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WHAT IS VISIONS

Career Development and Scholarship Program

PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WINTERVILLE, NC

Above: Owner of Grady White Boats, Eddie Smith, and 2019-2020 SGA President and VISIONS student, Curtisia Canady, at the groundbreaking for the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Center for Student Advancement.

HOW DID VISIONS START?

The Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation financial consultant, Herman Simon, wanted to develop a program to assist at-risk high school students in need of financial support, educational mentoring and career guidance. The result was VISIONS, the product of a 2004 partnership between the Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation, Foundation of NC East, Pitt Community College Foundation and Pitt County Schools.

visit www.pittccfoundation.com and search **'VISIONS'**

WHAT IS VISIONS?

VISIONS is a career development and scholarship program for select Pitt County public high school students. Those accepted receive the academic support and advising they need in order to complete high school and pursue higher education. Those who attend Pitt Community College receive up to $1,000-scholarships annually. Funds are renewable by demonstrating satisfactory academic progress and active program participation.

For More Information:
Contact your **PITT COUNTY** high school counseling office or a **VISIONS** staff member.

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PURPOSE

HIGH SCHOOL level:
Junior & Senior Programs

- Provide a summer career development opportunity to help students choose majors wisely
- Mentor students through activities and seminars
- Provide tutoring as needed
- Prepare students for transition to Pitt Community College

TARGET GROUP

Selected Pitt County high school juniors and seniors who:

- ✔ Have a 2.0 – 3.2 GPA
- ✔ Plan to attend PCC
- ✔ Have no discipline problems
- ✔ Have financial need

COLLEGE level:

- Provide orientation to college
- Advise students in choosing majors, classes and activities
- Continue mentoring of students
- Monitor performance (provide tutors and counsel as needed)
- Assist with Student Educational Planning, Financial Aid Assistance, resumé preparation and job applications
- Provide scholarship to assist with tuition

SUMMER **INSTITUTE**

Summer Institute is a career development and confidence-building opportunity that allows students to experience college life, explore educational pathways, and participate in hands-on instruction on the PCC campus. The information gained will help them assess personal strengths and select majors that align with their career goals.

WHAT MAKES THE **DIFFERENCE?**

- Network of caring VISIONS staff who find answers, give assistance, and provide a "safety net"
- Staff who show concern for student well-being
- Financial support for college education
- Mentoring geared toward student success

SCHOLARSHIP **FUNDING**

- Students accepted as high school juniors receive a $500 scholarship from both The Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation and the PCC Foundation each year once admitted to PCC.
- Students accepted as high school seniors receive a $250 scholarship from both The Eddie and Jo Allison Smith Family Foundation the PCC Foundation once admitted to PCC.
- Program activities and financial aid assistance is provided to students.

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