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Wynn Student Services Center to Be Dedicated at Durham Tech

(DURHAM, N.C.) – The Phail Wynn, Jr. Student Services Center at Durham Technical Community College will be dedicated Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. The 58,500-square-foot building is named in honor of the college’s president, who has led the institution since 1980.

The \$9 million facility will serve as the new campus hub for the college’s main campus, located off the Briggs Avenue exit of the Durham Freeway. It houses the majority of student-related departments, including Admissions, Registration, Student Records, Financial Aid, Advising, Counseling, Student Development, and the Campus Learning Center. The building also contains the campus café and dining room, the bookstore, student government offices, three classrooms, and computer labs.

The Wynn Student Services Center was designed by the Freelon Group of Durham and constructed by Bordeaux Construction, also of Durham.

H. Martin Lancaster, president of the N.C. Community College System, will speak at the dedication. Other speakers will include James W. Fleming, president of the college’s Student Senate; Mary Ann Peter, chair of the college’s Board of Trustees; and Virginia Rand Bowman, chair of the Durham Tech Foundation Board of Directors. President Wynn will deliver closing remarks. Jesse B. Anglin, Jr., vice chair of the college’s Board of Trustees, will unveil a commemorative plaque.

A reception and tours of the building will follow the dedication.

“I believe the Phail Wynn, Jr. Student Services Center is transformational for Durham Tech,” said Barbara Baker, vice president of Student Support Services. “Its completion shows the priority the college places on supporting students in their educational pursuits. The new center will be a hub for student life, in and out of the classroom.”

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The dedication of the building was planned on Wynn's Sept. 8 birthday since it provided time for the employees in the center to move in and open their offices to guests.

Wynn was born in Wewoka, Oklahoma, in 1947. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1969, where he was a safety on the football team. He served in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division and in the Green Berets, including a one-year combat tour in Vietnam.

Wynn received a master's degree in Educational Psychology from N.C. State University in 1975 and his doctorate from N.C. State University in 1977. Wynn was awarded his M.B.A. degree in 1989 from the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Some of his community and professional activities include the following: a member of the Board of Governors of Research Triangle Institute; a member of the Board of Directors of SunTrust Banks, Inc.; founding Trustee of the Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology, and Science at N.C. State University; and a member of the Board of Directors of the Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina, the Triangle Community Foundation, and the UNC Health Care System. Wynn is the former chairman of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Saint Joseph's A.M.E. Church where he has served on the Trustee and Steward Boards.

Wynn received the M.B.A. Alumni Merit Award for 2004 from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been honored as one of the country's outstanding community college presidents in a University of Texas national study of "Transformation" Presidents in American Community Colleges and the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce has named him a recipient of its Civic Honor Award. Gov. James Hunt tapped Wynn as a member of the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine. He was also named the N.C. State University's Alumni Association's 1981 Outstanding Young Alumnus.

The Phail Wynn, Jr. Student Services Center is located on Durham Tech's Main Campus at 1637 Lawson Street.