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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### VISION

Southwestern Community College will be:

- A **Gateway** for enriching lives and broadening horizons
- A **Guiding Force** in growing and caring for our mountain community
- A **Creative Partner** in collaborative solutions

### Compliance

It is the policy of Southwestern Community College that no qualified person shall be excluded from participation in, declined the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any college program or activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

Southwestern Community College complies with Titles VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

### Governance

Southwestern Community College is one of 59 institutions operating in the North Carolina Community College System, a statewide organization of public, two-year, postsecondary educational institutions. The College is governed by a local Board of Trustees within the framework of the Community Colleges Act, Chapter 115D of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The Board consists of 14 Trustees - five appointed by the county commissioners, four appointed by the Board of Education, four appointed by the Governor of North Carolina and the Student Leadership Association President.

The objective of the Board of Trustees is to assure that Southwestern Community College achieves its mission within the guidelines established by the State Board of Community Colleges and the State of North Carolina.

(See Institutional Goals)

### Institutional Profile

Southwestern Community College was established in Sylva on Dec. 1, 1964 as the Jackson County Industrial Education

Center, a satellite unit of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute. Since achieving independent status in the fall of 1967, the College (then known as Southwestern Technical Institute) has greatly expanded its educational and training services to the residents of Jackson, Macon and Swain counties.

Initially, the Jackson County Industrial Education Center was approved to offer four programs of study: automotive mechanics; carpentry and cabinetmaking; block and brick masonry; and radio, television and small-appliance repair. When the center opened its doors in 1964, a total of 133 students were enrolled in short-term courses. An additional 60 were enrolled in full-day classes.

Currently – including all diploma, certificate and associate's degree curricula as well as concentrations – instruction is provided in more than 60 programs. In addition to the main campus in Sylva, the College operates four centers located in Bryson City, Cherokee, Franklin and Cashiers. More than 2,600 students enroll annually in credit courses, and more than 5,500 (unduplicated) participate in a wide variety of courses, workshops and seminars offered through Continuing Education.

Located on a 57-acre tract of land on North Carolina Highway 116 between Webster and Sylva, the Southwestern Community College Jackson Campus consists of seven buildings, totaling 194,728 square feet, including a Library. Centrally located to serve southwestern North Carolina, the college is 50 miles southwest of Asheville, NC, and 90 miles southeast of Knoxville, TN.

Southwestern Community College's three-county service area totals 1,534 square miles (30 percent larger than the state of Rhode Island) and has a population of approximately 78,000. The area is noted for the beautiful Smoky Mountains and the variety of recreational opportunities available.

(See Mission Statement)

### **Service Excellence**

Service is how we relate to people we interact with every day. At Southwestern Community College, the needs of our students will remain our highest priority. We serve an internal and external clientele including current and prospective students, employees, and community members. Our student-centered service philosophy forms the very basis for how we do our jobs.

- Greet people with courtesy.
- Demonstrate professionalism.
- Communicate with accurate information.

- Demonstrate a welcoming and helpful manner.
- Respect the needs of others.
- Take positive action on behalf of others.

**Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc.**

The Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc. was established in 1973 to provide additional financial support for the College through private donations. The Foundation supports student scholarships and other specific projects to improve the educational programs and development of Southwestern Community College.

Gifts to the foundation are deductible on federal and state income tax reports, both individual and corporate, up to the limitations of applicable laws. All gifts, large or small, are appreciated and may be designated for specific projects supported by the Foundation.

**Accreditation**

Southwestern Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097) to award Associate's Degrees. Questions concerning accreditation of Southwestern Community College may be made directly to the College or to SACS at 404.679.4501 - <http://www.sacscoc.org>.

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**Specialized Programmatic Accrediting and Approving Agencies**

- Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC)
- Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF)
- North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Arts
- North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy

- North Carolina Board of Nursing
- North Carolina Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Facility Services, Office of Emergency Medical Science
- North Carolina Real Estate Commission
- North Carolina Sheriff's Standards and Training Commission
- North Carolina State Approving Agency for Veterans & Military Education Programs
- United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

**SCC at a Glance**

<p><b>Founded:</b> 1964</p> <p><b>Number of Educational Facilities on the Jackson Campus:</b> 6</p> <p><b>Areas of Study:</b> 68</p> <p><b>Programs:</b> Associate Degrees Diplomas Certificates</p> <p><b>Affiliation:</b> NC Community College System</p> <p><b>Accreditation:</b> Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as well as 13 state and national associations</p> <p><b>Average Class Size:</b> 12 (students per class)</p>	<p><b>Enrollment: 2000+</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Full-Time Students</td> <td style="text-align: right;">47%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Part-Time Students</td> <td style="text-align: right;">53%</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Gender:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Male Percentage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female Percentage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">64%</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Students by Age:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>18-24 yrs old</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25+ yrs old</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48%</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Students by Residence:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Jackson</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Macon</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28.4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swain</td> <td style="text-align: right;">17.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other NC Counties</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Outside NC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.8%</td> </tr> </table>	Full-Time Students	47%	Part-Time Students	53%	Male Percentage	36%	Female Percentage	64%	18-24 yrs old	52%	25+ yrs old	48%	Jackson	36.6%	Macon	28.4%	Swain	17.5%	Other NC Counties	16.7%	Outside NC	0.8%
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