

## Scholar brief: Student receives leadership award

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Jim Fleming III, a university transfer student at Durham Technical Community College, recently received the Robert W. Scott Student Leadership Award, the highest honor for student leadership in the N.C. Community College System.

Former North Carolina Governor Robert W. Scott attended the award presentation. Scott served as president of the N.C. Community College System from 1983-1995 and was governor of the state from 1969 to 1973.

Fleming was among 44 nominees from community colleges throughout the state. The six finalists wrote essays on leadership and were interviewed by a panel. Fleming, 25, currently serves as president of the Durham Tech Student Senate. Last spring he spearheaded "Food for Thought," a pizza party-information session for nearby residents of MacDougald Terrace, a public housing neighborhood. During the event, Durham Tech students provided residents with information about educational opportunities at the college.

Fleming also organized a children's baseball team at MacDougald Terrace and continues to serve as a coach. When Hurricane Katrina evacuees arrived in Raleigh last year, Fleming organized shifts for Durham Tech students, faculty, and staff to volunteer at the evacuation center. He is also president of the college's Math Club.

Fleming, a Virginia native, grew up in Hawaii. He was a corporal in the U.S. Marines, where he served as an air traffic controller.