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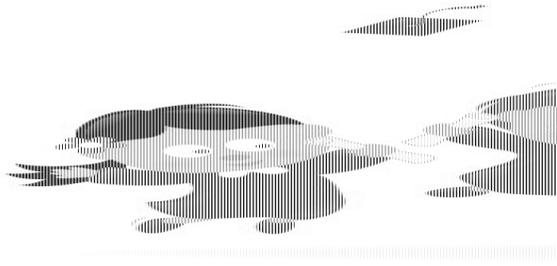
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Central Carolina Works Director's Spotlight

Dear readers,

It is with both excitement and sadness that I write to you today. This will be my last spotlight article as the Director of Secondary Partnerships. My time at Central Carolina Community College has been an incredible opportunity, but it has now come to a close. I will be leaving my position as of June 30th and will be "shuffling off to Buffalo" to be closer to my roots. I moved to North Carolina in 2008 with the intention of staying just a year or two; now, a decade later, upstate New York is finally calling me home. My husband and I, and our dog Abraham, are very excited about this new adventure, even though we will sorely miss all the amazing people we have met during our time in North Carolina.

On a brighter note, I am thrilled to announce the new Director to our readers. Dr. Sara Newcomb is coming to us from Gardner-Webb University and is going to do an amazing job at the helm of the Central Carolina Works program. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Newcomb for the first time this week and feel that she will be an incredible addition to our staff. There are some exciting new opportunities coming for the CCW program and I trust that Dr. Newcomb will lead the way with both grace and grit, and will excel at strengthening our existing partnerships in Chatham, Harnett, and Lee counties. Dr. Newcomb will be in the office full-time as of Monday, July 2nd.

To my staff, I say this - it has truly been an honor. My advisors are some of the most dedicated, enthusiastic, and all-around FANTASTIC people I have ever met. I have laughed, cried, hoped, and dreamed with these folks for two years and will never forget our time together. I feel blessed to have been a small part of the larger CCW experience, and I finally understand what it means to be #ccw4life.

In every ending, there is a new beginning.

Signing off,

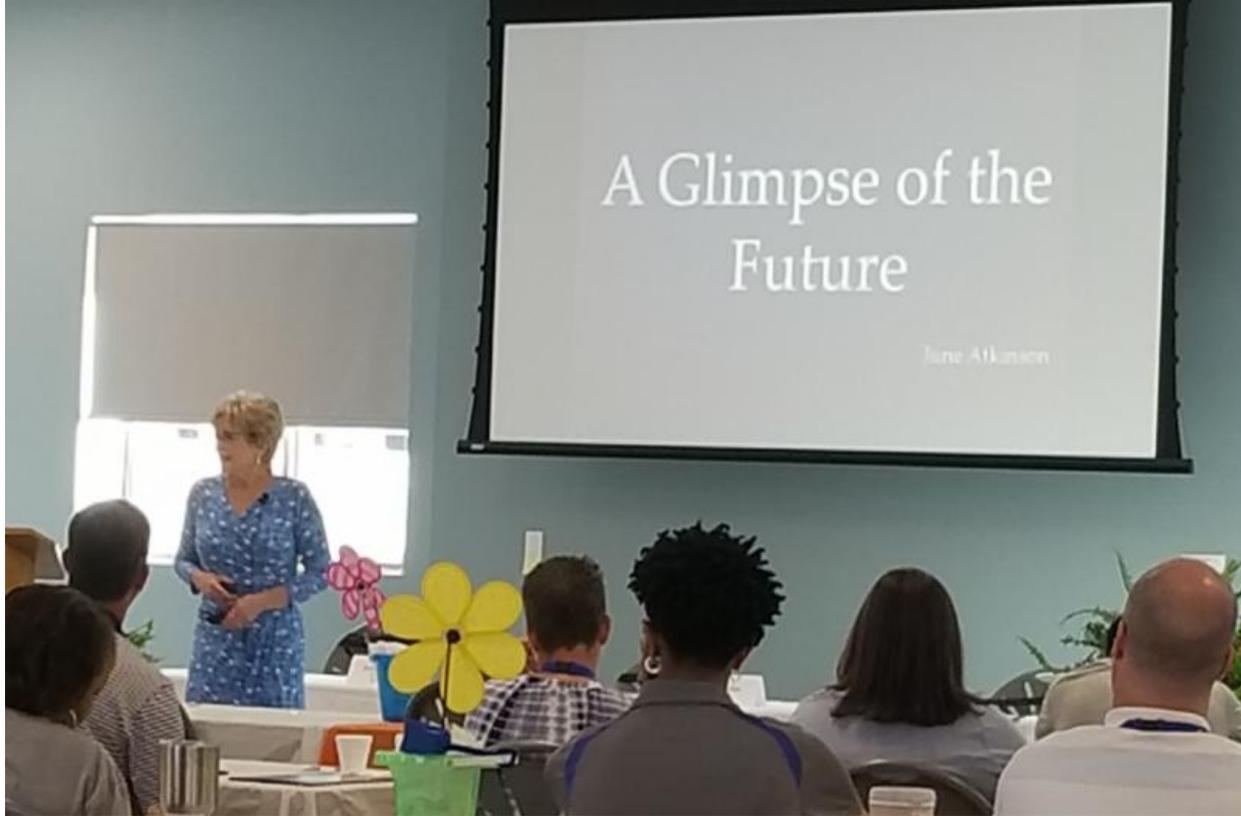


EWIF Summer Symposium



Central Carolina Works presented the 4th Annual Bridging Education and Careers summer symposium on June 18 at Sanford Contractors. The symposium, made possible by the Education Workforce and Innovation Fund (EWIF) grant from the North Carolina Governor's Office, offered a unique opportunity for collaboration as it connected high school English, social studies, and CTE teachers to local industry. This collaboration allows for more effective bridging of the gap between education and the world of work, as teachers were able to see first-hand what demands exist within industry.

Symposium participants were welcomed by: Brent Sloan, Sanford Contractors Human Resources Director; Mary Schmid Carter, CCCC Director of Secondary Partnerships; Dr. T. E. Marchant, CCCC President; and Dr. Brian Merritt, CCCC Vice President of Learning & Workforce Development. After the welcome, Dr. Brian Merritt introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. June Atkinson, former North Carolina State Superintendent. Dr. Atkinson is the first female to hold this position in North Carolina. In addition to her years as superintendent, Dr. Atkinson has experience in the classroom as a teacher in Virginia and North Carolina. In her keynote, Dr. Atkinson addressed the need for public education to adapt to the 21st century. She emphasized that making a better connection between industry and education will be crucial to helping our students succeed as they prepare to join the workforce.



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sue Atkinson

The keynote address was followed an industry panel discussion, led by Kelvin Hunt, CCCC Director of Student Outreach and Recruitment. Participants on the panel included: Sgt James Estes from the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Zachary Horner from Sanford Herald, Brent Sloan from Sanford Contractors, Martha Hudson from Tobacco Road Golf Course, and Ginny Phillips from Pentair. The discussion covered topics such as industry demands, workforce concerns, and educational requirements/expectations.



Industry Panel: Kelvin Hunt, Sgt James Estes, Zachary Horner, Martha Hudson, Ginny Phillips, & Brent Sloan

The food trucks NC Wings & Things and Antojitos Rosy were on hand to provide lunch to conference participants. After lunch, Lara Abels, CCCC Lee County Lead College & Career Advisor, introduced the concept of a Career-Focused Unit (CFU) to the group. The CFU is a unit embedded within the standard curriculum that incorporates course relevance to career fields. This allows the teacher to connect what the students are learning to real world application in the workplace. A sample CFU was introduced through a video produced by Meredith Galloway - a former symposium participant. Meredith had created a Career-Focused Unit for use in her classroom which focused on the solar panel industry and provided insight into how the process works and how to implement a CFU in the classroom.

Meredith's presentation provided a practical segue into the industry tours. The participants were given tours of four local businesses: the Sanford YMCA, Comfort First Heating and Cooling



Central Carolina Power Equipment



and Tobacco Road Golf Course.



During the tours, the hosts discussed their particular industries needs and how those needs can be met through education. Participants were also provided opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback. During these exchanges it was apparent that communication skills and trainability were often just as, if not more than, critical than current level of knowledge in the specific career field. A common theme was that the hard skills are easily trained if the soft

skills and willingness to learn are present.

The symposium ended with another panel discussion with employees of Sanford Contractors and an opportunity for the participants to hold group discussions amongst themselves. The group discussions were led by CCP advisors. During these discussions, the participants generated ideas on how they could implement the CFU in their own classrooms. The new Central Carolina Promise initiative (see below) was also presented to the group and discussed in detail. A closing ceremony was held and certificates of completion were presented to the participants. All in all, it was a fantastic day and we appreciate the hard work of everyone who contributed to the event's success!

Information and photos for this EWIF synopsis were gathered and presented by CCP Staff.



CCP Team - EWIF Hosts
Back Row: Patrick Kelly, Steve Heesacker, Mary Schmid-Carter, Ben Thomas, Stephanie Whitaker
Front Row: Carolina Simmons, Kelly Dorman, Tracy Autry, Megan Burgess, Lara Abels, Katie Surber, Alyson Cochrane

Central Carolina Promise

As of the last few weeks, Career & College Promise students have a new opportunity on the horizon. The Central Carolina Promise is a new initiative created in partnership between the college and local county commissioners. Beginning this fall, Lee County Schools' newest graduates who meet certain criteria may attend Central Carolina Community College for two years tuition-free. Future graduating classes will be required to complete at least 12 credit hours or 4 classes of CCP credit during their 11th and/or 12th grade years to be eligible; this requirement has been waived for 2018 graduates. Applicants must submit their residency determination, college application, FAFSA, and Promise application to be considered for this opportunity. The Fall 2018 application deadline in Lee county is July 16, and the application as well as more information on Central Carolina Promises can be found at <http://www.cccc.edu/promise/>. Similar initiatives are being considered in both Chatham and Harnett counties for implementation at a later date.

Enrollment Updates

At the time of this writing, we have 1,638 students enrolled in 3,548 classes for fall. Registration is only partially complete, so those numbers will continue to grow throughout the summer. CCP at CCC remains strong and we are grateful to be able to offer these exciting, affordable educational opportunities for our local high school students.

For the most current CCP operating procedures and program updates, please visit the NCCCS website at: <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/academic-programs/career-college-promise>.

