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Northampton County Early College Students Earn Historic Selection to North Carolina Governor's School



Left to right: Eason Jiang, Danna Sanchez-Reyes, Erica Jiang, and Marilyn Lawrence, Principal of Northampton County Early College

WELDON, NORTH CAROLINA – On April 2, 2026, Northampton County Schools announced a historic achievement for Northampton County Early College, as three outstanding students were selected to attend the prestigious North Carolina Governor's School this summer. This marks the first time in the district's history that three students have been chosen for this highly competitive, state-funded program.

The selected students include Danna Sanchez-Reyes, Erica Jiang, Treasurer of the Halifax Community College Student Government Association, and Eason Jiang, Public Information Officer of the Halifax Community College Student Government Association. As Early College students, each is dually enrolled at Halifax Community College, where they are already demonstrating academic excellence, leadership, and a strong commitment to their future goals.





The North Carolina Governor’s School brings together some of the most academically and artistically gifted students from across the state for an immersive summer experience. Participants engage in advanced, thought-provoking coursework, collaborate with peers from diverse backgrounds, and explore their passions in depth. The program is widely recognized for cultivating intellectual curiosity, leadership, and innovation among North Carolina’s top students.

This milestone not only highlights the exceptional talent and dedication of these students but also reflects the strength of the partnership between Northampton County Schools and Halifax Community College. Through this collaboration, students receive rigorous academic opportunities, access to college-level coursework, and meaningful leadership experiences, including participation in HCC’s Student Government Association.

“This achievement speaks to the caliber of students we are proud to support at Halifax Community College,” Sonya Robinson, Dean of Student Engagement and Support, shared. “Our Early College students continue to excel both in and beyond the classroom, and we are honored to play a role in their academic journey.”

Halifax Community College joins Northampton County Schools in celebrating this remarkable accomplishment and applauding the support of families, educators, and mentors who help make opportunities like this possible. The College and the community look forward to seeing these students represent the region with distinction and wish them an enriching and inspiring experience at the Governor’s School this summer.

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