

CFNC Countdown to College (C2C) Regional Training

Forsyth Technical Community College
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025



8:30 a.m. Check-In

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Flora V. Calderón-Steck, Executive Director,
Educational Partnerships and Hispanic
Student Engagement, Forsyth Technical
Community College

9:10 a.m. CFNC 25^h Anniversary Celebration
Continues and CFNC Updates

Takeila Hall, CFNC Associate
Outreach Director, Piedmont-Triad

9:20 a.m. NC College Connect

Estefane Santiago-Lopez,
College Access and Success Manager
GEAR UP NC

9:35 a.m. Federal and State Financial Aid Updates

Tyler Dew, Manager for College Access and
FAFSA Outreach Initiatives, NCSEAA

9:50 a.m.. Local Financial Aid Updates

Adina Long, Financial Aid Director,
Forsyth Technical Community College

10:00-10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

**ProTools Updates/Next Step
Program for Juniors
Main Conference Room**

Neftali Cabrales-Vick, College Access
and FAFSA Outreach Manager, NCSEAA

**Virtual Reality College Tours
Breakout Room 1**

Estefane Santiago-Lopez,
College Access and Success Manager
GEAR UP NC

**Military Resources to Help with
College/Career Planning
Breakout Room 2**

Jess Hinsley, CFNC Associate
Outreach Director, Sandhills
&
Paige Lee, VA Certifying Official,
Veteran Resource Center,
Forsyth Technical Community College

10:45-11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00-11:50 a.m.

General Session

**College Application Week, C2C Group
Strategizing, and Partnership Planning**

Takeila Hall, CFNC Associate
Outreach Director, Piedmont-Triad
&
Dr. JuanEs Ramirez, CFNC Associate Outreach
Director for Special Populations, West

11:50 p.m.

Lunch

12:30-1:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

**Countdown to College (C2C)
Overview and Best Practices 101
Main Conference Room**

Tyler Dew, Manager for College Access
and FAFSA Outreach Initiatives, NCSEAA

**MFNC FAFSA Pilot: What We Learned
Breakout Room 1**

Preston Roseboro, myFutureNC Regional
Impact Manager, Piedmont-Triad

**NC Careers and Career
Development Plans
Breakout Room 2**

Aanchal Gupta, NCcareers Content
and Engagement Coordinator

1:15-1:25 p.m.

Break

1:25-2:25 p.m.

General Session

**Supporting Special Populations with
the College and Career Process**

Facilitator: Dr. JuanEs Ramirez,
CFNC Associate Outreach Director
for Special Populations, West

Drennan Paylor, Piedmont Classical Academy
&
Tamesia Gwyn, LINK Coordinator/18-21 Sr. Social
Worker, Forsyth County DSS
&
Amber Slone, LINKS Coordinator and
18-21 Social Worker, Forsyth County DSS
&
Vivian Perez Chandler,
Executive Director, The Asset Building Coalition of
Forsyth County
&
Erica McMahon, ADA Coordinator and Director of
Accessibility Resources, Forsyth Technical
Community College

2:25 p.m.

Wrap Up/Exit Surveys/C2C Materials