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Kennon D. Briggs to deliver address at Durham Tech commencement

(Durham, NC) – Durham Technical Community College will hold its 2014 Commencement Exercises at 4:30 p.m. on May 28 at the Durham Performing Arts Center.

After a welcome by the Honorable MaryAnn E. Black, chair of Durham Tech Board of Trustees, Dr. William G. Ingram, Durham Tech’s president, will address graduates and their guests.

Student Senate President Casey VanAlstyne will introduce Mr. Kennon D. Briggs, who will deliver the commencement address. Briggs, a Durham native, is the retired executive vice president/chief of staff of the North Carolina Community College System.

Dr. Valarie J. Evans, vice president of Student Learning, Development, and Support, and Ingram will confer degrees, diplomas, and certificates to the more than 250 graduates in attendance. Durham Tech students have earned in excess of 1000 credentials in the past academic year. In addition, more than 278 students will be recognized for completing General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or Gateway to College Adult High School Diploma programs. There were 228 students named to the President’s List (for students taking a minimum of 12 curriculum credit hours receiving a GPA of 3.75 or higher) and 200 students named to the Dean’s List (for students taking 12 curriculum credit hours receiving a GPA between 3.25 and 3.74) for Spring Semester 2014.

After Evans confirms the graduates, the ceremony will conclude with a benediction from the Honorable Rev. Michael D. Page, chair of the Durham County Board of Commissioners, who will also deliver the invocation.