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FTCC Receives Grants from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – September 30, 2010 – Fayetteville Technical Community College announces two projects which will support the fall musical production of *Guys and Dolls* and a Spring Juried Art Exhibition with the help of grants from the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County. The grants will provide FTCC with assistance in educating students, faculty, and community participants.

The mission of Fayetteville Tech's Fine Arts Department is to provide students with a challenging education in drama, music, and the visual arts as well as opportunities to express and practice through forums that exhibit and showcase student and community talent. The Department's goal is to provide the community with quality art exhibitions and theatrical performances free of charge, making FTCC a unique and convenient arts venue for the community. Through the Arts Council grants and the efforts of the students, faculty, and staff of the Fine Arts Department, both FTCC and the Arts Council hope to enrich the lives of students and members of our community.

"Arts Council Project Support Grants this year will support many community priorities such as adult literacy, K-12 education, after-school programs and cultural tourism," says Deborah Martin Mintz, Executive Director of the Arts Council. "There are concerts and plays, quilt and storytelling festivals and so many other opportunities for our citizens to explore their own creativity."

"The arts play an important role in our community for individuals in terms of enjoyment, expression, and creativity. We are proud of our Fine Arts students and staff and are grateful to the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County for the Project Support Grants which will help us both as we work to contribute in positive ways to our community through the arts," said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen.

The Arts Council's Project Support Grants are awarded to local non-profit agencies who produce programs of artistic merit and who demonstrate financial and administrative stability. The purpose of Project Support Grants is to recognize and support exemplary forms of artistic expression.

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County serves the 300,000 residents of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. For more than 30 years, the Arts Council has ensured growth in children's education, our community's cultural identity and economic progress. The Arts Council's grants, programs and services are funded in part by contributions from businesses and

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individuals and through grants from the City of Fayetteville, Cumberland County, and the North Carolina Arts Council, with funding from the State of North Carolina.

Fayetteville Technical Community College was established in 1961 and serves over 37,000 students annually by providing 150 affordable occupational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs to meet students' needs and desires as well as the community. More information about FTCC is available at www.faytechcc.edu.

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