

# Education takes center stage at Manufacturing Summit

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**JAMESTOWN** — About 200 people from across the county recently attended the Guilford County Manufacturing Summit to learn about workforce development and trends in manufacturing.

Cohosted by Business High Point-Chamber of Commerce and the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, the second of what is planned to be an annual event was held at the Guilford Technical Community College Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

Peter Hans, president of the N.C. Community College System, discussed the importance of community colleges in meeting the demand for a skilled workforce.

North Carolina's community college system is well-regarded, Hans said. Last year, it attracted 36,000 jobs to the state.

The number of apprenticeships available to North Carolinians has doubled in the two years the system has been in charge of Apprenticeship NC.

The Triad is poised to be a leader in manufacturing, Hans said. Guilford County is consistently ranked as No. 1 in North Carolina and No. 4 in the Southeast for manufacturing.

"This is a special area with hardworking, capable people," Hans said. "If Greensboro and Guilford County were a stock, I'd be buying it today."

Guilford County Schools is working to make the area even more attractive to industry through its newly revamped Career and Technical Educa-



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North Carolina Community College System President Peter Hans speaks about how community colleges are preparing the next generation for the workforce.

tion program. This fall, the district launched five academies that provide career-specific learning experiences.

Among attendees were about 40 students enrolled in the new Academy of Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering, located at the Academy at Smith High School.

Three experts gave brief presentations on trends in manufacturing, followed by question-and-answer sessions with the audience. The experts were Therese Coon, coordinator for the business and industry training team at GTCC; Lizzy Tahsuda, director of Campus Greensboro, and Pete Gresens, director of compensation strategy at Volvo.

Other speakers included Lonnie Miller, principal industry consultant at SAS, and Josh Ward,



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director of regional public affairs for the National Association of Manufacturers.

After the program, attendees were invited to tour the state-of-the-art Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

"If you haven't seen this space, I really encourage you to do so," said Patrick Chapin, president and CEO of Busi-

ness High Point-Chamber of Commerce. "It's an amazing center here in our own backyard."

# Site set for High Point Center for Child Wellness

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**HIGH POINT** — Family Service of the Piedmont has signed a lease with Wake Forest Baptist Health on a building that will house the new High Point Center for Child Wellness.

Set to open early next year, the center will be located at 308 Boulevard St.

Made possible through a \$1 million gift from Earl and Kitty Congdon and a \$500,000 gift from the Foundation for a Healthy High Point, the center will be the first of its kind in the Triad.

The center will offer state-of-the-art, comprehensive psychiatric care for children and families who have no health insurance coverage or are on Medicaid. Services will include psychiatric assessments, medication management, therapeutic service and case management.

"We are excited to fill a critical need in the community," said Tom Campbell, president and CEO of Family Service of the Piedmont. "Our aim

is to improve children's wellbeing and academic outcomes by providing proper assessment, medical intervention, therapy and social support."

The center is expected to initially serve 500 children a year.

It will include administrative and intake staff, four child therapists, two case managers, a pediatric psychiatric nurse, a certified nursing assistant, a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, and a child and adolescent psychiatrist.

Researchers from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro identified a lack of resources to address severe behavioral and emotional problems facing adolescents as one of the three most impactful behavioral health issues facing High Point.

The JAMA Pediatrics scientific journal reported in February that North Carolina ranked last of any state with 72% of children with a diagnosed mental illness going without proper treatment.



**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING OCTOBER 22 REGARDING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO N.C. 62 NEAR THE I-85 INTERCHANGE AND REALIGNMENT OF THE KERSEY VALLEY ROAD AND WEANT ROAD INTERSECTIONS GUILFORD COUNTY**

STIP PROJECT NO. U-6018

The N.C. Department of Transportation is proposing to make improvements to N.C. 62 near the interchange with I-85 and realign the intersections of N.C. 62 and Kersey Valley Road and Weant Road in Archdale.

The open-house public meeting will be held at the **Pine Grove Baptist Church** located at **6308 Modlin Grove Road** in **High Point** from **4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** on **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**. The purpose of this meeting is to provide interested citizens the opportunity to review maps of the project, ask questions and provide feedback.

Interested citizens may attend at any time between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation. Maps of proposed improvements will be presented at the meeting and staff of NCDOT and the Consulting firm of Ramey Kemp will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Project maps are available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>.

For additional information please contact NCDOT Project Engineer Brian Ketner by phone at 336-487-0075 or by email at [bkketner@ncdot.gov](mailto:bkketner@ncdot.gov) or Consultant Project Manager, Jay McInnis with Ramey Kemp and Associates at 984-204-1558 or by email at [jmcinnis@rameykemp.com](mailto:jmcinnis@rameykemp.com). Comments will be accepted at the meeting or by mail or email following the meeting but should be submitted by **November 5, 2019**.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact NCDOT Senior Public Involvement Officer Diane Wilson by phone at (919) 707-6073 or by email at [pdwilson1@ncdot.gov](mailto:pdwilson1@ncdot.gov) as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

## The Holidays are coming...

Christmas in the Southern Triad is a "feel good" Holiday special section including a calendar of local Holiday events, stories, traditions and recipes submitted by readers.

A special publication inserted in the High Point Enterprise, Archdale - Trinity News, Thomasville Times and Snapshots the week of Thanksgiving



## Do you have a Holiday tradition or recipe you'd like to submit?



Share your traditions or recipes with your neighbors, friends, family, and fellow readers in the 2019 Christmas in the Southern Triad

Send in your traditions(150 words or less) and/or a recipe along with your name and phone number by Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Email, mail or drop off to: Attn: Christian Saunders 213 Woodbine Street High Point, NC 27260 [csaunders@hpenews.com](mailto:csaunders@hpenews.com)