FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
For additional information, contact Durham Tech Director of Marketing Carver Weaver at 919-536-7200, ext. 5205, or weaverc@durhamtech.edu.

November 10, 2014

Durham Tech presents Wes Moore, Fall 2014 speaker in Dr. Charles Sanders President’s Lecture Series

Durham, NC – Best-selling author Wes Moore will be speaking in Durham on Wednesday, December 3 as part of Durham Tech’s Dr. Charles Sanders President’s Lecture Series. The event will take place in the Hillside High School Auditorium at 3727 Fayetteville Road in Durham from 3:30-5 p.m. Copies of Moore’s book, “The Other Wes Moore,” will be available for purchase and signing by the author after his talk. The event is free and open to the public.

Moore and his sisters were raised by their widowed mother in Baltimore. After several incidents of misbehavior, run-ins with police, and conflicts in school, Moore was sent to a military academy. Despite his early troubles, he graduated Phi Theta Kappa from Valley Forge Military College and Phi Beta Kappa from Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a degree in international relations. He was named a Rhodes Scholar, which allowed him to study international relations at Oxford University.

Moore went on to become a decorated captain in the US Army, serving as a combat paratrooper in Afghanistan; he later served as a White House Fellow to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Moore’s book follows his life experiences in parallel with another young man by the same name; the “other” Wes Moore is currently serving a life sentence in prison for felony murder. Intrigued by the similarities in their life circumstances, the author wrote a letter to the convict and the two forged a relationship. What resulted is the story of two boys and the journey of a generation: how the choices each one made, and the people they encountered, led them to two very different destinies.

Moore is committed to helping the parents, educators, and mentors who serve our nation’s youth. He has a powerful message to young people, particularly young African-American males, about the choices they make in their lives and taking responsibility for the outcomes of those choices.

This event is sponsored in part by Durham Public Schools and the Durham County Library Foundation.