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From left, Ashley Carter, W. Clifton Martin, III, and Chris Duggan were sworn in as members of South Piedmont's Board of Trustees on August 12

South Piedmont Recognizes New and Departing Members of Its Board of Trustees

South Piedmont Community College is recognizing the new, reappointed, and departing members of its Board of Trustees.

“We thank the outgoing Trustees for their dedicated service, and we eagerly welcome the new and reappointed Trustees. Together, we will do great things for both the College and our community,” said President Dr. Stacy Waters-Bailey.

The changes within the Board of Trustees include:

- Michael Freeman, appointed by the Anson County Board of Education, has concluded his term (2022-2025).
- Caroline Hightower, appointed by the governor and serving as vice chair, has concluded two terms (2019-2025). Both Freeman and Hightower were celebrated for their service during the Aug. 12 Board of Trustees meeting.
- Ashley Carter has been reappointed by the Anson County Board of Commissioners for a second term (2025-2029). Carter previously served a one-year term (2024-2025), replacing Kenneth Horne Jr., whose term expired in 2024. He is chief operating officer of Loba-Wakol, North America, and serves on the South Piedmont Foundation Board of Directors.
- Chris Duggan has been reappointed by the Union County Board of Commissioners for a third term (2025-2029). Serving on the Board since 2017, he is owner/president of The Duggan Law Firm, PC, an environmental and civil litigation firm in Monroe.
- W. Clifton Martin III has been appointed to his first term (2025-2029) by the North Carolina House of Representatives. He serves on the Polkton Town Council and is president of the West Anson Property Management Group. His grandfather, W. Clifton Martin, was a charter member of the Board of Trustees and served for 33 years. Two buildings on the L.L. Polk campus are named in his honor—the Martin Technology Complex and Martin Student Center—and he was a long-time mayor of Polkton.
- Jeff Nahrgang has been appointed to his first term (2025-2029) by the NC Senate. He is the vice president of operations for Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Company.


Carter, Duggan, and Martin took their oaths of office at the Aug. 12 meeting. Nahrgang will be sworn in at a later date.

Also at the Aug. 12 meeting, the Board conducted officer elections. Officers include:

- Pat Kahle, Chair
- Blake Hildreth, Vice Chair
- Ron Brown, Secretary
- Jarvis Woodburn, Immediate Past Chair


“The Board of Trustees looks forward to continuing the work of advancing student success and serving Anson and Union Counties,” Kahle said.

South Piedmont’s Board of Trustees includes 13 members representing Anson and Union counties who are appointed or elected as required by law. The president of the Student Government Association serves as an ex officio, non-voting member.




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2025 Anson/Stanny County Livestock Show

The 2025 Rocky River Anson/Stanny Youth Livestock Show was held August 15–16 at the Farm Bureau Livestock Arena in Stanly County. The two-day event brought together young exhibitors, family, friends and supporters from across the region to celebrate youth agriculture and animal husbandry.

The show began Friday with the heifer competition, where more than 30 youth presented their animals before the judges. Exhibitors demonstrated months of dedication and hard work as they showcased their livestock in the arena.

Congratulations to Supreme Champion Maddie Carpenter of Anson County (pictured above) and Reserve Supreme Champion Ally Helms of Stanly County for their outstanding achievements. Organizers expressed gratitude to the many sponsors whose support made the event possible.



Jase Martin Named Bearcat Player of the Week

Anson Bearcats Head Coach Landon Allen has selected Jase Martin as the Jarman Contractors Player of the Week for his standout performance in the Bearcats’ matchup against Red Springs.

Martin played every snap of the ball game and was instrumental in the Bearcats’ offensive success. The team put up 30 points, a total made possible by dominating the battle in the trenches. From his tight end position Martin consistently collapsed the Red Springs defensive line, opening running lanes throughout the night.

“Jase’s effort was key to the offensive performance,” Coach Allen said, noting that the Bearcats’ ability to move the ball hinged on Martin’s strength and consistency.

A special trophy presentation honored Martin for his performance. Also pictured above is the owner and president of Jarman Contractors, Justin Jarman, a proud Bearcat Football alumnus from the Class of 2005.

Congratulations go out not only to Martin but to the entire Bearcat offense for their 30-point achievement.



157 People Move to the Charlotte Region Daily

Continued population surge driven by migration leads to significant increase since last year’s estimate


On average, 157 people move to the Charlotte Region every day, according to a new Charlotte Regional Business Alliance analysis. This consistent growth underscores the region’s position as a powerful magnet for population gains, matching or surpassing the momentum of some of the most dynamic markets in the nation.

Between July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024, the Charlotte Region added 57,300 residents through migration alone, according to U.S. Census data. That net gain translates into 157 new residents each day. Every county in the 15-county Charlotte Region posted positive population growth during the same period.

The Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia metropolitan statistical area (MSA) ranked ninth nationwide in the number of people who moved into the area between 2020 and 2024. When compared to peer regions, Charlotte outperformed major competitors such as Boston, Philadelphia, Nashville, Los Angeles, Raleigh, and Minneapolis in terms of net numeric migration.

“The consistent flow of people moving to our region reinforces what we already know - Charlotte is a destination of choice,” said Tracy Dodson, COO and head of economic development at the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance. “Talent follows opportunity, and the Charlotte Region continues to deliver both. This momentum strengthens our position as one of the most competitive and dynamic markets in the country.”

More information can be found at charlotteregion.com.



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CALLING ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS & MENTORS!

You're invited to our **SECOND Super Saturday** event hosted by the Professional School-Based Mentoring Team in partnership with Dr. Adolph Brown – happening **Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Anson High School!**


WHAT IS SUPER SATURDAY?

Super Saturday is more than just an event — it’s a personal and professional development retreat built for students, educators, and parents. These Saturday sessions are created to address the real, urgent needs of our school communities when they need it most.

FOR STUDENTS:

From 10:30 am-12:00 pm, students will take part in powerful group sessions focused on:

- The 3 C’s: Character, Choices & Consequences
- Your Brain is Your Treasure
- Life Guide
- Your Online Self



Additional Dates: October 4, November 8, January 10, February 7
Location: Anson High School Cafeteria 10:30am-12 noon