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## *Press Release*

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### *FTCC Partners with Mount Olive College to Enhance College Transfer*

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – July 19, 2010 – FTCC’s President Dr. Larry Keen signed a formal agreement July 16 to partner with Mount Olive College (MOC) to enhance and expand transfer options for FTCC students. FTCC’s graduates earning associate of arts or associate of applied science degrees will be able to seamlessly transfer to Mount Olive College (with six locations in eastern North Carolina) to pursue a full range of bachelor degree programs. Through the partnership, FTCC students are eligible to apply for all state and federal financial aid. FTCC students graduating with associate of arts or associate of science degrees and a minimum GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) will be guaranteed admission and acceptance of up to 64 credits into all Mount Olive College degrees in accordance with the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. T. J. Arant, Executive Vice President of Mount Olive College, represented Dr. Philip Kerstetter (President, Mount Olive College) at the formal signing event.

“Approximately 17 percent of FTCC’s graduates express interest in continuing their education, and partnerships such as this one with Mount Olive College tremendously help our students by facilitating their efforts to pursue a four-year degree. FTCC gives students an outstanding two-year educational experience and positions them well to transition to a four-year college or university environment,” said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen.

Dr. Philip Kerstetter, president of Mount Olive College, says the partnership will create an excellent opportunity for community college students to continue their education and prepare them for the future. “This agreement is in keeping with the commitment of Mount Olive College to offer high-quality education,” said Kerstetter. “Whether you’re a student involved in traditional programs or one who needs the flexibility of our degree completion programs, we want you to have the chance to finish a four-year degree.”

The partnership enhances Mount Olive College’s relationship with the North Carolina Community College System as a participating member of the North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Mount Olive College is a private, liberal arts institution dedicated to the total development of its students in an environment nurtured by Christian values. The College, sponsored by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, has locations in Mount Olive, New Bern, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Research Triangle Park, Jacksonville, and Washington. For more information, visit [www.moc.edu](http://www.moc.edu).

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](http://www.faytechcc.edu).

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