

Transforming  
Lives in  
**Dare  
County**



**COLLEGE OF THE  
ALBEMARLE**

Community Impact Report  
2019-2020



# 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.

## DARE COUNTY Student Profile

### Oshin Dixon

Oshin Dixon is a current College of The Albemarle Associate in General Education – Nursing student who also serves as a Student Ambassador for COA – Dare. Oshin chose COA because of its convenience and because of the reputation of the college's nursing program. As an international student, she had heard from friends that COA had a great international student support system, and having access to faculty and staff that are committed to helping the students while they are far from home was important to her.

Oshin first attended a four-year university before deciding that a community college setting was the best route for her. "COA has a reputable and competitive nursing program, which is the field that I am embarking upon. Caregiving has always been my passion, as I love helping people and having that sense of purpose. I would recommend everyone come to COA. It is cost-effective and, in my opinion, as efficient and successful as any four-year university."

After graduation, Oshin plans to attend a four-year university to attain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with an ultimate goal of applying to medical school.



### STUDENTS

406 Adult Curriculum Students

309 Career and College Promise (CCP) Students – Current High Schoolers

44 College and Career Readiness Students (Adult High School)



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

101 Students Graduated

128 Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates Awarded



### FINANCIALS

73 Students Received Scholarships

\$90,466 Value of Scholarships Awarded

\$650,932 Estimated Cost Savings for CCP Families\*



### EMPLOYMENT

112 Employees Residing in Dare County

\$1,733,227 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,

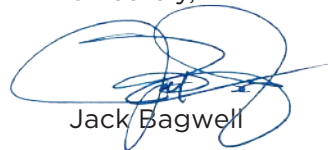
I am pleased to provide you with this county specific impact report. This report is new for College of The Albemarle (COA), and we are compiling one for each of the seven counties in our service area. Their purpose is to inform readers about the broad impact COA has in our communities.

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

50

Dare County Donors to COA Foundation

\$46,036

Total of Donations by Dare County Individuals

\$250,000

Funding by Dare County for the Dare County Guarantee Scholarship program

\$421,508

Dare County Contributions for Operating Expenses

## COA - DARE SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



### 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.



### Hospitality & Tourism

Be a part of the region's largest industry! Enhance your skills or start an in-demand new career with classes including customer service, computer skills, career readiness, leadership management and being a regional ambassador. Additional certifications in reservations, housekeeping and maintenance are available.



### Professional Crafts: Jewelry

This hands-on program is taught by an internationally recognized jewelry artist in a professional studio. Students master metalsmithing, production and decorative techniques as they develop their own style and create unique designs. Entrepreneurial and marketing skills are also taught.

**Dr. D. Reide Corbett**

Dean & Executive Director, Integrated Coastal Program  
Coastal Studies Institute, East Carolina University  
*Appointed by Dare County Board of Commissioners*

**Thomas O. Fulcher, Jr.**

Political Consulting, Campaign Management & Fundraising  
*Appointed by NC Governor Roy Cooper*

**Robert L. Woodard, Sr.**

Chair, Dare County Board of Commissioners  
Vice President/Commercial Lines Producer, Towne Insurance Agency  
*Appointed by Dare County Board of Commissioners*



## COA and Dare County: Partners In Progress



Construction is underway for the new COA-Dare in Manteo, a 36,000 square foot academic building that will allow College of The Albemarle to streamline its current two campuses to one physical location.



Demolition at the Roanoke Island location began in September 2020. A groundbreaking ceremony, hosted by Dare County and COA, was held on December 10, 2020 to celebrate the beginning phases of constructing the state-of-the-art facility. In his remarks, Dr. Jack Bagwell, COA President, talked about the opportunities this new building will provide, not just for COA students but also for the entire county, and thanked Dare County and its Board of Commissioners for their vision, foresight and financial commitment of the building project. The nearly \$18 million project has a projected completion date of February 2022.



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