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***Walmart Foundation and Jobs for the Future Awards Grant to
Fayetteville Technical Community College to Address Skilled Worker Shortage***

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – November 11, 2010 – The Walmart Foundation and Jobs for the Future has awarded Fayetteville Technical Community College a “Breaking Through” Grant that will help to address the skilled worker shortage in the region and increased industry demand over the next five years as a result of BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) activities. The \$25,000 grant will use the Breaking Through framework to develop and implement a successful, sustainable career pathway to help advance low-skill adults. Through the grant, FTCC will be able to build upon the existing partnership between its Basic Skills program and curriculum programs by creating pathways for students from basic education studies to curriculum-level certificate and degree programs. FTCC will facilitate pathways with multiple entry and exit points in high-demand fields that guide Basic Education students in obtaining the necessary skills and educational requirements needed to attain both short-term field-specific training and long-term credentials.

“FTCC is about preparing skilled workers to gain employment and meet the demands of the workforce,” said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen. “Through the Walmart Foundation and Jobs for the Future grant, FTCC can focus efforts on a “bridge” to help students further their education by transitioning from basic skills to curriculum studies. The transition will be designed to maximize opportunities for flexibility and success in meeting individual student’s goals while upgrading job skills.”

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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