

South Piedmont Community College has been selected as a Top 10 Finalist in two of three categories for a Bellwether Award. This distinction will promote South Piedmont as a national leader in Workforce Development and Planning, Governance, and Finance and will allow the college to join the Bellwether College Consortium which includes colleges from across the nation who have successfully addressed critical issues facing community colleges through applicable research and the promotion and replication of best practices.

South Piedmont is being recognized in the Workforce Development category for the Road2Wingate partnership with Wingate University where graduates are guaranteed admission to Wingate with 100% of credits transferring seamlessly. This partnership helps bolster the skilled labor shortage for Union and Anson Counties. The unique aspect of the partnership allows SPCC students to utilize Wingate's facilities including the library and wellness center. Students also have access to counseling services from their advising and financial aid staff. Also in an effort to keep the cost of education low, the Gateway to Wingate scholarship allows SPCC graduates to attend Wingate for \$2,500 a year or less.

"There have always been some common agreements between community colleges and universities, but we wanted to look at things more creatively and strategically to better serve the students in our communities," said Dr. Maria Pharr, president at South Piedmont.

The second recognition for the Planning, Governance, and Finance category highlights the success with a new mobile app, SPCC Navigate. Facing challenges with staff efficiency, safety and security, and student access, South Piedmont hired a project manager to facilitate and implement cross campus collaboration on new technologies. Addressing each concern led to an integrated technology solution through the new mobile app. The app resolves the need for staff to speak in English and Spanish by having a chatbot that answers questions in both languages. The app also includes an appointment-setting platform where students no longer have to wait in long lines but can be notified virtually while also eliminating the need for staff to make and track appointments manually. There is also a wayfinding solution which allows students and employees to find directions directly to a classroom or office.

"I believe that we have an excellent chance of winning with either of these projects, but it is a very worthy honor to have been named a finalist," said Dr. Pharr. "I am so grateful for everyone's efforts in developing and engaging in these projects."

As a finalist in both categories, SPCC will compete for the Bellwether Award at the 2022 Community College Futures Assembly (CCFA) scheduled from January 30 to February 1, 2022 in San Antonio, Texas. Each finalist team will have an opportunity to provide a 60-minute presentation to an audience of their peers and an anonymous team of judges selected as subject-matter experts, policy leaders, and respected practitioners in higher education.

NOVEMBER 13

Free Quarterly Brunch

By Ebenezer Presbyterian Church at the Morven Community Center, 11am-2pm with chicken tenders, belgian waffles, scrambled eggs, fruit, non-alcoholic mimosas & coffee or tea. Raffle at 2pm for Thanksgiving Day basket with fixings for dinner including \$50 grocery store gift certificate.

Free Thanksgiving

Plates To-Go at Lamb of God Church, 118 West Wade St in Wadesboro, 10:30am. First come, first served. Info 843-623-3777.

NOVEMBER 14

Friends & Family Day

At East Rock Ford MBC, 2pm with Rev J.W. Parson, Pastor of Silver Grove MBC in Raeford NC. Carry out plates served. All are invited! No morning service.

NOVEMBER 20

Senior Thanksgiving

Fellowship Dinner at Harmony Community Church, 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland, 12-2pm.

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Feed My Lambs Annual Fundraiser!

My Story: Behind Closed Doors **My Testimony: Opened Doors**

December 3rd, 2021
Lilesville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
118 Camden St, Lilesville, NC 28091

Doors Open at 6:00 pm
Dinner served at 6:30 pm
Silent Auction

Sponsor a table for \$250: seats 6
or
\$50 for individual tickets.

RSVP by November 23rd AT THE LATEST!

For more information call Lisa Holt:
704-695-1820 or 704-690-2156
Email: feedmylambs99@gmail.com

Events

NOVEMBER 13
BBQ Drive-through

At Burnsville Volunteer Fire & Rescue, 13380 Hwy 742 North, Polkton beginning 10am. Pork or chicken plates \$12. Also bulk pork, 1/2 chicken, sandwiches, bulk beans & slaw.

Free Groceries for Families in Need Drive-thru at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center. 11am-1pm. Call 704-826-8737 for eligibility info & details. Located at 13349 Hwy 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. www.burnsvillelc.org

Free Thanksgiving Plates To-Go at Lamb of God Church, 118 West Wade St in Wadesboro, 10:30am. First come, first served. Info 843-623-3777.

ONGOING EVENTS

After School Program Kid Cafe Mon-Fri from 2:30-5:30p.m. at the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 704-826-8737

Lions Club Welcomes New Members The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

Senior Box Program at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

Anson's Unemployment Rate Drops Significantly to 4.9% in September

Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate for September dropped to a low 4.9%. That is the lowest unemployment rate since March 2020, before the pandemic affected employment statistics. In August the rate was 5.8%. Here are other 2021 rates: July 5.9%; June 6.1%; May 5.5%; April 5.4%; March 5.9%; February 7.5%; January 7.7%. The 2020 rates were: December 7.1%; November 7.2%; October 7.2%; September 8.5%; August 8%; July 10%; June 7.9%; May 10.1%; and April 8.2%. In March 2020 the unemployment rate in Anson County was 4.9%, just before it was affected by the pandemic.

Statewide Statewide the unemployment rate for September was 3.8%. In August the rate was 4.4%. Here are other 2021 rates: July 4.6%; June 4.9%; May 4.5%; April 4.4%; March 4.6%; February 5.6%; January and December 2020 6%. Other 2020 rates: November and October 6.1%; September 7%; August 6.8%; July 8.9%.

Anson's total labor force in September was 10,410. Of that number 9,896 were employed and 514 were unemployed. In August the total labor force was 10,268, with 9,677 employed and 591 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) decreased in all 100 of North Carolina's counties in September. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.8 percent while Orange County had the lowest at 2.8 percent.

All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.7 percent while Durham-Chapel Hill and Raleigh each had the lowest at 3.1 percent. The September not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.8%.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in September by 50,703 to 4,855,844, while those unemployed decreased by 31,405 to 189,745. Since September 2020, the number of workers employed statewide increased 197,307, while those unemployed decreased 167,763.

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Position Available - Section 8 HCV Program Manager

Wadesboro Housing Authority is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Section 8 HCV Program Manager to coordinate its Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Position Summary:

This is a part-time/full-time position with benefits.

Duties and Responsibilities: A S8 Program Manager performs a variety of office activities to implement Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

1. Reviewing housing applications to determine family eligibility for housing and calculating rents.
2. Conducting briefings and Executing and Maintaining Leases between Property Owners and Residents.
3. Conducting Annual and Interim Certifications
3. Schedule interviews with S8 landlords and tenants prepare and process correspondence to landlords and tenants. Assures that all assisted housing management records are accurate and correct.
4. Performs Annual S8 Housing Quality Standards and Housing Inspections.
5. Maintaining Rent Reasonableness Studies and Portability Management
6. Knowledge of the general operations and procedures of a Public Housing Agency and of local, state and federal regulations governing subsidized housing programs is a big plus.
7. Moderate to excellent computer skills.
8. Possession of a valid State of North Carolina vehicle operator's license, reliable automotive transportation, and driving record.

Job responsibilities require excellent organizational, interpersonal and decision making skills as well as excellent mathematical skills.

This position may perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

Education and Experience:

High School Diploma is required. Graduation from a two-four year college or university with a degree in Public or Business Administration or closely related subjects is desirable. Experience in Housing Management or Public Housing Administration, and knowledge of HUD Programs, Housing Quality Standard Certification/Inspection and training in the Housing Choice Voucher Program is a big plus.

Qualified candidates should submit a resume no later than Friday, November 12, 2021 to:

Wadesboro Housing Authority
Executive Director Search
P.O. Box 211, Wadesboro, NC 28170
Attention: Mrs. Betty Huntley

Or submitted via email to:
wadesborohousing@windstream.net