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BIG INCREASE DEVELOPING IN ENROLLMENT AT GTCC

JAMESTOWN – Despite an increase in tuition, early enrollment at Guilford Technical Community College is running 30.2 percent more than the number of students who enrolled during the same period last year, according to associate vice-president Dr. Alison Wiers.

“We could have as many as 13,000 curriculum students for the fall term,” she said.

Requests for financial aid also have increased by 30 percent, going from 1,485 applications a year ago to 1,930 this year, Wiers said.

This comes on the heels of the N.C. Legislature having increased tuition prices for all community colleges from \$42 per credit hour to \$50 for in-state students. The price for out-of-state students increased from \$233.30 to \$241.30 per credit hour.

Wiers noted that 7,542 students already have registered for the fall semester, a big jump over the 5,793 who had enrolled at this point in 2008.

By the time fall classes begin on Aug. 17, Wiers is expecting enrollment figures to level out to an increase of 13 percent to 15 percent over the number of students who enrolled during the fall 2008 semester. That would mean at least 1,500 more curriculum students than the record 11,287 who attended GTCC last fall, she said.

This will mark the 12th consecutive year that GTCC enrollment has increased. If the trend continues, enrollment will have doubled since 6,224 students enrolled for the 1997-98 fall semester.

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