



Transforming  
Lives in  
**Currituck  
County**



**COLLEGE OF THE  
ALBEMARLE**

Community Impact Report  
2019-2020



## CURRITUCK COUNTY Student Success

# Mallory Fields

After learning she could graduate high school with a diploma and an associate's degree from College of The Albemarle, for free, Mallory Fields did not hesitate to respond with a resounding "YES" when she received the acceptance letter to JP Knapp Early College High School.

While at COA, Mallory excelled in her studies and was an active member of the Student Government Association (SGA) - eventually serving as President and an ex officio member of the COA Board of Trustees. She graduated from COA with an Associate in Arts in May 2020, having been accepted to Virginia Tech for the fall.

She says her experience at COA was amazing, and prepared her for university life in ways she did not expect. "When I arrived at Virginia Tech, I was filled with confidence. I found myself reaching out to people to make friends - before being a part of SGA, I was never this outgoing. I owe so much of my college experience to the fundamental skills I built at COA."

Mallory plans to graduate from Virginia Tech in 2023 with a bachelor's degree in General Biology and hopes to enroll in Virginia Tech's graduate program for Genetics, Bioinformatics and Computational Biology in her pursuit of a career in genetic analysis and genetic modification.

# 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

271

Adult Curriculum Students

316

Career and College Promise (CCP) Students - Current High Schoolers

32

College and Career Readiness Students (Adult High School)



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

117

Students Graduated

130

Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates Awarded



## FINANCIALS

19

Students Received Scholarships

27,306

Value of Scholarships Awarded

\$815,768

Estimated Cost Savings for CCP Families\*



## EMPLOYMENT

43

Employees Residing in Currituck County

\$608,593

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

## COA - CURRITUCK SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



### Aviation Systems Technology

Take off in a new career. This Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved program will train you for a high paying position as an aircraft mechanic with airframe and powerplant ratings. Job opportunities abound with air carriers, manufacturers, fixed-base operators and government agencies.



### Computer-Aided Drafting

Learn the technical skills needed to manage the hardware and software, as well as develop plans and related documentation, of a computer-aided design system. Students will be prepared to go from a need, to an idea, to a two- or three-dimensional design ready to be manufactured.



### Computer Integrated Machining

Local industry needs employees skilled in the manufacturing of precision machine parts from blueprints and computer designs. This hands-on program teaches students the safe use of hand tools, power machinery and computerized numeric controlled (CNC) equipment needed to excel in these careers.



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

10

Currituck County Donors to COA Foundation

\$1,762

Total of Donations

\$190,000

Currituck County Contributions for Operating Expenses



**Selina S. Jarvis**  
Board Member

Selina Jarvis is a retired educator who now serves as a Currituck County Commissioner for District 2. She was appointed to the COA Board of Trustees by the Currituck County Board of Education.



**S. Paul O'Neal**  
Board Member

Paul O'Neal is a Commercial Lines Vice President with Towne Insurance. He was appointed to the COA Board of Trustees by NC Governor Roy Cooper.



## COA and Currituck County: Partners In Progress



Currituck County began construction of the Currituck Public Safety Center in early 2020. While the county's emergency services and law enforcement will reside in the new facility, there will be dedicated classroom space for College of The Albemarle to offer specific program instruction in Basic Law Enforcement Training, Emergency Medical Science and Nurse Aide.



The 48,000 square foot building is a testament to the collaborative partnership Currituck County and COA have fostered. Beginning with the construction of COA - Currituck (formerly the Regional Aviation and Technical Training Center) the county continues to invest in the future of the College and its students. At a groundbreaking ceremony held in January 2020, Dr. Jack Bagwell, COA President, said, "You can judge a community on how it supports a community college and nothing says that better than what we are doing here." This \$18 million project has a projected completion date of April 2021.



College of The Albemarle Foundation has launched an emerging capital campaign to raise funds to outfit the new COA - Currituck. Having previously committed \$1.1 million toward this capital project and the one at COA - Dare, the Foundation is working to raise an additional \$1.2 million for furniture, fixtures, equipment and emerging programs.