New agreement clears the path for transfer students

Leaders from the North Carolina Community College System and the University of North Carolina system signed a new Comprehensive Articulation Agreement last month. This revised agreement will streamline the transfer process for students who begin their academic careers at community colleges and then transfer to one of the four-year institutions in the UNC system. This agreement is the culmination of years of work between the two higher education systems to organize, sequence, and standardize general education courses. The agreement, which goes into effect for students beginning their studies in Fall 2014, will allow students to transfer credits more easily, saving them time and money, and removing barriers to completing degrees. The full agreement can be found at www.durhamtech.edu/transfer/2014ComprehensiveArticulationAgreement.pdf.

Life After Durham Tech

Durham Tech alum Navid Nesab sent the following update:

I am originally from Iran, and I came to the United States six years ago to continue my education. I started at Durham Tech, earning an Associate in Science degree with highest honors. I transferred to UNC-Chapel Hill in 2012 as a C-STEP student and expect to graduate with a bachelor’s degree this summer. I was just accepted into the UNC School of Dentistry and will begin my studies in August. After graduating from dental school, I plan to serve the community that helped me reach my dreams.

While the transition to Carolina was not an easy experience, I was not alone. The C-STEP program helped me to adapt to the new environment and provided me support, like a family. I found it inspiring and fascinating to see other transfer students who come from different backgrounds with such dedication and determination to reach their goals. It has been a great motivation for me.

During my experience at Carolina, I have learned a lot and feel it is my responsibility to share my knowledge to help others succeed. Currently, I am a C-STEP Peer Mentor to three transfer students; I also share my experiences with prospective students through the C-STEP Shadowing Program. I believe that Carolina helps students discover their passions or build upon their existing goals. UNC challenges its students to be resilient and knowledgeable about their fields of study and prepares students for their future career and educational goals. I am so happy and grateful to be a member of the Carolina family, and I will do my best to make my family proud.

Vive/Viva the Arts Committee presents Burning Coal Theatre Company’s production of Shakespeare’s The (Three-Man) Tempest

Tuesday, March 18 12:30 p.m.
ERC Auditorium

FREE performance. Sponsored by Vive/Viva the Arts and the Durham Tech Foundation

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Tuesday, March 18 12:30 - 2 p.m.
ERC Auditorium
Congratulations, Phi Theta Kappa inductees!

Durham Tech inducted its newest members into the Beta Tau Phi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society on February 20. Please congratulate the following inductees:

- Patrick Abel
- Joel Aviles
- Barton Bechard
- Terry Breedlove
- Esther Burwell
- Catherine Callemyn
- Rodney Carroll
- Andrew Castellucci
- Sarah Coberly
- Madison Corbett
- Rayshun Davis
- Alexa Doan
- Charlotte Eure
- Anthony Fantasia
- Tanzaniha Farrington
- Cha-Donna Felder
- Sarah Fenton
- Madgieleyds Figueroa
- Laura Finerty
- Timothy Fitz
- Marvin Foronda
- Penelope Fuller
- Gabrielle Galloway
- Sharon Hartwell
- Hefner Leah
- Emilia Hernandez
- Jessica Ireland
- Tyler Jones
- Sangeeta Krishnan
- Derek Mangum
- Raya Martinez
- Kristy Parker
- Sandra Reed
- Charles Rowan
- Brian Ruff
- Rosie Saldana
- Robert Sawyer
- Emily Shermanski
- Morgan Travis
- Betina Van Denend
- Matej Vidic

Phi Theta Kappa is recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official honor society of two-year colleges. Recently, Shannon Dodd and Regenia Smith represented Durham Tech at the society’s Carolinas Regional Conference in Charleston, accompanied by Tracy Mancini and Marisa Sullivan. In April, Perla Castillejos and Randell Murrell will travel to Orlando with Kara Battle to represent Durham Tech at Phi Theta Kappa’s International Conference.

Durham Tech presents the Dr. Charles Sanders President’s Lecture Series

Mary Roach, best-selling science writer, in conversation with WUNC’s Frank Stasio

Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m.
The Carolina Theatre
For more information and to buy tickets, go to www.carolinatheatre.org/events/mary-roach

The Poetry Hour
“A Loaded Gun”: Power and Voice in Emily Dickinson’s Work
Presented by Marina DelVecchio, Durham Tech English instructor
Tuesday, March 25
12:30 p.m.
TLC, Phillips 325

Science Seminars

Dr. Jenny Tung
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Evolutionary Anthropology, Duke University
Faculty Associate, Duke University Population Research Institute
will discuss
Social environmental effects on primate gene regulation and evolution

Science Seminar

Wednesday, March 19, 3:30 p.m.
Collins Building Auditorium, room 278