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Halifax Community College Hosted Day of Discovery in Recognition of National Manufacturing Month



Students at HCC Day of Discovery



Students tour the Welding program during HCC Day of Discovery



Students tour the HVAC program during HCC Day of Discovery

WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA – Halifax Community College (HCC) hosted its Day of Discovery event on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the Dr. Ervin V. Griffin, Sr. Centre. The event, held in recognition of National Manufacturing Month, brought together students, faculty, community leaders, and industry partners to explore the college's academic and workforce development opportunities.

HCC President and CEO, Dr. Patrena Elliott, welcomed guests and emphasized the college's ongoing commitment to connecting education with

regional economic growth. Mr. Rocky Lane, Vice Chairman of the HCC Board of Trustees, followed with remarks highlighting the importance of collaboration between the college and local industries.

Special remarks were delivered by The Honorable Representative Rodney D. Pierce (District 27) and Ms. Cathy Scott, Executive Director of Halifax County Economic Development. Both speakers addressed the





role of manufacturing in the area's economic vitality and applauded HCC's efforts to prepare students for high-demand careers.

The program also featured an overview of HCC's admissions process and academic programs, presented by Mr. Antonio Squire, Assistant Director of Admission; Dr. Levy Brown, Vice President of Academic and Student Success; and Dr. Sinclair Nicholson, Vice President of Workforce Development and Operations.

Ms. Shreail Hinton, Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management, led the Day of Discovery portion of the program, which included an Academic and Student Support Program Fair in the Griffin Centre Gallery and guided campus tours. Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about available programs, resources, and support services designed to help students succeed.

Truist, The Winston-Salem Foundation, STEM East Network, and the Halifax County, NC, Economic Development Commission provided funding for the event. Their generous support helped make the Day of Discovery a success and underscored the value of partnerships between education, community, and industry.

"Meaningful events like this showcase the power of collaboration and partnership as we highlight and create pathways for students and community success," said Dr. Brown. "Our partners' continued investment in education ensures that Halifax Community College remains a cornerstone of workforce development in our region."

To learn more about HCC's programs, visit www.halifaxcc.edu/what-we-offer.

Halifax Community College's Mission

Halifax Community College strives to meet the diverse needs of our community by providing high-quality, accessible and affordable education and services for a rapidly changing and globally competitive marketplace.

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