



Transforming  
Lives in  
**Perquimans  
County**



COLLEGE OF THE  
ALBEMARLE

Community Impact Report  
2019-2020



PERQUIMANS COUNTY  
**Student Success**

# Leroya Banks

Leroya Banks graduated from College of The Albemarle's Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program in July 2020. Having already earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Leroya decided to head in a different direction. She had been hired by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office in October 2019, so the BLET program was the logical next step. "The desire to help and serve the community that I grew up in led me to pursue a career in law enforcement."

The 16-week Basic Law Enforcement Training program at COA provides students with the training necessary to prepare for the rigors of a career in law enforcement. Students participate in multiple practical exams and must successfully complete the Police Officer Physical Abilities Test. Leroya explained that she enjoyed her experience at COA and it gave her an opportunity to network with present and future officers. "My experience at COA was nothing short of amazing. The extensive training I received prepared me with the skills I need to have a successful career."

"My future goals are to continue to be the best I can be by being a positive role model for my daughter while continuing my career in law enforcement with the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office."

# 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

**134** Adult Curriculum Students

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

**23** College and Career Readiness Students (Adult High School)



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**54** Students Graduated

**71** Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates Awarded



## FINANCIALS

**18** Students Received Scholarships

**\$22,904** Value of Scholarships Awarded

**\$267,720** Estimated Cost Savings for CCP Families\*



## EMPLOYMENT

**53** Employees Residing in Perquimans County

**\$1,134,361** 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

## COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE Programs of Study

Agribusiness Technology  
Associate Degree Nursing  
Associate in Arts  
Associate in Engineering  
Associate in Fine Arts in Theatre  
Associate in Fine Arts in Visual Arts  
Associate in General Education  
Associate in General Education - Nursing  
Associate in General Occupational Technology  
Associate in Science  
Aviation Systems Technology  
Basic Law Enforcement Training  
Computer Integrated Machining  
Computer-Aided Drafting Technology  
Cosmetology  
Criminal Justice Technology  
Culinary Arts  
Early Childhood Education  
Emergency Medical Science  
Fire & Rescue Training  
General Business Administration  
Global Business Management  
Health & Fitness Science  
Health Information Technology  
Healthcare Business Informatics  
High School Equivalency  
Hospitality & Tourism  
Human Services Technology  
HVAC Technology  
IT: Computer Programming  
IT: Project Management  
IT: Systems Administration & Support  
Manicuring/Nail Technology  
Marine Diesel Engine Repair  
Medical Assisting  
Medical Laboratory Technology  
Medical Office Administration  
Motorcycle Safety  
Nurse Aide  
Phlebotomy  
Practical Nursing  
Professional Crafts: Jewelry  
Surgical Technology  
Truck Driver Training  
Welding Technology



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

18

Perquimans County Donors to COA Foundation

\$6,083

Total of Donations

\$32,500

Perquimans County Contributions for Operating Expenses



**Wallace Nelson**  
Board Member

A native of Hertford, Wallace Nelson attended College of The Albemarle before transferring to UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy, graduating in December 1976. His career began in retail pharmacy before joining Chowan Hospital and Bertie Hospital, practicing at both facilities at many levels for more than 40 years, with 36 years as Director of Pharmacy. He continues to practice pharmacy at both facilities. Wallace is currently serving on the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, a position he also held from 2000-2010. He began his public service after being appointed to the COA Board of Trustees in 1987, where he was a member for 13 years. He has served 16 years on the Perquimans County Board of Education and is in his eleventh year as a member of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. In addition, he served or is currently serving on a number of other boards and commissions, at both the state and local levels. In 2010, Wallace was the recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, awarded by past Governor Bev Perdue, in recognition of his service and commitment to North Carolinians. He and his wife, Freda, a retired educator, have two children and two grandchildren.

## PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS

For more than 60 years, College of The Albemarle has been committed to meeting the educational needs of our seven county service area. Over time, those needs evolve and COA is once again growing to keep pace. This past year saw the beginning of two new capital projects designed to help us continue transforming lives, families and communities.



*Currituck County Public Safety Center: future home of COA Basic Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Science and Nurse Aide programs*

Construction of the Currituck Public Safety Center began 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 instruction in Basic Law Enforcement Training, Emergency Medical Science and Nurse Aide.

The 48,000 square foot building illustrates the collaborative partnership between Currituck County and COA that first began with the construction of COA - Currituck (formerly the Regional Aviation and Technical Training Center). At the groundbreaking ceremony, 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 is scheduled for completion in April.



*New COA - Dare facility: allows for consolidation to one location and provides state-of-the-art facilities for current and future education programs*

Construction is also underway for the new COA - Dare in Manteo, a 36,000 square foot academic building that will allow the college to consolidate its two current campuses to one physical location.

A groundbreaking ceremony, hosted by Dare County and COA, was held December 10, 2020 to celebrate the beginning of construction on the state-of-the-art facility. In his remarks, Dr. Bagwell, talked about the opportunities this new building will provide students and the entire county. He also thanked the Dare County Board of Commissioners for their vision and financial commitment to the project. The nearly \$18 million project is scheduled for completion in February 2022.

Also this year, College of The Albemarle Foundation launched an emerging capital campaign to raise funds to outfit both new facilities. Having previously committed \$1.1 million toward the projects, the Foundation is working toward raising an additional \$1.2 million for furniture, fixtures, equipment and emerging programs.