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### **GTCC STUDENT RECRUITING FOR DISNEY**

GREENSBORO – Presentations about the Disney College Program that is available to students will be made at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, and at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at Elliott University Center on the UNCG campus.

Travis Bensink, a culinary student at Guilford Technical Community College, arranged the meetings to provide opportunities for GTCC students to participate. He was an intern at Walt Disney World in Orlando last summer, working in culinary positions. Bensink said he is focusing on recruiting GTCC students in order to establish a relationship with Disney on behalf of GTCC.

UNCG already has a well-established relationship and program with Disney, he said. “That’s why we are holding the recruiting there,” he said.

Bensink said, “Disney has a team of cast members that travels to over 50 different colleges across the United States to deliver a presentation and then immediately interview potential students.

“The more interest shown by GTCC students in the internship program by attending the presentation makes it more likely that GTCC could later be selected to be a program site. If selected, one in 10 students could be selected to complete a six-month paid internship as a Disney cast member in Orlando.”

In his unpaid position as a recruiter, Bensink said that he wants to make employment opportunities at Disney available to other GTCC students. He said that one of the students he recruited last spring is doing an internship at Coral Reef Restaurant at Epcot Theme Park in Orlando.

Bensink said he wants to see GTCC build a relationship between his school and Disney, like the one UNCG has developed. Besides culinary students, Bensink said he would like to see business, drama, engineering and entertainment technology students from GTCC become involved with Disney.

UNCG’s Disney Program is directed by Bud Miles.

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