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From Community College To Wolfpack: New Deal Guarantees NC State Admission

SPCC students gain a clear, affordable pathway to a bachelor's degree

South Piedmont Community College students now have a guaranteed path to North Carolina State University following the signing of a new transfer agreement between the two institutions on December 11.

The agreement, known as Wolfpack Connect, was officially signed during a ceremony at South Piedmont's Old Charlotte Highway campus by South Piedmont President Dr. Stacy Waters-Bailey and NC State Senior Vice Provost of Enrollment Management and Services Dr. Don Hunt.

"Today marks an exciting milestone for South Piedmont as we expand the opportunities available to our students," said Waters-Bailey. "Wolfpack Connect allows students to start strong at South Piedmont, benefitting from our affordable tuition and personalized learning environment, and continue on to earn a bachelor's degree from NC State. We are honored to partner with NC State and energized by what this partnership will mean for our students and our region."

Hunt emphasized the broader impact of the partnership, noting that it aligns with NC State's mission as a land-grant university. "This partnership with South Piedmont Community College expands the reach of NC State's land-grant mission and deepens our shared commitment to student success," Hunt said. "Wolfpack Connect will create opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom, strengthening families, communities, and the state for generations to come."

Wolfpack Connect is a guaranteed transfer admission program designed to make the transition from partner community colleges to NC State clear, seamless, and student-centered. Through the program, South Piedmont students who complete an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree aligned with an eligible NC State major will receive guaranteed admission to the university.

Students participating in Wolfpack Connect will be guaranteed transfer admission to NC State, follow a clear roadmap to earning a bachelor's degree, and receive guidance from their intended major's transfer guide and the NC State Transfer Planner to ensure coursework applies toward degree requirements.

To be eligible, students must have at least one year of coursework remaining at South Piedmont, be pursuing an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, and plan to transfer into one of NC State's eligible majors. Eligible list is at: transfer.ncsu.edu/apply/wolfpack-connect/#eligible-majors. Students must complete their degree and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA at SPCC to remain active in the program.

More information about Wolfpack Connect is available at:

transfer.ncsu.edu/apply/wolfpack-connect.

With the signing of the Wolfpack Connect agreement, South Piedmont now holds guaranteed admission agreements with nearly a dozen universities across North Carolina, further expanding transfer opportunities for its students statewide.

Learn more at spcc.edu/student-life-resources/transfer-services.

Lights, Camera, Carolina:

New Film Grants Fuel \$113 Million In Production

3 late-2025 projects bring thousands of jobs and statewide economic impact

Two television and streaming series along with an independent feature-length film have been approved for North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grants, leveraging more than \$113 million in production spending and creating an estimated 4,900 jobs across the state.

The productions are expected to support North Carolina's film crews and a wide range of small businesses that provide services during filming, continuing the state's long-standing role as a destination for film and television production.

"We are excited to have these new productions in North Carolina creating 4,900 jobs for our state's crew and film-friendly businesses," said Governor Josh Stein. "North Carolina remains a top state for film, and these grants enable us to continue our strong tradition of TV and film production excellence."

The latest approved productions include Season 2 of the television and streaming series *The Hunting Wives*, which received an award of up to \$15 million and is currently filming in and around Lake Norman and the Greater Charlotte metro area. The new series *RJ Decker* was approved for an award of up to \$11.6 million and is filming in New Hanover County. The independent thriller *Widow* was approved for up to \$1.8 million and recently completed filming in Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes, and Yadkin counties.

"Film production is all about jobs in North Carolina, and thanks to the work of the NC Film Office and the Department of Commerce, we're supporting film jobs statewide," said North Carolina Commerce Secretary Lee Lilley. "These productions bring direct economic benefits and also raise the state's visibility among audiences, leading to increased tourist activity and visitor spending over time."

In addition to the three productions currently filming or recently completed, the feature *Merv*, which filmed in New Hanover County in 2024 and also received a North Carolina Film grant, debuted December 10 on Amazon's Prime Video. The holiday release joins other North Carolina-filmed projects now available to audiences, including *A Little Prayer*, *Christy*, *Roofman*, *The Runarounds*, Season 3 of *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, *The Hunting Wives*, and *The Waterfront*, all released in 2025.

"North Carolina continues to be attractive for productions thanks in part to the state's grant program and our renowned workforce and established infrastructure," said North Carolina Film Office Director Guy Gaster. "These latest awardees are helping us close out 2025 strongly and giving us a head start on activity for 2026."

The North Carolina Film and Entertainment Grant program is designed to attract feature-length film and television and streaming productions that stimulate economic activity and create jobs. Production companies receive no money up front and must meet in-state spending requirements to qualify. Grant funds are issued as rebates following project completion and a successful audit of production spending.

The program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce and promoted by the North Carolina Film Office, part of Visit NC and the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina.

For more information, visit film.nc.gov.

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