

50th Anniversary

NORTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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8th Ethics Bowl Explores Ethics in the Environment



The Catawba College Ethics Bowl team placed first in the 8th annual NCICU Ethics Bowl this year. Wake Forest University was also in the finals. The theme for this year was *Ethics in the Environment*, and the topic for the final round was "Sunscreen and the Environment."

Catawba had faced Barton College in the semifinals, as Wake Forest faced Meredith College. The case for that round was "Nuclear Energy as an Ethical Energy Source."

"The commitment of our students as ethical, caring stewards of the environment was evident today in their presentations ranging from nuclear energy to protection of our oceans and rivers," said NCICU President Hope Williams. "Their knowledge and understanding of the issues give me great faith in these future leaders."

Twenty-two of North Carolina's private colleges competed in the event which was held at the North Carolina Legislative Complex in Raleigh. More than 60 corporate, nonprofit, legislative and community leaders served as judges and moderators for the two-day event.

The Ethics Bowl was made possible by Presenting Sponsors Duke Energy and Wells Fargo Bank; Benefactor, BB&T; and 25 additional Associate sponsors.



NCICU President **Hope Williams** was one of the state leaders who addressed the audience at the announcement of **myFutureNC**'s statewide education initiative to have 2 million North Carolinians with post-secondary degrees or credentials by 2030.

MyFutureNC is a statewide commission focusing on educational attainment, which brought together North Carolina's thought leaders in education, business, philanthropy, faith-based, and nonprofit communities to create a multi-year plan and a broad-based agenda for a stronger, more competitive North Carolina

At its annual meeting in March, the NCICU Board of Directors was the first statewide board to adopt a resolution in support of the **myFutureNC** goal.



Pictured with Dr. Williams are Dr. William Roper, interim president of the UNC system, Peter Hans, president of the NC Community College System and Mark Johnson, superintendent of Public Instruction.

Discipline-Specific Articulation Agreements Signed

Students pursuing Music, Theatre or Fine Arts at North Carolina's community colleges can now seamlessly transfer to any of a number of private colleges in the state to complete a bachelor's degree in one of those disciplines. NC Community College System **President Peter Hans** and NCICU **President Hope Williams** (pictured right) signed articulation agreements at a ceremony held at William Peace University.



"The signing of these agreements is another important step in increasing opportunities with our community college colleagues for transfer to NCICU campuses," President Williams said. "These are extensions of our comprehensive agreement and will help streamline the transfer process."

The agreements provide a progression degree plan that includes required general education and prerequisite courses that are acceptable to all signatory programs. The NCICU Board approved the agreements on Nov. 9, 2018, and the State Board of Community Colleges approved them on Feb. 14, 2019. The agreements will go into effect with the 2019 fall semester.

CIC Announces Teagle Grant for NCICU

The Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) has announced a pilot program in partnership with North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) to create pathways that encourage community college students to pursue degrees in liberal arts disciplines at independent colleges. The **Teagle Foundation** awarded CIC a \$400,000 grant for a three-year project to determine best practices for community college to private college pathways that can be used in other states.

In announcing the grant, CIC President Richard Ekman said, "We know that community college students can enhance their prospects for successful and timely completion of a bachelor's degree at private colleges, and we also know that CIC colleges and universities can benefit tremendously by increasing the number of well-prepared community college transfer students." He noted that "the Teagle Foundation's generous grant will have a powerful effect in North Carolina and beyond."

Hope Williams, president of NCICU, said, "We greatly value this partnership with CIC and are deeply appreciative of the Teagle Foundation's investment in expanding and streamlining transfer opportunities for students from North Carolina's two-year colleges to our four-year private colleges and universities. The advising and financial aid components of the grant will provide critical supplemental support to help these students be successful in completing their baccalaureate degrees."

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Louisburg Joins the ICAA



Louisburg College President Gary Brown with Trustee Steve Brooks, Hope Williams and Tommy Jenkins, Interim VP of Academic Life at signing event.

The presidents of Louisburg College and NCICU have signed the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (ICAA) that better defines transfer options for students from the two-year college to a number of private baccalaureate degree-granting institutions in North Carolina.

"This agreement will make the transfer process more efficient and effective for Louisburg College students," said Hope Williams, NCICU president. "It means increased access and opportunity by clearly defining pathways to success."

The ICAA moves Louisburg College students toward their four-year degree goals by clearly defining transfer pathways and how earned credit hours fit into the requirements of signatory institutions.

Legislative Update



Representatives John Fraley, Pat Hurley and Craig Hom presented on a panel at the NCICU Annual Meeting in March.

NCICU VP and General Counsel **Tom West** and President **Hope Williams** have worked closely with the 2019 session of the NC General Assembly and provided information and context to Legislators on issues that will impact private higher education. On February 20, President Williams made a presentation before the Senate Education Committee, and on March 13, she spoke to the Joint Appropriations Committee.

Their efforts have led to a proposed increase in the N.C. Need Based Scholarship (NCNBS) of \$600,000 in recurring funds in FY 2019-2020 and \$2.5 million in recurring funds in FY 2020-2021 by the House of Representatives. The House budget also re-establishes the tuition waiver for sworn law enforcement officers at NCICU Campus Police agencies to be able to take required annual training at a local community college without having to pay tuition. It expands the Teaching Fellows Program and restores pay for teachers who earn a masters degree.

The Senate budget is expected to be released next week.

Independent College Fund of NC Raises \$3.2 Million

During the recently completed 2018-19 fundraising campaign, the Independent College Fund of North Carolina (ICFNC) raised \$3.2 million. The campaign raised \$505,820 in scholarship support, \$360,987 for student enrichment programs and other grants, and more than \$2.3 million in in-kind gifts. ICFNC is a division of NCICU.

The amount raised for student enrichment programs included \$69,950 for NCICU's annual Ethics Bowl in which 22 North Carolina colleges and universities participated.

In an ongoing partnership, SAS provided more than \$2 million in donations of software and training support for 31 participating NCICU campuses. Other major donors include BB&T Charitable Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC, CIC/UPS Educational Endowment Fund, Wells Fargo Foundation and the Philip L. Van Every Foundation.

"We are so grateful to the 130 donors and sponsors who contributed to this year's campaign," said ICFNC Director Colleen Kinser. "Their support provides deserving students with, not only the opportunity to attend the college or university of their choice, but also to participate in enrichment programs that enhance the college experience."



Mitch Perry with Blue Cross NC (center) presents a check to the Independent College Fund of NC for \$150k to provide scholarships to health sciences students over three years. Also pictured are (L to R): **Jeff Stoddard**, ICFNC chair, **Delores Sides**, past ICFNC chair, **Hope Williams**, NCICU president, **Colleen Kinser**, director of the ICFNC and **Melanie Chrisp-Thorpe**, associate director.



NCICU President **Hope Williams** was honored with the **Leo M. Lambert Engaged Leader Award** by NC Campus Compact at the Presidents Forum held in February. The award recognizes a presidential leader who engages in reciprocal partnerships to impact a community's greatest challenges. The award was presented by High Point University president, and NC Campus Compact board chair, Nido Qubein.

President Williams will be featured on *Carolina Business Review*

on the following days/times:

PBS Charlotte – Friday, May 24 @ 8:30 pm

UNC TV – Thursday, May 30 @ 5 pm

UNC TV (North Carolina Channel) – Friday, May 31 @ 10 pm; Saturday, June 1 @ 4 am; and Sunday, June 2 @ 8 am

ETV SCC – Thursday, May 30 @ 9:30 pm

ETV- Sunday, June 2 @ 12 pm

ETV World - Wed., June 5 @ 5 pm and Friday, June 7 @ 6 pm