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NCICU Speaks to NC House; ICFNC Campaign Ends on High Note; Barton College wins Ethics Bowl; Counselor's Tour and other Events; Business Affiliate Program Growing

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Short Legislative Session Addresses Budget



independent colleges and universities, has been scheduled, subject to action by the General Assembly during the 2016 session, to increase to \$88.4 million.

NCICU President Hope Williams made a presentation on May 4 to the NC House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, providing information about the \$14.2 billion economic impact of the independent higher education sector in the state as well as the percentage of degrees in the state awarded by independent colleges and universities, including 30 percent of baccalaureate degrees, half of the medical degrees, 65 percent of law degrees, 53 percent of pharmacy degrees, 52 percent of master's degrees in nursing, 38 percent in physical therapy and 88 percent of physician assistant's degrees.

The committee's recommended budget and the budget passed by the House maintained the scheduled \$1 million increase in the NCNBS and included a scholarship program for teacher education students for which NCICU campuses with teacher education programs would be eligible to apply. The Senate budget, passed Friday, June 3, also included the scheduled increase in the NCNBS which means these funds should not be in contention during conference committee negotiations. The Senate budget did not include the teacher education scholarship program from the House budget but did include a pilot program of scholarships for teacher assistants in several counties who are seeking to complete their baccalaureate degrees. Both programs will be part of the discussion by the joint conference committee on the budget which will begin meeting as early as this week.

HB2

We continue to monitor HB2. The U.S. Justice Department has sent separate letters to the State and to the University of North Carolina stating that by complying with HB2 they would be in violation of federal law. UNC has responded to a federal lawsuit on this issue saying it will not enforce HB2. NCICU campuses are not subject to HB2.



This year's Independent College Fund of North Carolina (ICFNC) campaign raised \$553,000 in scholarship support, \$203,000 for student enrichment programs, and other grants and \$734,000 in in-kind gifts, for a total of more than \$1.5 million in contributions. In addition, campuses received \$444,000 from the legacy Golden LEAF scholarship program administered through the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority.

The Fund's annual campaign runs from May 1 through April 30 and contributions include but are not limited to gifts for student scholarships, enrichment programs, and special projects.

For a complete list of the donors and sponsors for the 2015-2016 campaign, please visit our website <http://www.ncicu.org/support> and click on "Our Donors."

NCICU Ethics Bowl 2016



**More than
\$93,000 was
raised for the
Ethics Bowl
led by
contributions
from Wells
Fargo and
Duke Energy**

Barton College won North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities' fifth annual Ethics Bowl held February 5 and 6 on Meredith College's campus. Methodist University earned second place in the competition. Twenty-two colleges and universities from throughout North Carolina participated in the event.

Montreat College and Salem College also competed in the semi-final round.

Exploring the theme "Ethics in Technology," the topic for the final round was "Artificial Intelligence, Military Intelligence, and Robotic Warfare." The question posed to the teams was: "Is remote-controlled warfare more ethical than conventional warfare?"

NCICU's 2017 Ethics Bowl will be held February 17-18 and will explore the theme of "Ethics in Law."

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2016 NCICU COUNSELORS TOUR



**2016 NCICU COUNSELORS TOUR of
North Carolina's independent colleges
and universities
Sunday, June 19–Friday, June 24, 2016.**

Central Tour campuses:

Bennett College, Cabarrus College of Health Sciences, Catawba College, Elon University, Greensboro College, Guilford College, High Point University, Livingstone College, Pfeiffer University, Salem College, Wake Forest University, and Wingate University

NCICU Assessment Conference 2016

The 2016 NCICU Assessment Conference is our 12th meeting to support institutions' use of evidence to enhance and improve institutional effectiveness. The theme for this year's conference is *Charting the Course: Using Assessment to Navigate Student Success* and will be held at Elon University on Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

OTHER Recent EVENTS

May 18: **NCICU Library Purchasing Committee** Meeting took place at Salem College

May 25: **NCICU Chinese Student**

Business Affiliate Program Growing

The NCICU Business Affiliate Program provides a mutually beneficial link between North Carolina's business community and the state's 36 private colleges and universities. It is designed to create affiliations between NCICU and businesses wishing to promote their products and services to the thirty-six independent colleges and universities in North Carolina.

We would like to thank the following businesses for joining the Business Affiliate Program: ADAVICO, Adirondack Solutions, APOGEE, BCWH Architecture, Blackboard Transact, Brown Edwards, Cherry Bekaert, Cenergistic, College Foundation, Inc., Corporate Risk Management, Inc., Direct Energy, Dixon Hughes Goodman, First American Education Finance, First Citizens Bank, Honeywell, Marsh & McLennan Agency, McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture, Metz Culinary Management, Millennium Advisory Services, PNC, Prestige Insurance Agency, SunTrust, Time Warner Business Class, Verity Asset Management, Winthrop Resources, and Womble Carlyle.

More information about the business affiliate program as well as the programs and services available through the NCICU Collaborative Initiative can be found on our website at www.ncicu.org or by calling NCICU at 919-832-5817.



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