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Teresa Nelson
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As the academic year draws to a close, there's a powerful sense of celebration in the air at Brunswick Community College.

The Class of 2025—518 students strong—will soon walk across the stage, collectively earning 602 credentials. Each degree, diploma, and certificate tells a story of hard work, perseverance, and the unwavering support of a caring community.

Thanks to you, giving is at an all-time high—and so is the gratitude we feel. Whether you've contributed to a scholarship, stocked our food pantry, offered a kind word, or simply believed in our students, your generosity has touched hearts and changed lives.

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This season of giving, gratitude, and graduation is a testament to what we can accomplish together. Watch for the September issue of Foundation Focus for a calendar of exciting events!

With heartfelt appreciation,
Teresa Nelson
Executive Director
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Community College

A Brighter Vision for the Arts



Photo Caption: Instructors Gina Poppe (fused glass), Spencer Hayden (metal sculpture), Southport Center Director Barbara McFall, BCC President Gene Smith, and Foundation Executive Director Theresa Nelson thanking donor Allison Fox (off camera) for her incredible gift.

Thanks to a generous gift from local arts advocate Allison Fox, Brunswick Community College's Southport Center for Heritage Arts is experiencing a bright new chapter—literally and figuratively. Her recent donation funded the purchase and installation of two expansive banks of commercial windows. More than a structural update, the new windows usher in a fresh wave of light, energy, and possibility.

Located at 701 N. Lord Street, the Southport Center has become a beloved gathering space for artists, crafters, and lifelong learners throughout the region. With more than 500 individuals currently enrolled in courses ranging from pottery to painting, the center is buzzing with creativity and community spirit. The addition of natural light not only elevates the learning environment but also signals the beginning of a new phase of growth for the bustling campus.

“This generous gift has illuminated more than just space—it has sparked momentum for our future,” said Barbara McFall, Director of the Southport Center. “Donors like Allison Fox provide the confidence and encouragement we need to keep our vision moving forward.”

That vision includes the transformation of existing space into as many as six new classrooms or studios, ultimately supporting up to 72 additional weekly classes. The center's popularity has fueled demand for expanded programming, and this gift marks an important step in answering that call. Just this week, the Center celebrated the opening of its newest instructional space—the Metal Studio—welcoming its first class of eager students.

“Allison's generosity is a shining example of community support making a lasting difference,” said Teresa Nelson, Executive Director of The Foundation of Brunswick Community College. “Gifts like this not only transform buildings—they transform lives.”

To celebrate the growth and creativity blooming at the Southport Center, the public is invited to experience it all in action at the first-ever *Southport Arts MAY-nia* on Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Held on the center's back lawn, the event will feature live arts demonstrations, music, food trucks, and guided tours—offering a joyful look into the heart of a community arts center shining brighter than ever.

NEWS & NOTES

Service Club Supports BCC



The St. James Service Club recently presented BCC with a check for \$4,000 to help fund scholarships for adult learners. We could not be more grateful and love having your community part of ours.

Pictured with Teresa (far left) and President Smith (far right) Carolyn Weinzirl, Scholarship Committee; Eileen DeSerio, Scholarship Committee and Past President; and Colleen Cooper, Club President

Cruising for Education



Cape Fear Cruisers Car Club, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization located in the coastal town of Southport, NC, recently donated \$7,500 to help fund student scholarships.

We are honored to be among the organizations supported by the generosity of the Cape Fear Cruisers!

Pictured with Teresa (left) and President Smith (right) is Club President Peggy Little.

Stanley Brothers Deliver 'Slam Dunk'



Just prior to the close of basketball season, longtime supporters Joe and Moe Stanley delivered the ultimate game-winning assist — a \$72,000 donation to The Foundation of BCC in support of the BCC Dolphins Basketball team.

The Stanley brothers, lifelong Brunswick County residents, made their surprise gift center court surrounded by players, coaches, and college leadership. Their donation will strengthen the Men's Basketball program and ensure that current and future student-athletes continue to benefit from opportunities to grow, compete, and succeed.

Joe and Moe's passion for basketball runs deep. Having grown up playing the game locally, they've carried their love for sports—and their community—into their adult lives. Owners of Joe and Moe's Automotive in Shallotte, the brothers have rallied friends, family, and fellow fans through an annual fundraising effort dedicated to supporting the team.

The Foundation of BCC and the entire college community extend their heartfelt thanks to Joe, Moe, and all who contributed to this meaningful gift. Their generosity is helping shape the future of BCC Basketball and will inspire student-athletes for years to come.

A Delicious Way to Say Thanks

The Foundation recently treated employees to a deliciously fun Ice Cream Social in appreciation for their generous support of the annual Campus Fund Drive—and for their dedication to serving students every day. With six different flavors to choose from, plus all the toppings—whipped cream, chocolate syrup, and sprinkles—the event was a big hit.

But the fun didn't stop there. The next day, the ice cream made its way to the Brunswick Interagency Program, where students enjoyed their own special treat after lunch. For both employees and students, the celebration was a simple yet meaningful way to share the joy of being together and giving back.





Every Dollar Counts



If you'd like to help further the mission of The Foundation of BCC in support of our students, please scan the QR code on the left and make a gift of any size. Every dollar counts and is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support and generosity.

For information on mentor or volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Teresa Nelson at nelsont@brunswickcc.edu.

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