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MESSAGE FROM THE A-B TECH PRESIDENT

A-B Tech was recognized during 2017-18 for a number of new initiatives, innovations and honors, which is how we have structured our annual report.

First and foremost, President Emeritus K. Ray Bailey received the I.E. Ready Award, which is North Carolina's top honor for community college educators. His selection recognizes his accomplishments at A-B Tech, as well as on behalf of community colleges statewide. A-B Tech employees also were recognized as

a State Teacher of the Year finalist, the Southeast Chef of the Year, and National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award winners.

Another highlight was the development of our RISE program, which stands for Respect, Integrity and Support for Everyone. It addressed a key element of our 2016-20 strategic plan to define and enhance our culture, as well as my own intention for A-B Tech to be a Welcoming College. The principles of RISE were identified collaboratively by all of our employees, and various departments and committees were then empowered to develop RISE initiatives.

Another exciting outgrowth of the RISE project was the launch of a new A-B Tech mascot, which helps brand the College and generate spirit among students and employees. After a year-long selection process that began with employees and gave students the final decision, we're now known as the Trailblazers and our official mascot is Trailblazer Bear.

Other highlights from the year were the new Professor Emeritus program, which recognizes distinguished retired faculty; the Community Colleges of Appalachia Workforce Development Award for our Craft Beverage Institute of the Southeast; the first graduation for Project Search; the 50th anniversary celebration of our Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs; the American Association of Community College's visit to showcase our Culinary Arts program; the signing of the Bulldog-Trailblazer Promise transfer agreement with UNC Asheville; and the renaming of our Balsam building for President Emeritus Harvey Haynes.

Last but not least, we are beyond grateful for the continued support of our donors, who support our students, scholarships, various programs, and assorted needs of the College. This year, donors also established a campaign to help us restore the Ivy Building, which is the only remaining building from St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines and Gibbons Hall schools. This annual report reflects the accomplishments of our students, employees and College programming that you helped make possible.

Sincerely,

Dennis King



Dr. King and Dr. Beth Stewart



K. Ray Bailey and Jennifer Haygood



Sheila Tillman

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President Emeritus K. Ray Bailey Receives Highest Honor from State Board of Community Colleges

A-B Tech President Emeritus K. Ray Bailey received the 2018 I.E. Ready Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Board of Community Colleges, for his decades of service to A-B Tech and the North Carolina Community College System.

Named for Isaac Epps Ready, the first state director of the N.C. Community College System, the award was created in 1983 to recognize individuals who have made significant statewide contributions to the establishment, development or enhancement of the state's community colleges.

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Aside from a short stint teaching at Clyde A. Erwin High School, Bailey dedicated his professional career to A-B Tech from 1966-2007. He was the College's president from 1990 until his retirement and was honored as President of the Year for the N.C. Community College System in 2005. He received honorary doctorates from Mars Hill University and Western Carolina University, as well as the Chancellor's Medallion from the University of North Carolina in Asheville. In 2006, he was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest honor given by the North Carolina Governor.

"First of all, I am honored the College had submitted my name for the award and I was selected by the state board committee," Bailey said. "I have enjoyed what is now almost 52 years of service to the community college system through A-B Tech, the State Board and now the Foundation Board. I look forward to finding more ways to help students to achieve their goals at A-B Tech."

During Bailey's presidency, A-B Tech grew to encompass three campuses that collectively enrolled more than 25,000 students. The College also added more than 30 degree and diploma programs and constructed a computer technology center to house the state's first digital media technology program. In 2000, Bailey created A-B Tech's Enka campus through a donation from BASF Corporation. The company's gift of 37 acres and three buildings was the largest-ever donation of property to a community college in the United States.

"President Bailey's legacy is evident at A-B Tech today," said A-B Tech President Dennis King. "It can be seen through the Haynes Building that houses the state's first Digital Media Technology Center and the Brumit Center for Hospitality Education, home to a nationally ranked program. His creation of the A-B Tech Foundation has given thousands of scholarships to students in need. His dedication to the College and its students is indeed praiseworthy."

After retirement from A-B Tech, Bailey's commitment to the community college didn't end. He was elected Buncombe County Commissioner, winning more votes than any other candidate. He played a key role in luring the manufacturer Linamar to the area, bringing hundreds of high paying jobs to the county during his term. Bailey also remained involved with the community college system. He served on the State Board of Community Colleges from 2009-2015 and was elected vice chair for two years. He also chaired the board's Finance Committee from 2011-2015.

Bailey also continues to serve on the A-B Tech Foundation Board, and the annual K. Ray Bailey Golf Tournament is the College's largest fundraiser.

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Chef Robert Werth



Associate Dean Sheila Tillman

Culinary and Hospitality Programs Celebrate 50 Years

A-B Tech's renowned Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management programs celebrated 50 years of world-class education in 2018. The programs are accredited by the American Culinary Federation, were the first such programs in North Carolina.

The program founders "really put into perspective what this area is about: tourism," said Chef Sheila Tillman, retired Associate Dean of Hospitality Education. And to be honest, you can't have this employee pool without this skilled force that keeps feeding it. So that is our role: providing the workforce to support this industry."

Though the programs were considered as early as 1965 and officially launched in 1968, the first cooking classes actually were offered in 1966 in the Dogwood Building, housed with diesel, welding and air-conditioning.

"We had a worn refrigerator, a stove, a table and a few chairs and a gal named Ann Cooley," said President Emeritus K. Ray Bailey who served A-B Tech from 1966-2007, with the last 17 years as president. Cooley, who had trained at the Ecole Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, taught the first classes and continued at the College until 1975.

"In the meantime, we were building the Birch Building, which had a 14-unit motel for the hotel and restaurant management program and then for the culinary program. We had a wonderful kitchen, but we had a cafeteria line and a dining room," Bailey said.

While the building was being constructed, A-B Tech got word from the Governor's office that there was a chef

in New York who wanted to relocate in the South, Bailey said. Chef Robert Werth, a native of France, subsequently was hired to establish the Culinary program. He had only four students in its first class and graduated two. Werth was disappointed, but never had that problem again, as his program went on to win awards, national acclaim, and draw students from all over the country. He served as department chair until he retired from A-B Tech in 1994.

Gary Schwartz, who taught in Hospitality Management at A-B Tech from 1984 until 2009, had owned a restaurant but really enjoyed education. "Our alumni were very important for sustaining the program. They kept us going," he said, citing restaurateur Reza Setayesh, who served as an adjunct.

"We had lots of growing pains. We were certainly way beyond our one kitchen before we were able to move (into the Magnolia Building). One year the roof failed in the Birch Building and we were kicked out. We had to go to the Pines building and classes were held all over. The repairs got us a much nicer lobby, but the kitchen did not get larger," Schwartz said. It was a relief to move into the new Magnolia hospitality complex with its six industrial kitchens in 2006, he said.

Schwartz said A-B Tech's capstones are what sets the College's programs apart from others across the country. "It's a lot of darn work from the staff and that's why we have such an outstanding program – because the staff is willing to work."

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Walter Rapetski, who has taught Hospitality Management for the past 20 years, cited the growth of the hospitality industry over the past two decades. "We have been able to grow and develop the program to meet the area's needs. We have become the go-to source for hotels and restaurants, and not just for employers, but for projects and ideas," he said.

"It's all about jobs and careers and the evolution of the program," Rapetski said. "Our roles as teachers have expanded beyond classroom. Teachers have become mentors as well. We are still small enough to have that personal touch."

In 2006, the Magnolia Building opened, replacing the former "motor lodge" rooms with upscale hotel suites. A-B Tech had to keep pace with advances in the hotel industry and that is reflected in the current Mountain Tech Lodge, Rapetski said.

A-B Tech also began a Baking and Pastry Arts degree program in 2003 with only seven students. Over the past 15 years, the program has almost tripled in size. Chef Vince Dontelli, who has overseen the program since its inception, said it was the only two-year baking program in the region for its first six years.

Another major growth point was in 2013, when the Craft Beverage Institute of the Southeast was officially launched. It was designed to support the rapidly growing craft beverage industry in Western North Carolina and the Southeast by providing the nation's first two-year degree program in brewing, distilling, fermentation and related business practices. Tillman, who founded the program, recruited Jeff "Puff" Irvin as its first brewmaster and promoted him to director in 2017.

Student Competition

A-B Tech's student culinary teams have competed in the American Culinary Federation's hot food competitions since 1996. Since that time, A-B Tech teams have placed first in state competition 20 times, and 11 teams have won the Southeast regional competition and vied for the national title. A-B Tech has sent more teams to ACF Nationals than any other college in the contest's history. A-B Tech students won the national title in 2007.

Hospitality and Culinary Timeline Highlights

1968 – Chef Robert Werth and Rick Johnsson hired to lead the Culinary and Hospitality Management programs, respectively.

September 1968 – Hotel-Motel Food Service Administration and Culinary Science classes start in the newly built "D" building

1994 – Chef Sheila Tillman named chair of the Hospitality Education Department after the retirement of Chef Werth

1996 – Student Hot Food team is formed, winning state competition

2004 – Baking and Pastry Arts program starts

2006 – Magnolia Hospitality Education building opens

2007 – Student Hot Food team places first in the nation

2008 – Brumit Center for Culinary Arts and Hospitality dedicated

2012 – Craft Beverage Institute of the Southeast formed

2013 – Brewing, Distillation and Fermentation degree program begins

Notable Alumni:

Caitlin McMillan: One of Zagat's Best 30 Chefs Under 30 (2017)

Lawrence McFadden, CMC: General Manager/COO at the Union Club

Justin Wangler: Executive Chef Kendall Jackson Wineries

Phil Cordell: Global Head of New Brand Development at Hilton

Daniel Gorman: Best Young Chef in the World (2012)

T.J. Robinson: The Olive Oil Hunter, and former assistant to David Rosengarten

Michelle Bailey: Executive Chef, Smoky Park Supper Club

Jason Huang: Executive Chef, Tiffany Blue Box Café, NYC

Steven Goff: Co-owner and Executive Chef, AUX Bar

Reza Setayesh: Founder, Rezaz; Owner, Baba Nahm and BimBeribon

Anthony Cerrato: Owner, Strada Italiano

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Madison Students Awarded Golden LEAF Scholarships



Seven A-B Tech students received scholarships through the Golden LEAF Scholarship program for the North Carolina Community College System. The Golden LEAF Scholarship program, designed to help North Carolinians attend the state's community colleges, is funded through a \$750,000 grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation.

Students from Madison County who were awarded scholarships and their programs of study are: Alisha Cody, Nursing; Jessica Harwood, Nursing; Ryan Little, GOT-Nursing; Amber Paris, Criminal Justice; Shelly Proffitt, Business Administration; Haylee Shelton; Dental Hygiene and Amy Whitaker,

Early Childhood Education. The total amount awarded for the year was \$6,666.

The scholarship helped students pay for tuition, books, fees, supplies, transportation and childcare related to attending classes during the 2017-18 academic year, and industry-recognized credential testing expenses that address skill gaps upon course completion. Eligible students must demonstrate financial need and reside in rural counties that are tobacco-dependent and/or economically distressed. Scholarships for both occupational and curriculum students are available during the fall, spring and summer semesters.

Bush and Salehi Recognized with NISOD Excellence Awards

Lisa Bush and Alikhan Salehi of Student Services were honored with NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Excellence Awards. The Awards were established in 1991 to provide NISOD-member colleges with an opportunity to recognize individuals doing extraordinary work on their campuses.

"Lisa and Alikhan and are leaders and advocates of our open-door admissions philosophy and were recognized for all they do in their capacity as Director of Enrollment Services and College Entry and International Counseling," said Terry Brasier, Vice President of Student Services.



Dr. Terry Brasier, Lisa Bush, Alikhon Salehi, President Dennis King

Using their own criteria, NISOD member colleges submit the names of employees each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues.

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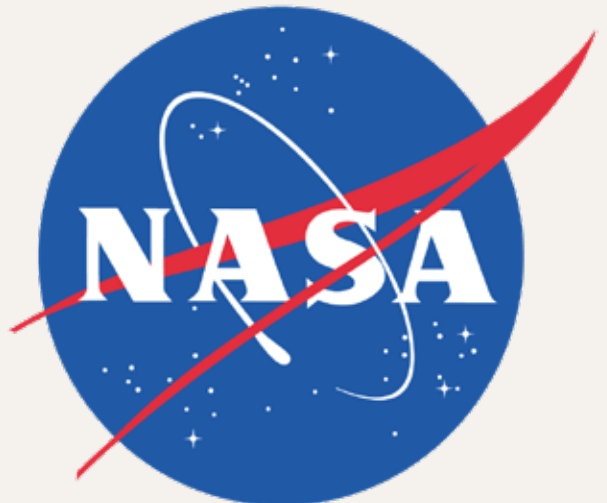


Three Students Selected for NASA Project

A-B Tech students Elizabeth Wilson, Ryan Cole and Tom Varner were selected to travel to NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center to participate in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars project (NCAS). Fourteen A-B Tech students have been selected for the honor over the past five years.

The five-week scholars program culminates with a four-day on-site event and offers students the opportunity to interact with NASA engineers and others as they learn more about careers in science and engineering. While at NASA, students form teams and establish fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team is responsible for developing and testing a prototype rover, forming a company infrastructure, managing a budget, and developing communications and outreach. The on-site experience at NASA includes a tour of facilities and briefings by NASA subject matter experts.

NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars is a project funded in part by the Minority University Research and Education Program, or MUREP, which is committed to engaging underrepresented and underserved students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in authentic learning experiences to sustain a diverse workforce.



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A-B Tech Graduates Ace National RN Licensure Exam

Graduates in A-B Tech's Nursing program had a 96 percent pass rate for first-time test takers in 2017. Comparatively, the national pass rate for Associate Degree Programs was 84 percent and 91 percent for North Carolina Associate Degree programs.

"The leadership of Christy Andrews and Nita Kirkpatrick (Chair and Associate Chair of Nursing Programs) allows A-B Tech to meet the needs of a diverse population by preparing dedicated, professional and caring nurses," said Dr. Jon Wiener, Dean of Allied Health.

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Phi Beta Lambda Members Attend Leadership Conferences, Win Awards

A-B Tech's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda went to the Institute for Leaders and the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif. The students learned leadership skills at the Institute for Leaders and participated in competitive events at the National Leadership Conference.

The students attended with PBL advisor Marlene Frisbee. Angela Lore fulfilled her duties as the NC Western Region Vice President, Ted Collier finished seventh in Computer Concepts, and Darinda Noah made it to the final round of Community Service Project.

"I must say that the opportunity to attend the PBL Institute for Leadership was the highlight of the trip," Noah said. "As a mature student, I have had several opportunities to attend leadership seminars and events throughout my student-life and work-life, and this was the best leadership event that I have ever attended."

PBL members also attended a State Leadership Conference held in Charlotte. Advisor Veronica Dooly accompanied students, Max Sarafin, Rose Easterday, Angela Lore, David Lore, Nate Landau, and Aaron Katzenberger to the event. Students completed in a variety of events on topics such as business, hospitality, computers, and public speaking. The chapter received a number of awards, including:

Gold Chapter, Recognition as one of the top five chapters in NC PBL

First Place

Computer Applications: Aaron Katzenberger
Contemporary Sports Issues: David Lore

Second Place

Macroeconomics: Max Sarafin
Microeconomics: Rose Easterday
Project Management: Rose Easterday
Management Concepts: Angela Lore

Third Place

Local Chapter Annual Business Report
Organizational Behavior & Leadership: Angela Lore
Programming Concepts: David

Fourth Place

Community Service: Max Sarafin & Angela Lore

Sixth Place

Hospitality Management: Nate Landau

Eighth Place

Computer Concepts: Aaron Katzenberger

Public Speakin:

Max Sarafin

Who's Who in NC PBL:

Ted Collier

Director Level of The Career and Membership Achievement Program (CMAP):

Aaron Katzenberger



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Phil Hawkins and Matthew Fender

Adjunct Chemistry Instructor and Lab Manager Retires After Nearly 48 Years at College

Phil Hawkins began at A-B Tech as an adjunct instructor in 1970, teaching in what is now the Bailey Student Services Center. At the time, he was a new high school teacher with one year under his belt as a chemistry teacher at North Buncombe High. He retired from teaching AP chemistry at North Buncombe in 2000, but stayed on at A-B Tech.

In 2003, Chemistry Chair Matthew Fender asked Hawkins if he would be interested in becoming the lab manager for the Department of Chemistry

and Physics. "He is a wealth of information," Fender said. "He supports adjuncts and full-time instructors. He has helped troubleshoot experiments for our textbooks. Phil is an outstanding lab manager. He goes far beyond the call of duty in his role." For this, Hawkins received the Above and Beyond Award from the Arts and Sciences Division.

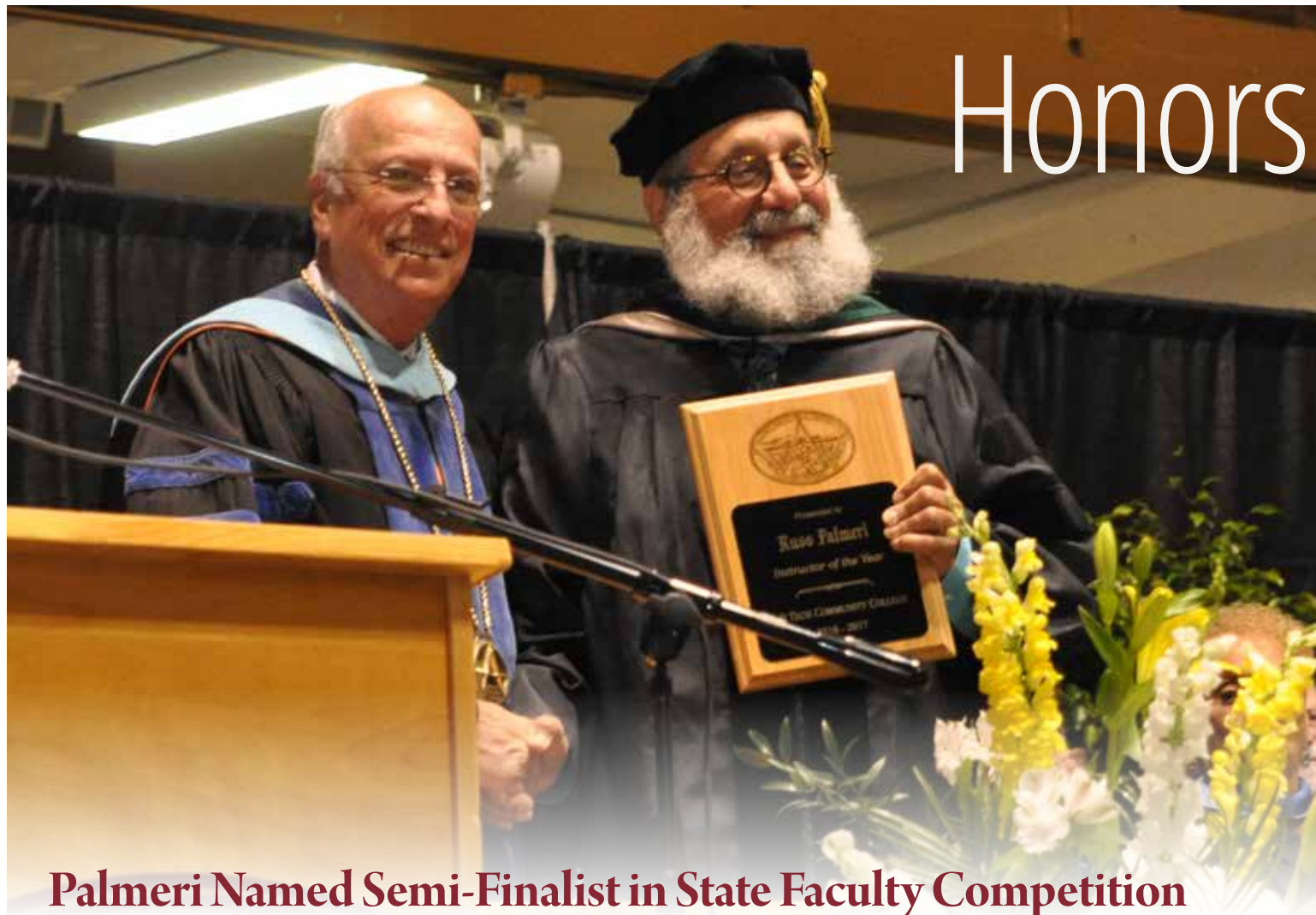
"(Phil) shows up and gets his job done," said Kenet Adamson, Dean of Arts and Sciences. "He's very low-key and there is no drama. He is a big support for the chemistry department and the instructors can rely on his safety knowledge."

When Hawkins started at A-B Tech there were four buildings and one campus. "It was difficult because the office of the dean of the evening program was right there. We couldn't get away with anything," Hawkins laughed. "The biggest change I have noticed is the technology. We are way past the chalkboards and the overhead projectors."

It should be noted that the Chemistry and Physics Department increased its enrollment from 484 students in the 2000-01 academic year to 1,492 in 2017-18, and Hawkins never missed a beat, according to Fender.

"I've been fortunate to have students who wanted to learn, and to work with instructors who were understanding when my lab set-up left something to be desired." Hawkins said.

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Palmeri Named Semi-Finalist in State Faculty Competition

A-B Tech biology instructor Russ Palmeri, M.D., was one of six finalists for the 2018 North Carolina Community College System Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Palmeri was chosen by his students and peers as A-B Tech's nominee for the statewide contest.

Dr. Palmeri moved to Asheville and joined A-B Tech as an adjunct instructor in 2003, after retiring from his first career as an obstetrician in Goldsboro. While at the College, he also provided professional development to fellow faculty members and was one of three faculty beekeepers who installed an apiary on the main campus.

Dr. Palmeri received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from St. Procopius College and earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Georgetown University Medical School, where he also did his residency and was Chief Resident. Recognizing Palmeri at A-B Tech's 2017 Commencement, President Dennis King cited Dr. Palmeri as "a fine example of the quality faculty here at A-B Tech."

In nominating Dr. Palmeri for the faculty award, students and colleagues also provided insight into his many talents.

"Russ taught himself how to build a computer and built a workstation that he uses to produce his course content. He set up a studio in his home office and also installed and taught himself how to use the software required. He devotes one weekend day every week to improving course content," according to a colleague.

"One of his proudest achievements is www.bio169.com, a website available to all, that mirrors much of the content of his Moodle shell," another colleague said. "He has received wonderful letters from former students now in nursing school to tell him how they used the site to review for their nursing classes. The website works with phones as well as computers."

Dr. Palmeri also developed a teaching module (videos, audio files, notes, etc.) using lessons from the apiary and beekeeping as a demonstration in his classroom and for STEM Friday presentations.

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Veterinary Technology
program had a
100% pass rate



Veterinary Technology Program Ranked Nationally

The Veterinary Medical Technology program at A-B Tech was ranked 37 nationally by TheBestColleges.org's Top 50 Veterinary Technician programs and was selected as one of the top 30 programs in the nation by VeterinarianEDU.org, an organization that serves as a dedicated resource for current and aspiring Veterinary Technology students.

"This honor has been brought about completely by the combined efforts of the late chairperson, Dr. Lori Tapp, DVM, and the current chairperson, Paige Jameson, RVT, who, with their wonderful faculty, have worked tirelessly to offer a program of rigor, outstanding instruction and exposure of the students to many hundreds of small and large animals," said Jon Wiener, dean of Allied Health at A-B Tech.

"As the Vet Med Tech accreditation site team stated to us in September 2017, the partnership of the program with the Buncombe County Animal Shelter is an unusual and amazing opportunity for the students to see many hundreds more animals than in most other programs around the

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country. Combine that with dedicated and outstanding instructors, and what results is a nationally ranked program."

The team at TheBestColleges.org strives to connect prospective students with the best degree programs available. This year, they reviewed all accredited veterinary technician degree programs in the US to select 50 that provide hands-on learning with a variety of animal species.

A-B Tech was the only program in NC selected by VeterinarianEDU.org. There are 219 Veterinary Medical Technology programs in the United States. Factors used to determine the rankings include a combination of cost, financial aid, the number of programs offered, student-teacher ratios, employment/career counseling services, and graduation rates.

A-B Tech's Veterinary Medical Technology curriculum prepares individuals to assist veterinarians in preparing animals, equipment, and medications for examination and surgery; collecting specimens; performing laboratory, radiographic, anesthetic, and dental procedures; assisting in surgery; and providing proper husbandry of animals and their environment.

The program is fully accredited by the Committee on Veterinary Technical Education and Activities (CVTEA), which is a committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Students sit annually for the Veterinary Technician National Examination. For the past two years, graduates have had a 100 percent pass rate.



A-B Tech Chef Bugher Wins Southeast Regional Chef of the Year

Chef Christopher Bugher, a Culinary Instructor at A-B Tech, placed first with a gold medal in the Southeast regionals for the American Culinary Federation's 2018 Chef of the Year.

Bugher was named the ACF Chef of the Year in West Virginia in 2011, is a coach for the College's student culinary team, and serves as treasurer for the WNC Chapter of the ACF. "It was a tough competition and there were great competitors," he said. "I think what won it for me was my protein, knife cuts and tournées."

A Certified Executive Chef, Bugher prepared for competition by practicing two times a week. "There is a lot of planning and organizing that had to be done. I had to come up with a menu that uses as many different cooking methods that can be done within the allotted time period," he said.

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Balsam Building Renamed in Honor of President Emeritus Haynes

The Balsam Computer Technology Center on A-B Tech's main campus was renamed the Harvey L. Haynes Building in honor of A-B Tech's second president and long-time Board of Trustees member.

During his presidency from 1975-90, Haynes acquired property, expanded facilities, and added college transfer programs to the nearly three dozen career programs the College already offered.

He also established a Skills Center, the first of its kind in North Carolina, to help expanding industries and industries considering relocation to Asheville. During his career at A-B Tech, Haynes was credited with bringing 72 industries to Western North Carolina. He also launched another pioneering initiative, the Small Business Center, now located at A-B Tech Enka.



Profiles

Baking and Pastry Arts Graduate Honored for Re-Entry Success

Jamie Poteat graduated from A-B Tech's Baking and Pastry Arts program, got married, and honeymooned in Paris within the span of a week in 2018. The previous month, she was honored by the Buncombe County Re-Entry Council for her successful transition from prison to the community.

Poteat's problems stemmed from a drug addiction she fought for 15 years. "To me, it is what I went through that has made stronger in my life," she said. "All my life, I was in and out of trouble. I barely graduated from high school. Now I've been clean almost 10 years."

Jamie credits the Re-Entry Council and A-B Tech with much of her success after serving six years in prison. "The council helped me a lot. They were a part of my life for two and a half years. I took my first four classes with A-B Tech instructors the year before I got out. They do a lot with helping people. The award was recognition for people that have gotten out and become self-sufficient and productive members of society," she said.

The Baking and Pastry Arts program seemed a natural fit for Poteat. "I've always wanted to bake. I grew up learning how to cook and with my grandmother, but I was getting into all the trouble," she said.

Poteat praised Chefs Charles DeVries, and Bronwen McCormick for helping her to succeed in her classes. But Chef Vince Donatelli especially made an impact. "He has been an inspiration to me on so many levels. He's seen me grow from when I first started school. I was hard to handle when I first got out of prison with my temper," she said.

The years spent earning her degree weren't easy, and for the first semesters, Jamie had to either ride the bus or walk to school because she couldn't afford to get a driver's license re-issued. "No matter what your background is and whatever you are going through, you can make it," she said.

Innovation

Craft Beverage Institute of the Southeast Receives Innovation in Workforce Development Award



Accepting the award was CBI Director Jeff "Puff" Irvin, second from left, with (from left) CCA Executive Director Dr. Anne McNutt, CCA President Dr. John Boyd, and A-B Tech Vice Presidents Dr. Beth Stewart and Dr. Shelley White.

A-B Tech's Craft Beverage Institute of the Southeast was presented the Community Colleges of Appalachia's Innovation in Workforce Development Award at the organization's annual conference in Asheville. The Craft Beverage Institute was recognized for its visionary two-year Brewing, Fermentation and Distillation program, the first in the nation, as well as its numerous partnerships and internships with regional breweries.

Culinary and Hospitality Hailed as National Model

The American Association of Community Colleges, Community Colleges of Appalachia and Appalachian Regional Commission visited A-B Tech's Culinary and Hospitality programs during a two-day tour to review best practices of the nationally renowned programs.

The group visited A-B Tech as part of a tour of National Model programs in the tourism and hospitality industry. The visit included student-prepared meals and tours of the Culinary and Hospitality facilities on the A-B Tech Asheville campus, the Craft Beverage Institute of the Southeast at A-B Tech Enka, and educational programs where the organizations learned about the more innovative aspects of A-B Tech's programs.

During the visit, A-B Tech President Dennis King credited former Associate Dean Sheila Tillman, who has since retired, with earning a national reputation for the programs. "It is thanks to Shelia Tillman that the Hospitality Education Program is what it is today. Her innovation and vision have helped guide the college's program through growth and change," he said.



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Dean Vernon Dougherty; Kip Asmuth of the Phillips Corporation and President Dennis King.

Haas Grant Funds Scholarships at A-B Tech

The Gene Haas Foundation awarded A-B Tech \$17,500 for scholarships for students enrolled in the Computer-Integrated Machining Technology or Mechanical Engineering Technology programs. Preference is given to recent high school graduates who took machining courses while in high school.

The Haas Foundation was founded in 1999 by Gene Haas to fund local community needs. He is the owner of Haas Automation, Inc., America's leading builder of CNC machine tools. Due to a skills gap in the manufacturing industry, Haas's commitment to "giving back" is focused primarily on manufacturing education in the form of scholarships.

A-B Tech's machinist program was established in 1960 as one of the College's first three programs. Over the years, its Engineering and Applied Technology Division has added manufacturing-related programs such as Electronics Engineering, Industrial Systems, Computer-Aided Drafting, Mechanical Engineering and Welding.

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A-B Tech's Brandon Priester Garners Honors at UNC Asheville

Brandon Priester, an A-B Tech graduate, former SGA President, and current A-B Tech IT employee, graduated from UNC Asheville with honors in 2018, furthering a successful track record that began when he received a high school equivalency degree.

At UNC Asheville, Priester was awarded the Departmental Distinction from Mass Communication and the Best Documentary Filmmaking Award. "Brandon is a very talented and hard-working student," said Anne Slatton, Senior Lecturer at UNC Asheville. "It was not a surprise to me that he garnered Departmental Distinction. He has consistently done high quality work with great packaging. He works hard on these long projects and does great research."

"Brandon is very actively engaged in the community," said Michael Gouge, Senior Lecturer. "He's conscientious and hard-working. I had him for senior capstone. He produced a series of videos examining the diversity of the university and the community that were very well received."

Priester produced many short documentaries on diversity, inclusion and equity in the city and county. "One of my documentaries told the story of Dr. Joseph Fox (former A-B Tech Business Administrator Chair) as he grew up during desegregation in Tryon. "I wasn't expecting the Best Documentary Filmmaking award," he said.

An Asheville native, Priester enrolled at A-B Tech when he was 16 to earn a GED. "I didn't have a good experience in high school," he said. "I didn't think I was student or university material. But I loved studying for my GED so much that I came back here after they gave me the information I needed to know I could actually go to college."

As the son of a single mother, finances were often tight. "We didn't have the money to come to school so I just thought that left me out. A-B Tech turned my life around. I don't know where I would be if I hadn't had the opportunity to know about the Pell Grant."

As a student, Priester founded the Media Production Society, which led him to the Student Government Association. He served as SGA President and was a member of the College's Board of Trustees. He also was a member of the Minority Male Leadership Academy.

"When I first enrolled, the faculty and staff at A-B Tech were so friendly and so nice," Priester said. "They really pushed me to succeed and they have been pushing me ever since – it led me to be able to attend UNCA."



Innovation

Emergency Medical Science Program Sees Changes and Improvements

A-B Tech expanded the scope of its Emergency Medical Science program while adding instructors, new equipment, and testing possible new concepts. Heading up the new endeavor is Clint Gorman, who was named Dean of Emergency Services in 2018.

Gorman, who was hired as an adjunct instructor at A-B Tech in 1983, was a long-time employee in Buncombe County Government, serving as a field paramedic, EMS training officer, and IT senior network administrator for public safety communications.

"I think one of the great things is that Anthony Green (EMS Chair) and folks in EMS have done is attract a new cadre of adjunct instructors," Gorman said. "We have always had great ones and now we have folks in there that are employed full-time in EMS operations. They are A-B Tech graduates and it is a high compliment to the program that really good students have graduated and come back to teach after having field experience."

A new "cutting-edge" community paramedic program also was established in partnership with Mission Health, Gorman said. "It's a really new way of utilizing field paramedics to help bring medical care to patients

who are typically underserved. It's for patients who are chronically ill and have difficulty following instructions from their physicians. It gives the patients a medically trained person visiting their home, and the paramedics will contact the home doctors," he said.

The program reduces emergency room visits as community paramedics work with patient's doctors to help avoid ER visits and repeat hospitalizations.

Gorman said college and administration support also has made it possible to update and replace instructional equipment. "A good example is the mannikins that were used to teach life-saving skills," he said. "Some of the items had been repaired until they couldn't be repaired anymore. We are able to replace them because the College is very supportive of the program."

Students in the EMS program now have new paramedic training equipment that is used in EMS agencies across the region and they are learning from instructors who are currently working in the field and from retirees with decades of experience, Gorman said. "It's a great mix of instructors providing various levels of experience."

Innovation



Surgical Technology Students Receive Rare Training Opportunity Through Smith and Nephew

Surgical Technology students at A-B Tech were able to get hands-on training in a cadaver lab through Smith and Nephew, a maker of advanced medical and surgical products.

Second-year students worked with area orthopedic surgeons to perform hip and knee joint replacement procedures on cadavers in A-B Tech's Surgical Technology lab suite in the Ferguson Center for Allied Health and Workforce Development. The students also worked with radiography faculty and students. They used fluoroscopy on the hip procedures, which was set up in the actual operating room lab space.

Craig Murdock, a 2006 graduate of A-B Tech's Surgical Technology program, was responsible for initiating the cadaver lab collaborations. After graduation, Murdock was hired by Mission Hospital as a surgical technologist, which ultimately led to his position with Smith and Nephew.

Profiles



O'Nan Finds Success at UNC, Thanks to A-B Tech

A learning disability and an unsupportive secondary school system caused Elizabeth O'Nan to doubt her intelligence and ability to attend college. Exposure to toxins from about ages 2 to 5 had left her with neurological damage and cognitive issues.

When O'Nan was in elementary school, she needed and received accommodations and disability assistance, but those services ended after 8th grade. "I had a lot of thoughts and feelings about my education. I thought maybe I wasn't smart enough or worthy. It was an uncomfortable thing for me to carry around," she said.

O'Nan ended up leaving high school before graduation. She came to A-B Tech to earn a High School Equivalency (formerly GED). "A-B Tech gave me a safe, affordable place where I could use it as my trying ground and help me realize what I was capable of," she said. "I had been out of school for 15 to 16 years. It was very personal and there was a lot of support. I felt embraced by everyone from the bookstore to counselors."

O'Nan enrolled in academic classes and thrived, going on to earn an Associate in Engineering and in Science. She ended up on the President's and Dean's lists and was one of the first women from A-B Tech chosen to be part of NASA's on-site NCAS program. After graduating from A-B Tech, she transferred to UNC at Chapel Hill to study Biomedical Engineering.

New Initiatives



A-B Tech Debuts New Trailblazer Mascot

Logo and Trailblazer Bear unveiled after a yearlong selection process

The new A-B Tech Trailblazers mascot was announced in 2018 after a year-long selection process involving students and employees. The Trailblazers logo has been integrated into College branding and the new mascot, Trailblazer Bear, is often on hand for campus events.

A new mascot was requested by the Recruiting Department and Student Government Association (SGA) as a way to energize current and prospective students about campus life at A-B Tech. In May 2017, the first step was an email survey that was sent to all employees, who selected three finalists: Trailblazer, Bear and Groundhog (both animals with frequent

sightings on the Asheville campus).

With input from a mascot committee comprised of SGA members and employees, it was determined that the mascot should be an animal and gender-neutral. Students were surveyed in November 2017 on the following options: Trailblazer Bear, Trailblazer Groundhog, Bear, Groundhog, or "Other". There was a terrific response, with students voting overwhelming for the Trailblazer Bear and Bear.

The mascot committee was led by Becky Garland, Recruiter and College Liaison for High School Programs, and Josh Weaver, Graphic-Web Designer and Print Shop Manager. Other members represented SGA, Student Life, Student Services, Community Relations and Marketing, Instructional Services, and the

New Initiatives



Bookstore. Weaver designed the logo that was ultimately selected by the committee and approved by the Executive Leadership Team.

In addition to appearing on digital screens and signage at all locations, the logo is on window clings at the Bailey and Coman buildings, an internal wall at Bailey, on stickers, and on various items available in the College Bookstore. The mascot also has been incorporated into the new Trailblazer Leadership Academy.

The Trailblazer is not A-B Tech's first mascot. In 1970, after students voted to have an activity fee to fund a basketball team, they chose the Atomics as A-B Tech's first mascot. The team had great years between 1974-77, with the 1975 team ranked fourth in the nation in the National Little College Athletic Association. The Atomics continued to play until 1986, when the program ended after the expense of participating in athletics became too much for the student activity fee to cover.

A-B Tech and UNC Asheville Sign “Bulldog Trailblazer Promise” Agreement to Promote Student Transfers



UNC Asheville Interim Chancellor Joe Urgo and President Dennis King

A-B Tech and UNC Asheville established the “Bulldog Trailblazer Promise” Agreement in 2018 as a direct-entry admission program for A-B Tech graduates who want to pursue four-year degrees at UNC Asheville. The agreement has since been amended to guarantee admission.

Each year, more than 100 students transfer to UNC Asheville from A-B Tech and comprise approximately 30 percent of UNC Asheville’s transfer students. The Bulldog Trailblazer Promise program provides A-B Tech students with access to information about academic programs, faculty, and staff who will facilitate their transition to UNC Asheville. This program prioritizes the ability to get admission, financial aid, and registration services communicated early in the transition process, which sets A-B Tech students up for maximum success at both institutions.

“The new Bulldog Trailblazer Promise program enhances the ability of A-B Tech university transfer students to investigate and map out their future at UNC Asheville through in-depth information about academic programs, faculty, and staff at the UNC Asheville campus,” said A-B Tech President Dennis King. “The momentum achieved through these services will clearly mark the way for our students and ease their transition to the university setting.”

The two institutions also collaborate to provide the CORE (Connecting Opportunities for Regional Excellence) Scholarship Partnership, which provides qualified students with a full scholarship at A-B Tech for two years while earning an associate’s degree, and for two years at UNC Asheville, while completing a bachelor’s degree.



New Initiatives

Restoration of Ivy Building Gets Boost from St. Genevieve and Gibbons Hall Alumni

The restoration of A-B Tech's Ivy Building, formerly the St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines auditorium and gymnasium, was bolstered by a \$50,000 challenge gift honoring the work and leadership of former St. Genevieve/Gibbons Hall Headmaster Joseph M. Lalley.

St. Genevieve/Gibbons Hall alumni and brothers Andrew Blum (class of 1976), Leonard Blum (class of 1978) and Robert Blum (class of 1981) pledged \$50,000 to the A-B Tech Foundation's Ivy Building Renovation Project to match dollar-for-dollar gifts from St. Genevieve/Gibbons Hall alumni, friends, and families as an incentive to raise a total of \$100,000. The auditorium event space will be named in honor of Lalley.

Many former St. Genevieve's and Gibbons Hall students, families, and supporters worked hard to save the last remaining St. Genevieve's building from demolition. A-B Tech President Dennis King committed to a restoration and renovation of the structure, slated to cost \$1.8 million. The College

also dedicated \$1.3 million to the project from the state Connect NC bond referendum, with a fund-raising initiative to raise the remaining funding gap of \$500,000.

"In its heyday, hundreds of students passed through the doors of the St. Genevieve/Gibbons Hall Auditorium," said Stuart Camblos, co-chair of the Ivy Renovation Project Steering Committee and member of the St. Genevieve's class of 1966. "The building was the center of the school, and now serves as a symbol of the many schools that thrived on Victoria Road. The restoration of the 'Ivy Building' will continue providing opportunities for current and future A-B Tech students and the community, while weaving the important history of St. Genevieve's and Gibbons Hall into Asheville's tapestry."

For more details on the Ivy Building and the restoration, visit abtech.edu/ivy.

New Initiatives

UpSkill WNC and SNAP 2 Skills Remove Barriers to Employment

A-B Tech's UpSkill WNC program was funded in 2017 by an Innovation Grant from the N.C. Department of Commerce obtained by the Mountain Area Workforce Development Board. The region received an initial award of \$250,000 to integrate more direct engagement with members of the community encountering barriers to accessing higher education and sustainable wage jobs.

UpSkill WNC funds enabled A-B Tech to expand its services to the community, reaching individuals as they engage with other service providers, such as Department of Health and Human Services and the Justice System. UpSkill clients receive career counseling, financial assistance, and direct referral to educational programs and jobs. The program already has been extended for another 12-months and received an additional \$200,000.

"The UpSkill WNC grant has given us the opportunity to expand tailored workforce support to the justice involved," said Dr. Shelley White, Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development/Continuing Education. "This important service positively impacts job seekers and their families as well as employers eager to fill critical positions."

UpSkill WNC Coordinator Philip Cooper works with clients, employers and other organizations throughout Buncombe County. His initial caseload of approximately 30 clients was comprised of mostly "justice involved" individuals, which means they have been incarcerated and are in need of re-entry services.



"Considering I am a former offender myself, I like being able to be the bridge and to eliminate barriers for my clients," Cooper said. "I want to change stereotypes and be the conduit to resources. I help with resumes, job coaching and connecting my clients to employers and resources."

A-B Tech also began the SNAP 2 Skills Employment and Training program in partnership with Buncombe County Health and Human Services. The program is designed to help SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) recipients gain access to opportunities in A-B occupational skills, workforce and academic programs, as well as job search resources and high school equivalency.

In addition to helping clients gain access to college programs, SNAP 2 Skills provides financial assistance and supportive services to ensure course completion and job attainment. Clients receive a small stipend for program participation and are required to maintain a food and nutrition case in good standing in order to participate in the SNAP 2 Skills program.



New Initiatives



Professor Emeriti Honor Established

In 2017, President Dennis King started the Professor Emeritus program, giving the honorary title to chosen retiring instructors. Recipients were Sherian Howard, CAD instructor; Randee Goodstadt, Social Sciences; Sheila Tillman, Associate Dean for Hospitality Education and Lisa Johnson, Director of the Writing Center.

First Project SEARCH Cohort Recognized in Ceremony

A-B Tech celebrated students who completed the first cohort of Project SEARCH, a one-year internship for young adults, ages 18 to 30 with intellectual or developmental disabilities, during a ceremony in Ferguson Auditorium.

Asheville Mission Project SEARCH students completed a year-long internship program that provided total immersion into a variety of entry-level jobs at Mission Health. A-B Tech is a Project SEARCH partner along with The Arc of North Carolina, Vocational Rehabilitation, Vaya Health and the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities.



New Initiatives



Waters



Simmons



Whitaker



Ervin



Ziffer

Community Voices Lecture Series

A-B Tech launched a Community Voices lectures series that was kicked off with a Black History Month presentation by Dr. Darin J. Waters, Assistant Professor of History and Special Assistant to the Chancellor at UNC Asheville.

Dr. Waters explored the meaning and significance of the controversial and yet transformative period of American History of the Reconstruction, a 12-year period that ended in 1877.

Oralene Simmons discussed the work of the Martin Luther King Jr. Association in Buncombe County and Nicole Townsend talked about colorism and its implications for the African American community.

Other lectures held throughout the year were a panel discussion in honor of Women's History Month titled "Equal Means Equal – The Evolution of the Equal Rights Amendment."

Isa Whitaker of Bountiful Cities discussed the importance of community gardens, their impact and how they tackle food insecurity.

NC Supreme Court Justice Sam "Jimmy" Ervin IV spoke on the Role of the Judicial Branch in Our Government System and had a question and answer session with audience members afterward.

Holocaust survivor Dr. Walter Ziffer, adjunct faculty at UNC-Asheville and Mars Hill, captivated a full auditorium with his story of surviving the Holocaust through the German invasions of his home country of Czechoslovakia, his 1942 deportation, and his experiences in eight Nazi concentration camps.

All Community Voices events were free and open to the public.

Culinary Student Receives ALAS and Lavender Fund Scholarships

Fernando Rivera came into the Culinary Arts program at A-B Tech to not only be a role model for his children, but also his culture. "If you are Hispanic, you are labeled as a dishwasher in the kitchen," he said. "I want people to know if Fernando can do it, others can, too."

Rivera received Lavender Fund and ALAS Scholarships. The Lavender Fund, which was established at A-B Tech in 2008, is awarded to single parents pursuing a degree, diploma, or certificate at the College. The ALAS Scholarship was established in 2012 by members of the Asheville Latin Americans for Advancement Society for Latino residents of WNC who are paying out of state tuition.

Originally from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Fernando came to the United States in 2002 because his daughter had a health problem. She saw specialists in Texas who helped the family through the crisis. However, Fernando didn't like the idea of continuing to raise his family there.

"I (first) came to Western North Carolina as an exchange student (at Polk County High) in 1994. I contacted my host parents and asked if I could

come back, and they welcomed me back to WNC in 2004. They have always been a great help and are like grandparents to my children," Rivera said.

"In 2017, I decided I needed to pursue a career and go to college. I needed to make a salary and expand my skills," he said. Even though he lives in Hendersonville, the Culinary program at A-B Tech was a big draw and worth the extra drive.

"Everybody has welcomed me here, but this program is tough. You have to work hard," Rivera said. Including learning to speak English fluently, he has had to deal with other culture issues, such as learning to measure recipe ingredients by cups and teaspoons, rather than liters and milliliters.

"My parents and my two brothers are still in Honduras. It was hard to leave my family. Because of the financial insecurities and unstable political uncertainty, it makes it complicated for me to go back," he said.

Rivera credits numerous A-B Tech employees for making him feel welcome and helping him to succeed. "The knowledge I have learned here has been priceless."

MESSAGE FROM THE A-B TECH FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR



Our donors make it possible for our students to succeed by ensuring the resources they need to attend classes. Because of you, over \$500,000 was awarded in scholarships, faculty were able to attend training to stay on top of the latest instructional methods, staff professional development opportunities were doubled, four new endowments were created, and assistance was provided to students with emergency financial needs. You helped 128 students purchase books and uniforms, assist with transportation needs to campus, and pay for testing fees for licensure exams through the student emergency fund. Of those students, 54 repaid the money when their financial situation improved. Autumn in Asheville raised over \$25,000 to support the student emergency fund.

One of our scholarship and emergency fund recipients recently shared her appreciation, and it reminds me why the Foundation Board works closely with Foundation staff to support the need of A-B Tech and the students.

"Words cannot express my gratitude to you for your continued assistance and support. Being able to continue with my courses, especially being this close to completion, is an abundant blessing! Unfortunately, my finances did not line up with my educational goal and being the head of the household singularly. I assure you that I will strive for excellence in my grades as I move forward to graduation!!!! My humbleness is a result of your understanding and kindness. One of my five-year goals is to become a scholarship donor to A-B Tech as an honor." - A-B Tech Student and Scholarship Recipient

College Advancement strives to meet the evolving needs of the College – new academic programs, professional development, and critical initiatives as they arise, as well as grow and foster our scholarship program. Additionally, the Foundation increased its fundraising efforts to renovate the historic Ivy Building, the last remaining building from St. Genevieve-of-the-Pines and Gibbons Hall schools. Once completed, Ivy will be the new home for the Foundation and many of A-B Tech's Community Enrichment classes.

You have chosen to invest in the future of our community by ensuring access to higher education. Your investment and support will open new doors to the future for our College. I look forward to seeing how many more doors we can open together for A-B Tech students, faculty, and staff. Thank you for supporting our community's College.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelia Elingburg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S".

Shelia Elingburg



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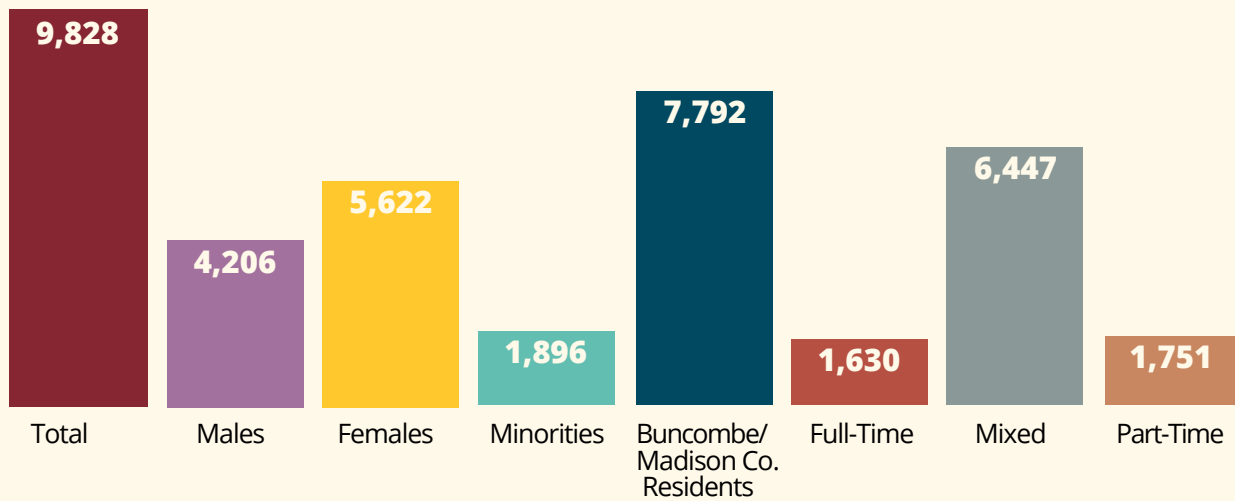
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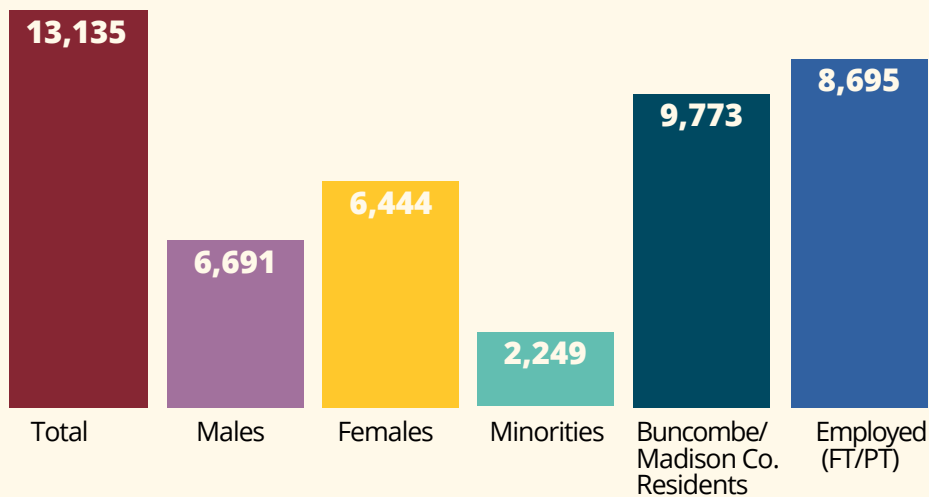
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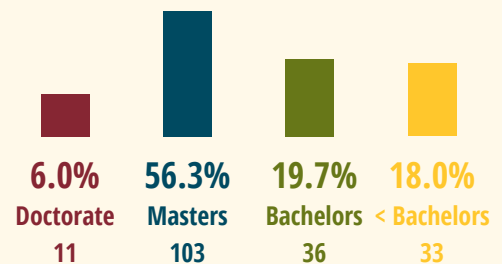
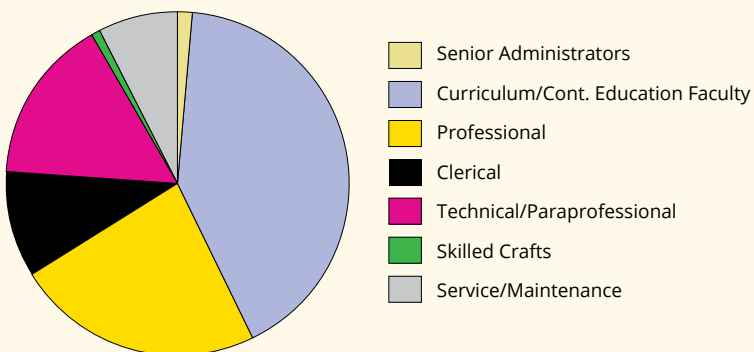
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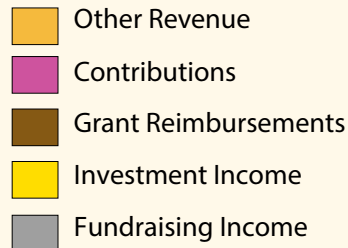
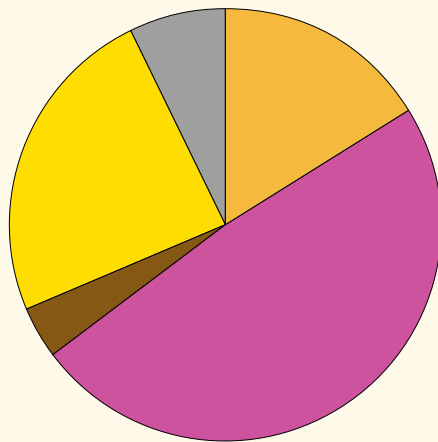
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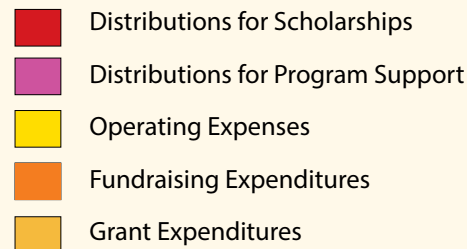
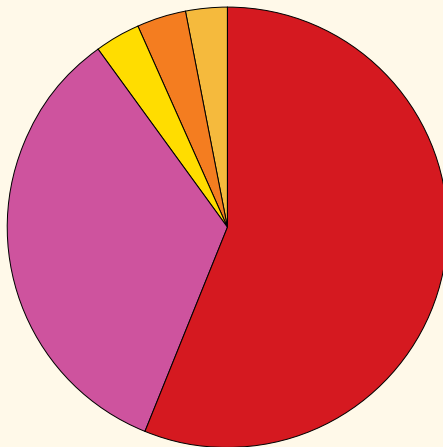
2017-18 FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

Revenue and Support



Other Revenue	282,039
Contributions	837,346
Grant Reimbursements	65,310
Investment Income	414,474
Fundraising Revenue	123,250
Total Revenue and Support	1,722,419

Expenses

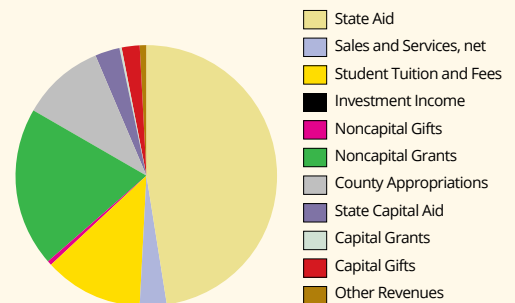


Distributions for Scholarships	520,772
Distributions for Program Support	314,644
Operating Expenses	32,401
Fundraising Expenses	34,303
Grant Expenditures	25,974
Total Expenses	928,094

2017-18 COLLEGE FINANCIALS

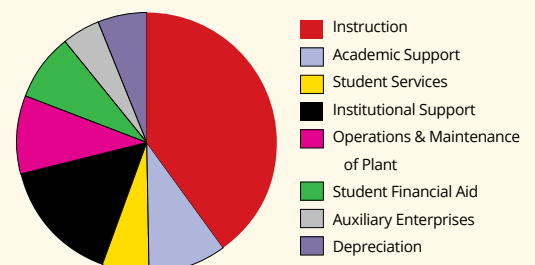
OPERATING AND NONOPERATING REVENUES

State Aid	29,695,533
Sales and Services, net	1,970,530
Student Tuition and Fees	7,641,289
Investment Income	69,330
Noncapital Gifts	240,391
Noncapital Grants	12,220,761
County Appropriations	6,392,500
State Capital Aid	1,896,119
Capital Grants	230,913
Capital Gifts	1,308,969
Other Revenues	516,292
TOTAL	62,182,627



OPERATING AND NONOPERATING EXPENSES

Instruction	25,536,800
Academic Support	6,214,054
Student Services	3,684,747
Institutional Support	9,847,138
Operations & Maintenance of Plant	6,206,660
Student Financial Aid	5,392,126
Auxiliary Enterprises	2,996,477
Depreciation	3,760,980
TOTAL	63,638,982



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