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Fayetteville Technical Community College Becomes the First College to be Certified Green by Sustainable Sandhills

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – December 13, 2011 – Fayetteville Technical Community College has received green certification from Sustainable Sandhills and was recognized as being the first Certified Green College during a breakfast held today at the College. Dr. Larry Keen, FTCC President, received the certificate from Kelly Bah, Executive Director of Sustainable Sandhills. Fayetteville Tech's certification was based on having met several requirements which focused on promoting green thinking in the following areas:

- Faculty, staff, and student awareness
- Transportation and air quality
- Campus green purchasing
- Water efficiency and quality
- Landscaping
- Pest management
- Chemical use and pollution prevention
- Waste reduction
- Energy efficiency
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
- Green-focused curriculum, clubs, and student organizations and opportunities

“We conducted surveys with our staff and with other community colleges in North Carolina about green-related issues, and we established what we refer to as a ‘green team’ at Fayetteville Tech to focus on green thinking and to take our existing green initiatives to higher levels. I am proud of our green team and our faculty, staff, and students for their hard work and encouragement of everyone on our campus to think green with all appropriate opportunities, and I am especially proud of our staff who embraced thinking green years ago and laid the foundation for increased opportunities to promote sustainability here at FTCC,” said FTCC President Dr. Larry Keen. “It’s an exciting story to share, and it is indeed an honor for me to be involved with a hard-working staff who cares and proactively thinks about sustainability issues.”

“This is an exciting time for our region; the Sandhills should be proud that Fayetteville Technical Community College successfully organized their efforts,” said Kelly Bah, Executive Director of

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Sustainable Sandhills. “It is no small feat to get a campus of this size not only aware of sustainability, but also setting the standard for others in the area.”

For more information about Sustainable Sandhills’ Certified Green Businesses, visit www.sustainablesandhills.org or contact Green Business Coordinators Celestine Raineri (910.484.9098 – Cumberland, Hoke, Harnett, and Lee counties) and Kea Meacham (910.639.3983 – Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, and Scotland counties).

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.

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