

News Release
Martin Community College – March 9, 2018



Pictured above from left to right above are René Wiggins (Community Employment Specialist for Martin Enterprises), Krista Jernigan Wood (Manager for the Department of Commerce-Division of Workforce Solutions/NC Works Career Center in Williamston), Brenda Moore (MCC's HRD Program Coordinator) and Sherrie Bazemore (NC Works' NextGen Coordinator). Not pictured are committee members Sonona Jefferson (Vocational Rehabilitation Service Manager for Martin Enterprises), Sierra Cooper (Community Employment Specialist for Martin Enterprises) and Judy Jennette (MCC Director of PR and Institutional Advancement). They are busy planning the 2018 "Get the Life You Love" Job Fair and Career Expo to be held from 10 am to 2 pm, at the Bob Martin Center on March 28.

"Get the Life You Love" Job Fair and Career Expo is Set for March 28

Martin Community College (MCC), NC Works of Martin County and Martin Enterprises are once again joining forces to sponsor the "**GET THE LIFE YOU LOVE**" Job Fair and Career Expo on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Bob Martin Center in Williamston, North Carolina. To date, more than 40 representatives from business, industry and community resource organizations have signed up to participate. Grady White Boats, Camfil Farr, Smithfield, Penco and ITW-Medical (formerly Coeur) are among the industries who have already registered for booth space.

The purpose of this event is to connect job seekers of all types - current and prospective college students, career changers, veterans, the unemployed, and the underemployed - to local and regional employers. MCC faculty and staff, as well as NC Works personnel, will also be on hand to assist job seekers in developing the skills they need for particular careers.

This event will allow attendees to network with recruiters and gain valuable job seeking experience and confidence. It will also connect attendees to faculty advisors of MCC's

academic programs who will help them gauge their training needs for the jobs they are seeking. NC Works advisors will be on hand to connect job seekers to job training assistance – like resume building, tuition assistance, etc. A Human Resources Development (HRD) lab will also be on site for resume printing, online applications and other HRD related services.

It's not too late for local businesses and industries to participate in this event. This year, employers are asked to register at Eventbrite.com and search "2018 Martin County Job Fair." Upon registering, employers will be able to access either a printed or mobile ticket for their event lunch sponsored by Bojangles of Williamston. Employers are asked to make sure they register each attendee from their company for individual tickets. If you have additional questions, contact Sonona Jefferson at (252) 792-8251 or via email at sononajefferson@martinenterprises.org or Krista Wood at 252-792-7816 or via email at krista.wood@nccommerce.com.

Job Seekers may want to prepare for this event by attending one or more of MCC's ongoing Human Resources Development (HRD) classes. These classes are free and are available in both Williamston and Windsor and provide individualized assistance in developing a resume, job application and interview skills.

In Martin County, the Employability/CRC Lab, located on the MCC campus in Williamston, is open Monday through Thursday, from 8 am until 2:00 pm and on the Bertie Campus in Windsor on Wednesdays, from 8 am to 12 noon.

Training in job searching and resume writing are available at the Martin County NC Works Center in Williamston, Tuesday through Thursday, from 9 am - 1 pm or the Bertie County Works Center on Tuesdays from 9 am to 1 pm and on Thursdays from 9 am until 3:30 pm.

For more information on these preparatory classes and workshops, contact Brenda Moore at brenda.moore@martincc.edu or via phone at 252-789-0236.

Several local churches are providing transportation to and from the event site. They will be departing from Andrews Apartments (main office), Willow Ares Community Center, Warren Court (main entrance), Walnut Terrace (Gaylord Perry Park) Santree Apartments (main office), Roanoke Apartments, Riverdale Community Center, the NC Works Center and Carolina Pines (main office). Contact Sonona Jefferson at (252) 792-8251 or sononajefferson@martinenterprises.org for departure times.

Participants are encouraged to bring props, photos, handouts, employment applications, or any other type of visual aids that will provide participants with a better understanding of their career/job opportunities. Job seekers are also encouraged to dress in business-like attire and make arrangements for child care.

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