

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

SPOTLIGHTING THE GREAT 58: STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

At [Stanly Community College](#) (SCC), the [Dallas Herring Lecture](#) isn't just an annual event—it's a **catalyst for change and growth** among the college's faculty and staff.

In addition to promoting attendance for the annual lecture, SCC administrators ensure their team has access to the insights shared by national leaders and revisit the lecture through a facilitated, hour-and-a-half discussion.



"Each year we have held these discussions, we come away with great insights into the employee experience with our students and with action items for continuous improvement," said **Dr. Carmen Elliott Nunalee**, vice president of Student Success. *"It was important to me that faculty and staff saw that the President and his direct reports placed high value on the discussions."*

By using the Dallas Herring Lecture as an ongoing tool, it has led to conversations that ultimately prioritize and strengthen student success.

*“College administration places high value on giving employees the opportunity to discuss the ideas from the lecture in a local context,” said President **Dr. John Enamait**. “We are a stronger college for taking the time to explore with each other how these critical issues affect our own students’ success.”*

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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH: RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM, THE BEST DECISION EVER

Returning to school isn’t easy, but for many adult learners, it’s a journey fueled by **family, a passion for pursuing new opportunities and personal growth**. With more than **1.3 million adults** in North Carolina without a certification or degree, initiatives like [NC Reconnect](#) are creating new pathways for learners of all ages. Made possible with the support of the [John M. Belk Endowment](#) and in partnership with the [Belk Center](#), [North Carolina Community College System](#) and [myFutureNC](#), NC Reconnect is helping to re-engage adults in postsecondary education and provide support along the way.



Kailey is the inspirational proof that education has no age limit. Thanks to the support and opportunities provided by Robeson Community College, Kailey’s life—and her daughter’s—has been transformed.

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DIVE INTO ADULT LEARNER



As Community College Month comes to a close, we want to express our gratitude for the **educators, faculty** and **alumni** who make community colleges the **best decision ever**. We know that a strong community college system drives workforce development, economic growth and lifelong learning opportunities.

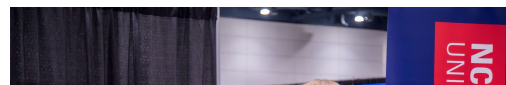
North Carolina's Great 58 community colleges play a vital role in unlocking these opportunities. By providing accessible, high-quality education, they equip students in every region of our state with the **skills they need for success** while helping their communities **thrive**.

EXPLORE RESEARCH TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERS

CATCH UP ON #CCMONTH HIGHLIGHTS ON LINKEDIN

COMMEMORATING 60 YEARS OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

This year marks the **60th**



anniversary of the [NC State College of Education's doctoral program in Community College Leadership](#)—one of the oldest programs of its kind in the nation.



Sharing a vision for postsecondary success with North Carolina community colleges, the Belk Center helps develop a pipeline of talented community college leaders through innovative research and insights, leadership development resources and opportunities and collaborative partnerships. Our support of the doctoral program includes the Executive Mentorship Program, [Belk Center Fellows](#) and internship opportunities. As we reflect on this monumental milestone, we're excited to continue working alongside the College of Education to expand our impact across the state.



[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM](#)

CELEBRATING THE 2025 NCCLP COHORT

This month marked the conclusion of the final retreat for this year's North Carolina Community College Leadership Program (NCCCLP)

cohort. Over the last six months, 33 emerging leaders from 24 community colleges across North Carolina have been sharpening the skills needed to support their leadership roles within the North Carolina Community College system.



Congratulations to this year's cohort—your creativity, thoughtfulness and commitment to student success will leave a lasting impact across the state.

EXPLORE THE PROGRAM

BELK CENTER IN ACTION

Council for the Study of Community Colleges

Every year, the [Council for the Study of Community Colleges](#) (CSCC) conference serves as a forum for expanding knowledge and understanding of issues shaping the community college landscape.

This year, the Belk Center was proud to contribute research with lasting impact through **six team-led sessions**—highlighting work that supports **community colleges, faculty, students** and **communities** across North Carolina and beyond through.





Adult Learning Convening

Adult learners are the future of higher education, and the Belk Center team was proud to join the John M. Belk Endowment's annual Adult Learner Convening to help expand opportunities for community colleges to be places of **maximum opportunity** for adult learners.

This collaborative event serves as a catalyst for helping North Carolina's community colleges **engage, re-enroll** and **credential** adult learners—addressing both personal aspirations and the state's critical workforce needs. We're honored to support this work and partner with colleges to transform campuses and help all learners succeed.



READ MORE ABOUT THE EVENT AND ITS IMPACT



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