

Northeast State

Summer/Fall Semester 2012 Summary

CAMP COLLEGE gives students the skinny on campus life

College Access Programs hosted five CAMP College sessions during summer designed to help incoming students become more college ready. The three-day camp introduced students to responsibilities of college life. Campers met with admissions representatives, counselors, tutors, and business office personnel to learn the details of maintaining status as a student. Campers also learned about the D2L online learning and how to access MyNortheast online services.

Hot Nights, Cool Music summer concert series

The College presented a series of musical concerts at the Wellmont Regional Center for Performing Arts Center Theater. The series began June 15 with nine shows over six weeks and included local, regional, and nationally known artists.

Gov. Haslam visits Northeast State to discuss workforce development

In the first of seven regional meetings across the state, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam met with local business leaders, lawmakers, and education officials at Northeast State July 17 to discuss ways to better align higher education and workforce development.

Technology updates for true believers

The College spent the last year evaluating and integrating technology to improve instruction and increase efficiency to stay abreast of student needs and increase student success. Updates included the purchase of iPads, a videoconferencing system, and several software packages such as DegreeWorks, Course Signals, and iDashboards.

New benefit seeks to put veterans back to work

Northeast State announced a new federal program designed to help in-need military veterans aged 35 to 60 get associate degrees. The program, known as the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP), which offers 12 months of training assistance to veterans who are at least 35 but no more than 60 years old; are unemployed on the date of the application; and received an other than dishonorable discharge from their branch of service.

RCAM exceeds goal for course offerings

With the help of a recent Community-Based Job Training grant focused on retooling incumbent workers, Northeast State's Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing offered 103 credit course sections for 26 different technical courses – about 150 percent of targeted goals. In addition, there were also 164 credit course sections for 23 different on-line/lab process operations courses and another 44 credit course sections for 19 different on-line/lab maintenance courses. That is a grand total of 311 course sections for 68 different credit technology courses – about 400 percent of the stated goals.

Online chemical process operation curriculum developed

A state-of-the-art online chemical process operations curriculum was developed at the Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing. With the availability and assistance of a vast supply of subject matter resources through Eastman Chemical Company and the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership (AMP), this curriculum provides 10 courses in chemical process operations. Some topics covered include materials handling, process equipment, distillation, instrumentation, and troubleshooting.

College launches redesigned Web site

The www.NortheastState.edu Web site launched with a new design and an Ektron content management system. Designed for easier navigation for new and current students, the new site features quick access hover menus at the top of the page. Students can easily access links to apply for admission and financial aid, register for classes, check out scholarships, and find an advisor.

Rep. Matthew Hill deliver alumni lecture series address

Matthew Hill, a 2001 Northeast State graduate and representative for Tennessee's 7th District, delivered the annual alumni series lecture entitled "Getting Involved and Making a Difference."

Because of You Campaign raises \$146,000

Northeast State's Because of You campaign raised more than \$146,000 for new and existing scholarships. The campaign raised \$54,000 in 2011. The Northeast State Foundation orchestrated the campaign, which ran for one week with more than 20 groups and organizations putting on a myriad of fund-raisers, ranging from a mum sale, to a 5K road race, to a chili cook-off, to a benefit concert by the Spirit of Soul.

More than 6,400 students welcomed to fall semester

Northeast State Community College welcomed more than 6,400 students this fall. While the College's enrollment was similar to last fall 2011, other Tennessee Board of Regents community colleges averaged a 4.0 percent decrease in enrollment for the fall. University enrollments also decreased by 3.3 percent.

College hosts Advanced Manufacturing Career Fair

Northeast State hosted a Fall Technology Career Fair at the Regional Center for Advanced Manufacturing (RCAM) in Kingsport. The free and public event provided opportunities to learn about job openings in advanced manufacturing and talk with area employers. More than 20 companies were on hand for the event.

October blood drive is the best ever

The October 2012 blood drive held at Northeast State marked a record day of giving by donors. Northeast State had 121 people register to give blood with 91 good units being collected at the main campus. The Northeast State at Kingsport site registered 34 and collected 24 good units.

Northeast State nursing scores exceed state, national averages

Northeast State's 2012 nursing graduates notched the program's best scores ever on the NCLEX-RN national licensure exam with a 97.37 percent first-time pass rate. The scores eclipsed the state of Tennessee's 93.77 percent average for 2012, as well as the national pass rate of 90.88 percent. The score is the best result yet for the program, which graduated its first class in 2009.

Theatre Department stages *Night of the Living Dead*

The Northeast State Theatre Department presented the stage version of George Romero's classic horror film *Night of the Living Dead* Oct. 25-28 and Nov. 1-4. The production proved to be one of the department's most successful shows since the opening of the Wellmont Regional Center for the Performing Arts in 2008.

College joins with Johnson County schools on GEAR UP TN grant

The Johnson County School System was awarded a \$443,625 grant from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to support college access and success efforts. As part of the grant, Johnson County High School and Johnson County Middle School will join with Northeast State Community College and other community partners to design activities that cultivate a college-going culture for students and families. The funding is part of the U.S. Department of Education's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) grant program.

Carter County Bank coordinates \$15,000 matched donation

A \$5,000 donation by Carter County Bank was combined with a \$10,000 anonymous match, making a \$15,000 gift to the College's Foundation. The funds are earmarked for Educate and Grow scholarships for 2012 Carter County graduates.

Northeast State lands Clean Tennessee Energy Grant

Northeast State Community College received a \$180,000 grant from the state's new Clean Tennessee Energy Grant Program to replace the HVAC system at the Downtown Centre in Johnson City. The College proposes to install two boilers as part of the replacement for the HVAC system for classroom and administrative space in the facility. Having two units will permit the use of one or both as demand dictates.