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**Fayetteville Technical Community College
Receives \$7,500 Grant from The Walmart Foundation**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – January 9, 2012 – Fayetteville Technical Community College has been awarded a grant from The Walmart Foundation as part of Give An Hour™, which adopted the Community Blueprint Network initiative to promote and improve services for military members and their families through community collaboration. The Walmart Foundation committed funds in support of the Give An Hour™ program to be used as grants given to local organizations in Norfolk and in Fayetteville. The goal of the Give An Hour™/Community Blueprint Network initiative is to improve services delivered to the military community while offering a unique opportunity for civilians, service members, veterans, and their families to volunteer their time and expertise and serve alongside one another.

Fayetteville Tech will use the grant to host a Summer Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Youth Academy at the College's Spring Lake campus. The STEM Youth Academy is a collaboration of Cumberland County-area schools, military groups, and Project Life Initiatives for Teens (L.I.F.T.), a local non-profit organization that provides educational and family strength support to address the academic needs of middle school and high school students as well as the social, emotional, and psychological needs of participating families. Dr. Phillip Jackson serves as Associate Vice President overseeing the FTCC Spring Lake campus. Wendy Hustwit serves as the Grant Coordinator for FTCC.

“Our active-duty and retired military service members and their families are a part of the FTCC family in terms of our student body and our faculty and staff, and it is a privilege to participate in this collaborative community effort that will promote and improve services for our military members and their families,” said Dr. Larry Keen, President of FTCC. “Fayetteville Tech is a proud partner with our military neighbors and stands firm in our commitment to serve our service men and women, veterans, and their families through unique educational opportunities, such as the STEM Youth Workshop.”

The STEM Youth Academy is a five-week program that provides 3,000 hours of student center learning opportunities for thirty low-income students within the region. Instruction will provide hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer sciences. In support of the program, retired veterans working as educators, active-duty military, and military spouses will volunteer to serve as teachers, guest speakers, and mentors.

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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