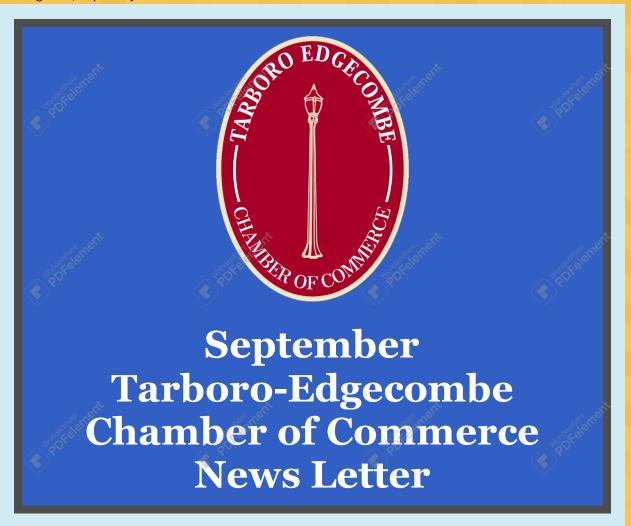
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It's that time of year again when the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tar River Region release thousands of tiny rubber turtles into the Tar River for our Annual Turtle Race—and we need your help to make it a success!

Our goal is simple: every one of the 2,000 turtles needs a home through adoption. Each turtle you adopt supports our mission to serve over 1,800 youth in the Twin Counties, helping us shape brighter futures full of potential and promise.

On race day, these little racers will make a splash from the Peachtree Street Bridge at Rocky Mount Mills—no turtles harmed, just hearts uplifted. It's more than a race—it's a movement to invest in the next generation.



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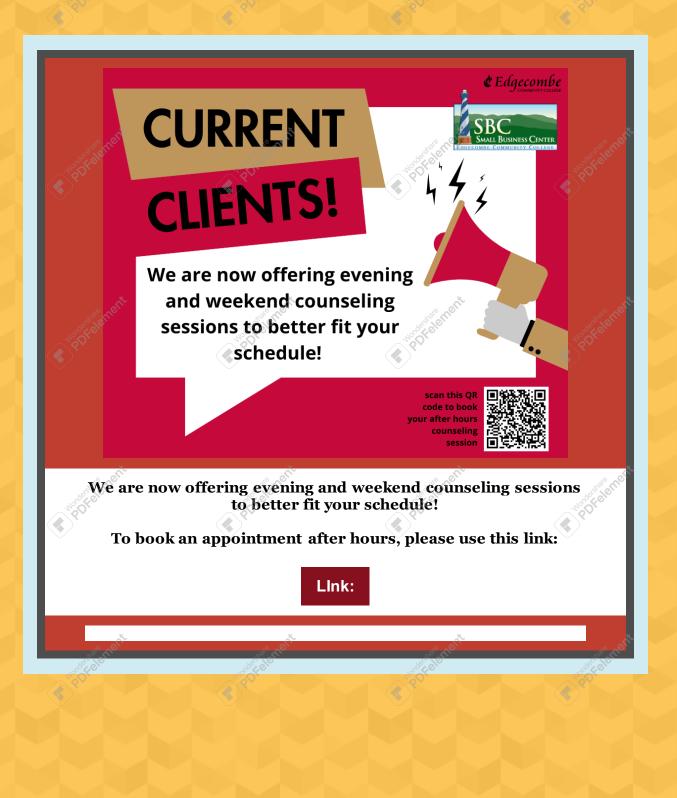


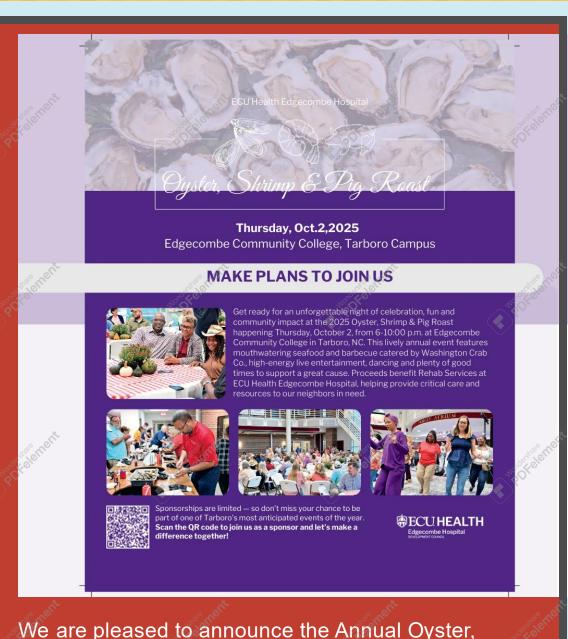
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September 18, 2025 8 AM- 11 AM Breakfast at 7:30 AM Brown Auditorium, Nash Community College

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We are pleased to announce the Annual Oyster, Shrimp & Pig Roast, which will be held at Edgecombe Community College on October 2nd. This event promises to be an evening of exceptional celebration, enjoyment, and community engagement. The proceeds from this event will support Rehab Services, providing essential care and resources to our neighbors in need.

## Let's come together to make a difference!

Click hereECU Health Foundation Sponsorships or make a Donation



## 39th Annual

# Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 25

Maccripine Country Club Pinetops, NC

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • PRIZES

Shotgun Start 8:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Tournament Proceeds Benefit ECC Student Scholarships and ECC Foundation Operations



edgecombe.edu/golf

Registration & Sponsorships: 252-618-6651

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### Press Release from EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ECC named one of the best vocational schools in the U.S.

Edgecombe Community College was among just 14 community colleges in North Carolina named as one of the top vocational schools across the U.S. According to usatoday.com, "the rankings were developed by Statista in collaboration with *USA Today*. Schools were judged on five primary metrics: graduation rate, graduates' salary, years it takes to pay off net costs, social mobility and diversity."

The schools were ranked using a star system, with five being the highest. ECC was one of seven schools in the state to receive a five-star score.

ECC's short-term workforce and customized training programs are a reason for this ranking. There are a variety of programs enabling students to get their credentials in a year or less, such as forklift training, the notary public education course, welding and real estate pre-licensing, construction, collision repair, natural hair care, nail technology and more. In many cases, students have begun taking more than one course, or stacking credentials, to make them more attractive to potential employers.

For more information on the ranking in *USA Today*, visit https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2025/07/21/top-vocational-schools-in-us-ranked-2025/84497925007/. For more information on ECC's short-term training programs, visit https://edgecombe.edu/continuing-education/short-term-training-for-careers/.

### EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Esports program set to start in the fall at Edgecombe Community College

Edgecombe Community College has transformed a classroom space in Charles the McIntyre **Building** the **Tarboro** campus into a room for Esports. It is equipped with 42inch televisions. Interactive Sonv **Entertainment** PlayStation 5 video game consoles, a Nintendo Switch. Xbox, window tinting, noise reduction barriers, as well as gaming center computers, tables and chairs. It is all in preparation for ECC's Esports program set to begin in the fall.

"I think Esports will provide a team environment for students who otherwise simply play these games on their own," says Denise Batts, information

will team will the

technology instructor and ECC's gaming coach. "I believe it provide students with more opportunity for scholarships and building, provide the community with a better educated workforce pool, and give students more confidence in their skills."

Batts says players compete other against colleges in the state. The team is already a member of the **National** Junior College **Athletics** Association of Esports. According to the NJCAAE website, the organization is designed to meet the needs of twoyear, technical and community colleges collegiate Esports. And while Esports is not considered as curriculum program, students may still receive scholarships help pay for their education.

Aside from being a professional gamer, the Esports industry also prepares participants for

jobs in web development, general management, coaching, marketing, journalism and more.

"Being a part of Esports provides an understanding of technology as it relates to connectivity, applications, and flexibility of a changing environment that is prevalent in all work environments," states Batts.

To join ECC's Esports program, call 252-618-6526.

### SmartAsset ranks ECC #3 among Best Community Colleges in America

Edgecombe Community College placed third in SmartAsset's 2025 analysis of the Best Community Colleges across the United States. Additionally, ECC ranked second in North Carolina. The ranking comes on the heels of recent announcements by USA Today and WalletHub naming the college among the best in the state in their publications.

SmartAsset, the online site for financial information and advice, evaluated 585 two-year schools offering associate's degrees with at least 500 full-time students. Ranking criteria aimed to capture a variety of important components for students, including tuition and fees, student-to-faculty ratio and retention rates of full-time students.

Smartasset.com highlights that in-state tuition and fees for two semesters at ECC is only \$2,640. The college's student retention rate of 84 percent is the highest mark among all of the NC colleges, and ranks in the top 1 percent for all

colleges in the study. ECC's low student-to-faculty  $\,$  ratio of 10:1 also contributed to its lofty ranking.

## **Edgecombe-Martin County EMC 2025 4-H**

# SPORTING CLAY FUNDRAISER



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH 9:00 AM Registration

### Location

Rose Hill Sporting Preserve 3815 Rose Hill Lane, Nashville, NC 27856

**Edgecombe-Martin County** Electric Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

### **Registration Fees:**

\$500 - Team of four

\$150 - Individuals

\$600 - Sponsorship & Team of four

Event Limit: 30 Teams

Logo will be displayed on main banner and at a station.

Shells not included in registration fee but will be available for purchase on event day.

#### Teams Individuals

1st Place \$600 1st Place \$200 2nd Place \$100 2nd Place \$400 3rd Place \$200 3rd Place \$50

Register by mail at: PO Box 188, Tarboro, NC 27886 For more information, please call Monica Speight at 252-641-9502 Come out for the last summer live music series of 2025
Featuring the Breakfast Club
September 18th



We are happy to announce that this year's Tarboro Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday December the 14th 2:00 pm
Registration information will be available soon!



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