnel management, job analysis/simplification experience, institutional equipment operation and purchase specifications, commercial kitchen floor design and layout skills, inventory processes and resume writing, computer skills because the program is offered over the internet. Students were trained to use the metabolic testing equipment this year and actually tested many faculty & staff members.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

We plan to continue with our program agreements and clinical agencies that we currently contract with. As the need arises, we will add agencies to meet the needs of our students.

REPORTER: Juanita Gunnell, MS, RD, LDN
Department Chairperson, Health Promotions
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Gaston College Medical Assisting Department
(2010-2011 Academic Year)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Medical Assisting Externship Affiliates

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

See attached list of participating affiliates for 2010-2011 academic year.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To provide clinical experiences for sophomore students prior to graduation. Students will be exposed to administrative, clinical, and laboratory duties while assigned to the facility. Students are supervised, directly, by the office staff and are visited weekly by the supervising faculty member from the Medical Assisting Program.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Affiliates have provided strong clinical experiences for our students that have allowed them to apply their knowledge to the work environment.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Plan to recruit additional offices, as needed, for externship affiliations for next year.

REPORTER: Betty Jones, MA, RN, CMA (AAMA) Department Chair, Medical Assisting
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Gaston College Phlebotomy Program
(2010-2011 Academic Year)

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Phlebotomy Externship Affiliates

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

See attached list of participating affiliates for 2010-2011 academic year.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

To provide clinical experiences for phlebotomy students prior to graduation. Students will work in the laboratory setting and will have the opportunity to interact with patients, draw venous blood (venipuncture) and perform micro collections (finger sticks). Students will complete a minimum of 100 successful unaided venipunctures and 25 successful unaided micro collections while in the clinical setting. Students are supervised, directly, by the office staff and are visited weekly by the supervising faculty member from the Phlebotomy Program.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Affiliates have provided strong clinical experiences for our students that have allowed them to apply their knowledge to the work environment.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Plan to recruit new offices, as needed, for externship affiliations for next year.

REPORTER: Betty Jones, MA, RN, CMA (AAMA)
Department Chair, Medical Assisting/Phlebotomy
| GMA Professional Center Outpatient Lab | CaroMont Family Medicine of Belmont | The Diagnostic Center  
2525 Court Drive, Ste.101 | 209 Park Street, Suite 100 | 655 Cox Road  
Gastonia, NC 28054 | Gastonia, NC 28012 | Gastonia, NC 28054 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Family Medicine Assoc/LC             | Gaston Medical Group, PA  
1531 N. Aspen Street | 660 Summit Crossing Pl. #  
Lincolnton NC 28092 | 301 | Gastonia NC 28054 | Gaston Memorial Hospital  
2525 Court Drive  
Gastonia, NC 28054 |
| South Point Family Practice/ Stanley | Lincoln Family Practice  
159 East Dallas Road | 614 Center Drive  
Stanley NC 28164 | Lincolnton, NC 28092 | CMC-Lincoln Health System, Inc.  
200 Gamble Drive  
Lincolnton, NC 28092 |
| Riverwood Family Practice  
3715 Union Road | South Point Family Practice  
Gastonia, NC 28056 | 1220 Spruce Street  
1225 East Garrison Blvd.  
Gastonia NC 28054 |
| Scala Clinic  
630 Clark Drive  
Lincolnton NC 28092 | Dallas Family Medicine  
824 Lower Dallas Highway  
Dallas NC 28034 | Mt Holly Family Practice  
P O Box 786  
Mt. Holly NC 28120 |
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Practical Nursing Program

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Practical Nursing Externship Affiliates

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2010-2011

Facilities include:
Gaston Memorial Hospital-CaroMont Healthcare
CMC-Lincoln
Courtland Terrace-CaroMont Healthcare
Stanley Total Living Center
Holy Angels, Inc.
Brian Center Lincoln
Alexandria Place

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The partnerships provide a variety of clinical experiences in which the students are able to apply learned theoretical principles in acute care, long-term care, and specialty areas like pediatrics and obstetrical nursing. Our clinical partners provide us with the opportunity to care for groups of patients, medicate 5-10 patients, work as a "nurse in charge" and work as a member of a collaborative team. Our last semester course is designed to ease the transition from student to nurse employee which is beneficial to prospective employers. The public and the potential employers benefit by receiving a well-educated/clinically prepared nursing workforce. The liaison provides communication, advisement, and counsel between Gaston College and nursing workforce/administration.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Highlights of the year include Advisory Committee meetings held twice a year, pre and post semester meetings with unit managers per floor per facility, and an annual planning session for clinical assignments.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

The plan for next year is to continue the close cooperative relationship between these organizations to provide a quality nursing workforce for Gaston, Lincoln, and surrounding counties.

REPORTER: Beverly Davis
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

Therapeutic Massage

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Gaston College Therapeutic Massage Program

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS: For 2010-2011

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PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

The purpose of the partnership is to:

- Provide chair massage to Gaston County Residents
- Provide GC TM students an opportunity to interview clients and discuss the benefits of therapeutic massage to the general public.
- Provide GC TM students an opportunity to practice chair massage in a public setting in the Westfield Shopping Mall.
- Provide GC TM students an opportunity to practice on-site chair massage, engage soft skills as well as moving and setting up equipment.
- Provide GC TM students an opportunity to participate and perform chair massage as a community service in order to instill values of giving back to the community while promoting health and wellness through massage.
• Further GC Strategic Initiative II, Goal 6, Objective 1: Conduct 10 activities annually that showcase GC’s programs to appropriate community groups.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Twelve Gaston College Therapeutic Massage students traveled to the different locations/ events and participated in providing chair massages and sports massages for the various events. Each student participated in set-ups and breakdown of their stations for all events. Students gained working knowledge of steps necessary to perform off site massages. They also became knowledgeable of the required equipment needed for various events.

Students participated in a one day trip to Asheville, NC, Grove Park Inn to receive a professional massage and observe the soft skills of their professionals as well as the operation of the spa. Students attended a NC Therapeutic Massage Board meeting in Raleigh, NC.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Plans for the upcoming year include repeating the above activities with the class of 2011-12 and the stated organizations.

REPORTER:
Monica Phillips, LMBT
Program Director, Therapeutic Massage
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
Health Education Division/Veterinary Medical Technology

1. PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
COE 112: Co-op Work Experience Externship.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
61 Veterinary hospitals/clinics/facilities in North Carolina.

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PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Provide clinical externships for clinical instruction of veterinary medical technology students. In return, students assist the hospital veterinary staff in their duties. Every summer the students work for 32 hours/week for 10 weeks.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

We currently have 28 students participating in the summer 2011 COE 112-18 course. Provide students with opportunities to observe and perform various clinical and clerical duties associated with operation of a veterinary hospital, veterinary specialty practice and zoological parks.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

COE 112 is a required core curriculum course for the Veterinary Medical Technology Program. It is offered each summer semester.

REPORTER: K.M. Blankenship, DVM
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Foundation Board of Directors

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Gaston College Textile Technology Center
Various Textile Organizations

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Provide financial aid and other assistance to the Textile Technology Center

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Working on fund raising campaign. Serve as Treasurer

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue to provide assistance

REPORTER: Joe Keith
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

Hosiery Technology Center (CEMS)

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Hosiery Technology Center (CEMS)
Gaston College East Campus and Textile Technology Center

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Further the mission of both organizations by sharing and complementing each others’ capital equipment purchases and product development needs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Advisory Board Membership
Foundation Board Membership
Advice and counsel from Hosiery Industry lobbyist

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue with collaboration

REPORTER: John Anderson
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Johnson and Wales University

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Promote hands-on textile information to Johnson & Wales merchandising students
Serve as a source for their textile labs
Provide current and future retailer contacts

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Held lab sessions

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Provide textile labs four times/year for five years
Sponsor intern(s) as requested

REPORTER: John Anderson
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

President's Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

North Carolina State University College of Textiles

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Promote the textile industry
Maintain relationship and networking with College of Textiles

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Participated in conference on Alpaca Growers
Coordinated with NC State faculty

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue similar activities

REPORTER: Joe Keith
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Textile Technology Center Advisory Board

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston College Textile Technology Center
Various Textile Organizations

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To assist in the advancement and administration of the Textile Technology Center

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Board was active in making recommendations for future direction.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to assist and oversee the Textile Technology Center.

REPORTER: Joe Keith
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Southern Textile Association

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Promote the textile industry
Maintain relationship and networking with textile firms

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Held meetings at East Campus and Textile Technology Center
Made presentations at meetings
Served as Executive VP of Piedmont Chapter of the STA, on the Board of Directors, and on program committee

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue similar activities

REPORTER: Joe Keith
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Uster Technologies, Inc.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Joint use of facilities and equipment

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Numerous products tested on Uster equipment. Uster used our facilities for testing their products.

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue with the partnership
Include Uster in the Manufacturing Excellence Workshops

REPORTER: John Anderson
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
President’s office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
Alpaca Fiber United

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Textile Technology Center, Carolinas Alpaca Breeders Association,

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Advance the utilization of Alpaca fiber grown in North Carolina in apparel and advanced textiles

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Hosted a birthening seminar for the Alpaca Fiber Symposium
Ongoing – testing to characterize the properties

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Speaking at western Convention
Ongoing testing
Community Mill Seminars

REPORTER:
J Anderson
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston County Schools

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide facilities for South Point High School carpentry construction classes

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Classes held

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue with the partnership

REPORTER: Joe Keith
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:

President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Gastonia Civitan Club

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:

Provide networking opportunities and community service

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

Served as committee chair

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Continue with membership and activities

REPORTER: Joe Keith
ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:
JobLink East

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Gaston County Workforce Development Board (principal)
Workforce Investment Act Programs (WIA)
Employment Security Commission (ESC)
Goodwill Industries
NC Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
Services for the Blind
Dept of Social Services WFFA
Gaston County School System

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide job and career change information and training to individuals and employees to employers looking for particular business needs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
VITA and AARP provided income tax assistance

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to serve the public.

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ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT:
President’s Office

PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Montcross Chamber of Commerce

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
To promote a cooperative agenda between education and commerce with the targets of expanding the number of businesses that take advantage of Gaston College offerings and, at the same time, foster an expansion of the Chamber’s Membership

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Numerous joint meetings and offerings at the East Campus.
Served as Office on Board of Directors

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue with memberships and joint meetings.

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PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
WIA Youth Works

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide employment opportunities and on-the-job training for younger workers

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Had two workers during the current year

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to have workers as available

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PARTNERSHIP NAME, IF APPROPRIATE:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:
Winston Salem Urban League

PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP:
Provide employment opportunities and on-the-job training for older female workers

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:
Had two workers during the current year

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Continue to have workers as available

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PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR IDENTIFYING PARTNERSHIPS

The following is the dictionary definition of the term “partner” (The American Heritage Dictionary, 1981, p. 956): “A person associated with another or others in some activity of common interest. It implies a relationship in which each has equal status and a certain independence but also implicit or formal obligations to the other or others.”

Guidelines for identifying partnerships consists of the following parameters:

1. There must be collaboration among partners. The primary purpose of the partnership doesn’t need to be to deliver educational services.

2. All partners must make a contribution (e.g., money, time, resources).

3. A formal agreement is not necessary.

4. There is no time constraint. For example, the alliance qualifies as a partnership if it brings about an activity that occurs only once.

5. A partner must be an organization, not an individual.

6. Organizations that provide clinical activities, and/or accept students either as interns, Co-op workers, or volunteers are partners. At the discretion of the reporter, partnership activities such as these can be reported in aggregate statistics.

7. The primary beneficiaries of the partnership activity can be members of a participating organization, providing that there is collaboration and the participating organization makes a contribution (facilities, money, time, or other resource). Examples of organizational clients are:

   • inmates (county jail)
   • community members (YMCA)
   • AFDC recipients (Social Services)
   • Displaced workers (Employment Security, WIA)

Program examples would include workplace literacy, Focused Industry Training (FIT), and New and Expanding Industry training.

8. Providing a favor does not by itself constitute a partnership activity. For example, as a favor, Gaston College sometimes makes its facilities available to community organizations, and community organizations sometime do Gaston College a favor by making their facilities available to the College. In these instances, there is not sufficient collaboration to constitute a partnership.

9. Membership on committees of community organization constitutes a partnership if committee involvement is extensive and leads to fruitful interaction with community leaders.

10. When in doubt as to whether the activity constitutes a partnership, it is best to report it.