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Brunswick Community College Celebrates 30 Years of Small Business Support

Supply – The Small Business Center Network of the NC Community College System is celebrating 30 years of providing support and assistance to small businesses and start-ups across North Carolina. Small Business Centers (SBCs) are located at each of the state’s 58 community colleges, providing confidential business counseling and seminars to small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Created in 1984 when the North Carolina General Assembly funded 14 SBCs, the Small Business Center Network (SBCN) had expanded to include at least one SBC at each community college by 1995. Each year, the centers assist in starting an average of 650 businesses and help create and retain more than 3,000 jobs.

Today, with more than 60 sites, the Small Business Center Network is known as the most expansive state-funded technical small business assistance program in the United States with locations within a 30-minute drive of almost every North Carolinian.

Brunswick Community College’s Small Business Center offers a wide variety of seminars and workshops to help new and existing small businesses become successful. Topics include: How to start a business, how to write a business plan, financing your business, bookkeeping and taxes, marketing for success, and more. To register for seminars that are provided free of charge, please visit our website at: <http://www.brunswickcc.edu/continuing-education/small-business-center/>

The SBC also provides free and confidential counseling services for new and existing small businesses. "Like many new entrepreneurs, I arrived at the decision of wanting to start a business with skill in my area of expertise but without the practical knowledge of running a company. The Small Business Center helped me close those gaps by giving me a clear picture of the components it would take to get my company off the ground in a respectful and supportive environment. I am very grateful I had the Small Business Center as a resource and recommend their program without hesitation." Ilene Evans, Owner, Hippie Chick Granola Co.

To set an appointment or for additional information regarding the Small Business Center at Brunswick Community College, please call Kim Wiggs Gamlin at 910.755.7306 or email gamlink@brunswickcc.edu.

The mission of the Small Business Centers is to increase the success rate and number of viable small businesses in North Carolina by providing high quality, readily accessible assistance to prospective and existing small business owners, with the goal of job creation and retention.

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