

Transforming  
Lives in  
**Chowan  
County**



**COLLEGE** OF  
THE  
**ALBEMARLE**

Community Impact Report  
2019-2020



COA - EDENTON-CHOWAN  
**Student  
Ambassador**

## Jordyn Russell

Jordyn Russell is a current College of The Albemarle Associate Degree Nursing student who will graduate in May 2021, and serves as a Student Ambassador for COA - Edenton-Chowan. She says she chose COA because of the nursing program's reputation for quality. It allowed this self-proclaimed homebody to stay near family, drawing on their support throughout her educational journey.

"As a COA student, I have learned to really focus on my education. I am beyond motivated to become a nurse and will let nothing stop me from achieving this goal. As an Ambassador, I enjoy representing College of The Albemarle and sharing the great word about the college's programs and instructors."

Inspired by the experience of having her newborn triplet siblings in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) when she was ten years old, and finding joy in helping others, Jordyn found nursing to be her calling while in high school. After graduation she hopes to become a nurse at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters with the goal of becoming a NICU nurse.

# RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT

As a community college, COA wouldn't exist without the communities we serve and the investment they make in our facilities, our people and our students. It is our mission - and privilege - to turn that investment into lives transformed through education.



## STUDENTS

- 111** Adult Curriculum Students
- 92** Career and College Promise (CCP) Students - Current High Schoolers
- 12** College and Career Readiness Students (Adult High School)



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 39** Students Graduated
- 54** Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates Awarded



## FINANCIALS

- 8** Students Received Scholarships
- \$9,998** Value of Scholarships Awarded
- \$270,280** Estimated Cost Savings for CCP Families\*



## EMPLOYMENT

- 45** Employees Residing in Chowan County
- \$657,049** Salaries Paid

\* Based on the Fall 2019 average cost per credit hours for UNC Schools vs. COA's average, in-service area cost.

## Report from the President

Jack N. Bagwell, PhD



Dear Stakeholder,

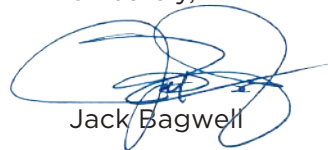
I am pleased to provide you with this county specific impact report. This report is new for College of The Albemarle (COA), and we are compiling one for each of the seven counties in our service area. Their purpose is to inform readers about the broad impact COA has in our communities.

The information you see represented in these reports is likely to evolve. Still, we are hopeful that what has been included will demonstrate COA's commitment to your county and our region.

COA is the community's college. We value the support we receive from each of our counties, and we are committed to being the most effective partners we can be in the areas of education and economic development. If you would like to share any thoughts or opportunities with me, please do not hesitate to email me at [president@albemarle.edu](mailto:president@albemarle.edu).

Thank you for your ongoing support of COA.

Sincerely,



Jack Bagwell



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

20

Chowan County Donors to COA Foundation

\$5,020

Total of Donations by Chowan County Individuals

\$10,000

Vidant Chowan Hospital – President's Club Level Community Partnership

\$200,000

Chowan County Contributions for Operating Expenses

\$200,000

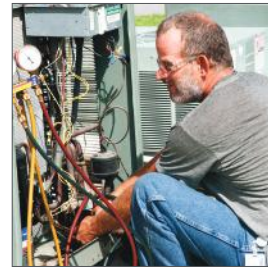
Chowan County Contributions for Capital Expenses

## COA – EDENTON-CHOWAN SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



### Culinary Arts

Let your creativity speak through food. This commercial kitchen based program prepares students for a successful career in food service by mastering the preparation of American and International cuisines, food and beverage service, and workplace safety and sanitation.



### HVAC Technology

This hands-on program gives students the skills needed to work with residential and light industrial Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration systems. Graduates are job-ready – qualified to assist in startup, preventive maintenance, service, repair and installation.



### College Transfer

By earning an associates degree at COA students can transfer to a four-year school as a junior, save \$30K-\$70K over their first two years at a university, receive personal attention in smaller classes and improve their chances of admission to their dream school. Approved credits are guaranteed to transfer to all UNC universities and many other colleges.



**Patti Kersey**

Board Chair

Patti Kersey is the Chair of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners. Prior to her 2016 election she was a gubernatorial appointee on the Chowan County Board of Elections, a Chief Judge for the Yeopim Election Precinct and a two-term member of the County's Planning Board. Patti served for 22 years in the United States Air Force, retiring in the grade of Lt. Colonel. Prior to moving to Chowan County with her husband Les in 2002, she was a Senior Policy Analyst for Science Applications International, a Washington, DC Defense Contractor. Patti has an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and holds a Masters of Business Administration from Troy State University.



**Travis M. Gilliard, RPH**

Board Member

Travis Gilliard learned the true value of community college firsthand when he earned his Associate Degree in Pharmacy from Fayetteville Technical College. He continued his education at College of Charleston and The Citadel before attending The Medical University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy, graduating in 1988. Travis relocated to northeast North Carolina in 1990 and works at both CVS Pharmacy in Edenton and Martin General Hospital. He has stayed connected with community college by teaching Pharmacy Technician classes at both COA and Martin Community College. His wife, Lynn, is the Chowan County Register of Deeds, and together they have four children and two grandchildren.



## Truck Driver Training

Demand for qualified truck drivers is at an all time high. You can now train for a great paying job behind the wheel right at COA - Edenton-Chowan.

A combination of hands-on experience and classroom instruction will give you the skills to safely operate commercial vehicles. Emphasis is placed on defensive driving, range maneuvers, safety regulations, vehicle inspections, maintenance procedures and accident prevention - preparing you to test for a Commercial Driver License (CDL) and start an adventurous new career.

**Reserve your spot today!  
Call 252-335-0821 ext. 2250**

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY CAREER ESSENTIALS PATHWAY

In spring 2020, College of The Albemarle began a new Career and College Promise - Workforce Continuing Education Pathway, Career Essentials in Manufacturing for seniors at John A. Holmes High School. The pathway allows students to enroll in this short-term training program (114 course hours) that provides entry level employability skills in a manufacturing environment.

The primary focus of the program is to meet the needs of local employers and build the bridge from high school to the work place, encouraging students to 'work local'. Building awareness of the employment opportunities within Chowan County is another important goal of the program.

Coursework focuses on blueprint reading, basic electricity, and math/measurement in manufacturing. Students earn OSHA 10 and Forklift certifications upon completion.

College of The Albemarle is grateful to the businesses and organizations involved with the development and implementation of the pathway including:

- Albemarle Boats
- Chowan County
- Colony Tire
- Jimbos Jumbos
- Regulator Marine
- Stevens Towing
- Town of Edenton