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Halifax Community College Announces New Transfer Pathway Partnership with Western Carolina University via WCU Connect

WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA – Halifax Community College (HCC) is pleased to announce a new strategic partnership with Western Carolina University (WCU) through its WCU Connect program, a streamlined, student-focused transfer initiative designed to provide a clear and supported pathway from HCC to WCU.

Under this agreement, eligible HCC graduates who complete an associate degree and meet WCU’s criteria will receive guaranteed general admission to WCU through the WCU Connect program, which emphasizes access, support, and student success. WCU Connect strengthens HCC’s ongoing commitment to helping students move from two-year to four-year degrees efficiently and affordably. As the educational landscape evolves, initiatives like WCU Connect ensure that students have a well-defined route to completing a bachelor’s degree while benefiting from comprehensive academic support.

“Transfer student success is so important. It is an important part of our job to look for opportunities to help our deserving students have opportunities to earn credentials with us and beyond. This unique opportunity provides a new direct admissions and transfer pathway to Western Carolina University. The university is one of the most affordable in our state. This is wonderful for our students,” said Dr. Levy Brown, Vice President of Academic and Student Success.

Students who opt into WCU Connect while still enrolled at their community college gain exclusive early-access benefits, including:

- Major-specific academic advising.
- A personal WCU admission counselor.
- Access to Hunter Library textbook rentals and study spaces.
- Admission to select athletic events and campus speakers.
- Priority orientation registration.
- A 10% discount at the WCU Bookstore.
- An exclusive WCU Connect Card.

These benefits are activated through the WCU Connect Card, issued up to one year prior to transfer.

“This partnership reflects our shared mission to expand educational opportunities and remove barriers to student success,” said Dr. Patrena Benton Elliott, President of Halifax Community College. “We are proud





to partner with Western Carolina University through WCU Connect to help our students achieve their academic and career goals.”

For more information about WCU Connect, visit: bit.ly/WCUconnect.

For the full list of partnered community colleges, visit: bit.ly/WCUpartners.

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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