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SCC ranking a sign of the high quality of community colleges

In this day and age, as the gap between the rich and poor continues to widen and this country's manufacturing economy undergoes a dramatic transformation, community colleges are more important than ever.

North Carolinians often hear about the quality of the state's community colleges, and most people who have had any interaction with these institutions agree with that description. The rest of the country is now making the same

For gays, desperation too often a way of life



Chris Cox

A few years ago, I received a letter from a reader that I have never forgotten. Upset over the suicide of a former student — who I knew had long agonized over dealing with his homosexuality due to various painful journal entries he had written on his struggles... [full](#)

