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**Press Release**

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**FTCC to Kick off 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations with Fall Convocation September 16**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – September 12, 2011 – Fayetteville Technical Community College will kick off a series of planned 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with Fall Convocation on Friday, September 16, at the Horace Sisk Gymnasium located at 2201 Hull Road on the Fayetteville campus. Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, board chair for North Carolina Community Colleges, will be the guest speaker. A formal processional will begin at 12:45 p.m. The public is invited.

Other planned activities for the next year include fall and spring student festivals with a concert; an arts competition in conjunction with the Fayetteville Arts Council; an open house to showcase FTCC faculty, classrooms, equipment, and curricula; a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony for the new general classroom building planned to open in 2012; and a silent auction and Forever Gold Community Fund Drive to support the FTCC Foundation, Inc.

“The history of Fayetteville Technical Community College on this milestone anniversary gives us good reasons to celebrate. FTCC's founding fathers saw a need in the community fifty years ago to establish an institution to provide workforce training to individuals in response to needs of local business and industry and worked diligently to establish the Fayetteville Area Industrial Education Center and Fayetteville Technical Institute, now known as Fayetteville Technical Community College. But we are also excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for us in our future, as FTCC continues to grow and meet the training and educational needs of our changing workforce. To be able to make positive contributions in the lives of citizens of our community through education is truly rewarding. We look forward to sharing these anniversary celebrations with our students, faculty, staff, and community,” said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen.

The FTCC Foundation, Inc., was established in 1985 to promote the development of Fayetteville Technical Community College and its programs and activities. The Foundation provides scholarships and other resources for students and promotes the academic environment of the College. Brent Michaels serves as the executive director of the FTCC Foundation.

Fayetteville Technical Community College was established in 1961 and serves over 40,000 students annually by providing over 150 affordable occupational, technical, general education, college transfer, and continuing education programs to meet students' needs and desires as well as the community. Visit FTCC's website at [www.faytechcc.edu](http://www.faytechcc.edu).

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