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FROM THE CEO

The holiday season is upon us. It's the time of the year when we pause to celebrate, reflect, recharge, and plan for the year ahead.

Your 2022, like mine, may have had its share of challenges. But I've learned that challenges are a normal part of life. If you reflect on some of your challenges this past year, you'll find that amid these obstacles, you're stronger and more capable than you give yourself credit for! Let's live in that and allow it to fuel our perspective on the upcoming new year.

We at the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro (HACG) strive for excellence in everything we do, and our staff and community partners present a broad range of skills and resources in many different areas for you to utilize. So, I challenge you to pursue your passion, work towards your goals, and remember that we're here to help.

Stay up to date on news and community resources by reading through this newsletter, connecting with us on social media, and subscribing to receive these updates by email or text message on our website at hacg.org or through your RENTCafe portal.

Enjoy the holiday season ahead, and from all of us at HACG, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ANTHONY GOODSON, JR.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



SUMMER CONFERENCES ATTENDANCE



Our CEO Anthony Goodson, Jr., attended the **Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA)** Summer Meeting in Washington, DC, and posed with Capitol Champions. Honorable Marcia L. Fudge and Congresswoman Maxine Waters.



CEO Anthony Goodson, Jr., sharing knowledge and practical tips with other housing Executive Directors at the **North Carolina Housing Authority Directors Association (NCHADA) Annual Conference and Roundtable** in Raleigh, NC.



Over the summer, some of our HACG Staff attended the **2022 SERC-NAHRO Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA.**

A fun and informative conference focused on unmasking opportunities, networking, and housing best practices!



We took a short break from the office to enjoy the beach and other housers at the **Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment & Codes Officials Annual Conference.**

Informative sessions, and to top it off, we brought home the **Large Agency Website of the Year Award!** Way to go, team!



Holiday Tips

— via Mayo Clinic

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past.

1. If you're feeling stressed during the holidays, it also may help to talk to a friend or family member about your concerns. Try reaching out with a text, a call, or a video chat.
2. Volunteering your time or doing something to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.
3. Be realistic. The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones.
4. Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all of your expectations.
5. Stick to a budget. Before you do your gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend.

Learn to recognize your holiday triggers, such as financial pressures or personal demands, so you can combat them before they lead to a meltdown. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you can find peace and joy during the holidays.



HACG Receives National Recognition

We are so proud of our HACG team for bringing home not one but two NAHRO Awards of Merit from the National Conference & Exhibition in San Diego, CA.

- **NAHRO Administrative Innovation Award of Merit for our Team Talk newsletter.** Created to give focus on all things related to employees. This form of communication is used to recognize employees and share health & wellness articles and upcoming events.
- **NAHRO Resident & Client Services Award of Merit for our Senior Pantries** installed in communities to prevent COVID-19 exposure to vulnerable seniors and increase their general wellness while decreasing the effects of chronic conditions and unmet needs.

NAHRO provides opportunities for its member agencies to receive national recognition for their innovative housing and community development projects, programs, and services. These awards offer additional opportunities to inform the public of the best in housing and community development; and to create a resource bank of information on significant innovative activities performed by housing and redevelopment agencies and community development departments. Information from award recipients is also used to support NAHRO's positions at HUD and in Congress.

Keep up the great work, HACG!



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myportal.hacg.org



REGISTER NOW!



Apply to open waitlists!



HACG Calendar!



Mobile Access!



Save My Spot!



Contact the Occupancy Department!



Review and update your information!



Rent Café is your online connection to the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro!

FSS Program

The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro has an incredible self-sufficiency program for residents in Elmwood, Little Washington, Woodcrest, and Section 8 participants.

This five-year volunteer program allows families to earn escrow that coincides with a rent increase. One of the significant benefits of this program is that it helps families connect with various organizations and resources for self-sufficiency.

Over the last two years, we have seen families obtain homeownership, use escrow to start businesses, and use funds to further their dreams and goals.

If you're interested in learning more about this program, connect with our new FSS Coordinator, Mack Murray, at 919.583.2493.



ROSS Program



New Partnership

Our Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program has partnered with OIC of Wilson to offer a FREE program that provides academic and vocational skills to residents to help them accomplish personal achievement by setting goals and creating paths for a brighter future. Participants will receive industry-recognized credentials for employment in Warehouse, Inventory and Logistics, Forklift Operator, etc. Participants can also earn college credits to assist them with getting into the career that best suits them.

The ROSS program is here to help make your transition from public assistance to economic independence as smooth as possible.

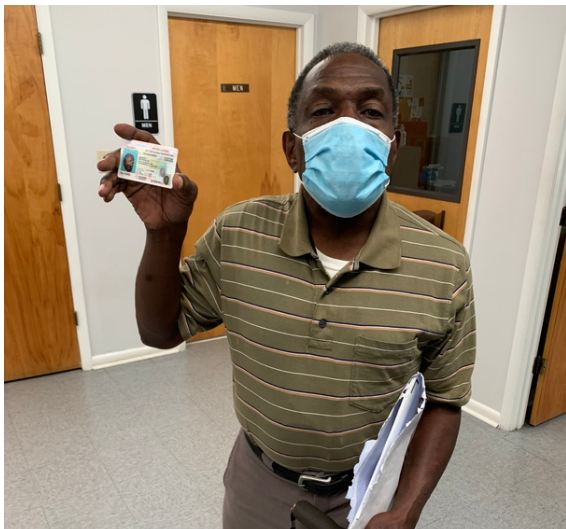
If you're interested in learning more or beginning your self-sufficiency journey contact Jedidiah Hayes at 919-735-4226 ext. 1301 or jhayes@hacg.org.

ROSS Participant Spotlights

Sending a huge congratulations to **Ms. Debi Broohm** for recently completing the Golden Bison Technology Trio Program at Wayne Community College. This program is for adults age 55 and above allowed her to gain confidence in using a computer and a smartphone!

As a result of her hard work, dedication, and willingness to learn and advance in the area of technology, Resident Services gifted her a brand-new HP Laptop.

Keep learning and growing, Ms. Debi!



Mr. Edwin Gentry, a retired truck driver, lost his license for several years. He decided to re-obtain his license but needed a refresher course on the rules of the road as well as some driving practice. Mr. Gentry attended several Basic Driving Classes facilitated by HACG in partnership with A+ Driving School.

He recently obtained his full license and has high hopes of obtaining his Commercial Drivers License (CDL) and becoming a truck driver once again.

Ms. Jessica Faison has enrolled at Liberty University and is double majoring in pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Leadership and in Business Management.

She is a participant in the ROSS Program and is focused on her educational endeavors. We are excited about her future.



Aging in Place

Aging in Place is also a part of the ROSS program. It focuses on helping residents aged 62 and over stay active, live healthier lives, and live safely at home instead of a nursing home or assisted living facility.



Senior Pantries

Pantries are available at each management office with supplies for senior residents ages 62 and older who need items such as toilet paper, adult diapers, soap, dish detergent, and laundry soap.

These pantries are to be used as needed, not as a monthly resource. Senior residents who have a need can reach out to the property managers on Wednesday mornings between 8 am and 12 pm for assistance!



Senior Grocery Rides

HACG Seniors 55+ needing transportation to the grocery store can now use our ride service!

Fairview & Lincoln - 3rd Tuesday

All Other Communities - 3rd Wednesday

Pick-up at management office @ 10:00 am

Return to management office @ 11:15 am

You must contact Thad Washington at twashington@hacg.org or call/text 919-750-9026 to let them know if you need a ride a week prior. Only 10 people will be transported at a time.



Senior Food Boxes

Food boxes will continue to be delivered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to residents 60+ who meet the income requirements.

To learn more about our Aging in Place program or to suggest ideas, please contact Ayisha Razzak-Ellis at 919-750-6847 or aellis@hacg.org.

HACG & Senior Planet



Digital Skills Ready@50+

Older workers with more digital skills have significantly higher earnings than those with fewer skills. AARP Foundation, through a generous grant from Google.org, launched the Digital Skills Ready@50+™ initiative to provide digital skills training to people over 50 living with low income, with a focus on women and people of color. The curriculum offers foundational digital courses, like Computer Basics and Workplace Productivity Tools, that are designed to help participants find jobs, change careers, or explore entrepreneurship.

HACG is excited to partner with Senior Planet from AARP to help people over 50 learn new online skills. Whether you're looking for a job, exploring entrepreneurship, or hoping to stay connected with family and friends, Digital Skills Ready@50+ classes and workshops are available! Contact Ayisha Razzak-Ellis at 919-750-6847 or aellis@hacg.org to register.

Jobs Plus

Jobs Plus is up and running in Lincoln Homes. Currently, there are 112 residents enrolled in the program and receiving services.

Jobs Plus can help you with the following:

- Daycare assistance
- Transportation assistance such as bus passes or gas cards
- Job search assistance to include help with resume writing
- Work clothes and shoes
- Certifications such as Nursing Aid, Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Technician, Welding, etc.
- Financial literacy, such as credit repair, budgeting, and goal setting
- Rent incentive, any newly earned income will not count towards rent during the entire time of the grant.

For more information, reach out to one of our Case Managers:

- **Cassandra Hinnant at 919-750-3046**
- **Joi Peacock at 919-750-5429**
- **Nate Dupree at 919-750-5477**

Jobs Plus is here to help you!





HACC, Wilmington Housing Authority, and Durham Housing Authority Jobs Plus staff came together recently to share practical lessons and good-practice insights regarding programming.

Opportunities like these to collaborate with other housers are highly effective and necessary! Now we have new ideas and strategies that we can't wait to implement!



We're grateful that our very own **Director of Jobs Plus, Ayisha Razzak-Ellis**, provided health education and blood pressure checks to individuals that attended the Wages Senior Fest.

We also appreciate her service on the City of Goldsboro Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities.



Here are a few of our lunch buddies at Carver Heights Elementary!



Patricia Midgette



Ida Harris



Edwina Buck



Rosa Rawls



Marie Hill



Sandra McKnight



Carl Waddell

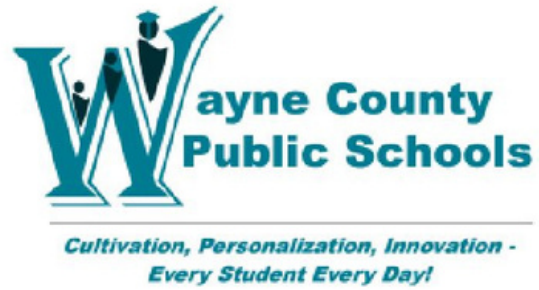


Yard of the Month Congratulations to our Yard of the Month winners! Thank you all for showing creativity and taking pride in your yard.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



More than 1300 job openings with the State of North Carolina. Which one is right for you? Make your next career move at nc.gov/jobs



197 positions available through Wayne County Public Schools visit waynecountyschools.org to view job openings!



View positions currently available within Wayne County Government at waynegov.com/Jobs.aspx

Looking for WORK?

TEXT "NCWORKSJOB" TO 877-916-6901 *MESSAGE AND DATA RATES MAY APPLY

Are you unemployed and seeking a job? Are you underemployed and looking for a new career? **We can help!**

NCWorks is now offering SMS text support for jobseekers in Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, and Wayne Counties.

Carteret County 209 Commerce Avenue Morehead City, NC 28557 (252) 735-7351	Duplin County 170 Magnolia Extension Kenansville, NC 28349 (910) 296-1478	Jones County Jones County Education Center of LCC 502 Highway 58 North Trenton, NC 28585 (252) 448-5021	Onslow County 413 Western Boulevard Suite 106 Jacksonville, NC 28546 (910) 347-2321	Wayne County 2206 Wayne Memorial Drive Goldboro, NC 27534 (919) 731-7950
Craven County 2836 Reule Boulevard New Bern, NC 28562 (252) 514-4828	Greene County Greene County Education Center of LCC 818 Highway 91 North Snow Hill, NC 28580 (252) 827-3434	Lenoir County Lenoir Community College 231 Highway 58 South Kinston, NC 28522 (252) 775-6021 OR (252) 527-7250	Pamlico County 8249 Hwy 706 South Gastonville, NC 28529 (252) 249-1851	

For more information, please visit www.ecwdb.org or call 1-877-916-6901



Multiple positions currently available within the City of Goldsboro see vacancies at goldsborongov.com

NC works A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter network

Eastern Carolina
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.

Please do not submit any confidential, proprietary or sensitive personally identifiable information (e.g. Social Security Number, date of birth, drivers license number, or credit card, bank account, or other financial information).
Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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UPS
JOHNSTON HEALTH
FLYEXCLUSIVE KINSTON
JMA PLACEMENT

FIND MORE OPPORTUNITIES AT [INDEED.COM](http://indeed.com)
CONTACT RESIDENT SERVICES FOR ASSISTANCE AT (919) 735-4226 X 1301

Basic Driving Class

Our Basic Driving Class hosted by A+ Driving School provides Adults (18+) the education needed to drive skillfully and safely—to protect themselves and other drivers on the road.

This class is offered for FREE twice a month at the Fairview Community Center.

To learn more or to register contact Resident Services at 919.735.4226 ext. 1301.



Food Assistance

Three In One Family Center:
Mondays at 700 Stevens Mill Rd.
starting at 10 am.

Goldsboro Family YMCA Mobile Markets:
Thursdays at Goldsboro Public Library
from 11 am - 12 pm

Saturdays at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
from 10 am-11 am

NC 211

NC 211 is an information and referral service provided by United Way of North Carolina. Families and individuals can dial 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162 to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services and resources within their community.

HELP STARTS HERE

CALL 2-1-1



Housing Assistance

HACG Occupancy Dept. is accepting applications for public housing. We have a Waiting list for one bedroom to five bedrooms. Applications are available at 1608 E. Holly St.

Homebuyer Workshop - Dec 8th | 12-2 pm
Registration is required to attend this event.
Please register by calling 919.735.4226 x 1301.



Financial Literacy

BANK ON WAYNE is a financial literacy program that provides instruction in budgeting, banking, and managing credit. Bank on Wayne encourages participants to operate within the financial mainstream and avoid costly alternative financial services. Knowledgeable bank representatives facilitate financial classes each month.

Visit literacyconnectionsofwaynecounty.org for more information.



Continuing Education

The Workforce Continuing Education - Wayne Community College division offers a wide array of learning opportunities to promote workforce, economic, and personal development. You can earn an adult high school or high school equivalency diploma, get into the workforce quickly with short-term training, take personal enrichment classes just for fun, and so much more.

Know an adult who wants to complete high school? They can pick up a packet at one of these locations:

Fairview Community Center
Fairview Management Office
Jobs Plus Building

Contact the ROSS Program at 919.735.4226 ext 1301 for assistance.

WCC WORKFORCE CONTINUING EDUCATION



SHORT-TERM
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT
(STWD) 

For students pursuing high-demand, family-sustaining wage credentials.

Eligibility Criteria: Must be a resident of North Carolina - established through the NC Residence Determination Service; Must enroll in a WCE course/pathway leading to a NC Workforce Credential identified as either Essential or Career level. The list of credentials available is at <https://nccareers.org/credentials>.

Up to \$750 if approved

For more information and to apply, contact **MAXINE COOPER** at mcooper@waynec.edu or call 919-739-6938.

waynec.edu/continuing-ed

3000 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534

Wayne Community College encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing accommodations or have questions about access, please contact Maxine Cooper at 919-739-6938 or mcooper@waynec.edu. Please allow sufficient time to arrange accommodations.

APPROVED CREDENTIALS IN THE FOLLOWING CAREER FIELDS:

- Agricultural & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- Aircraft Maintenance
- Business, Management & Administration
- Finance
- Health Sciences
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics



**DOES YOUR CHILD EXHIBIT CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS?
IF YOU FEEL YOUR CHILD MAY BE AT RISK OF BEING
INVOLVED IN GANGS, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, SUBSTANCE
ABUSE, ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY, OR DROPPING OUT OF
SCHOOL, WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

**LET RESIDENT SERVICES CONNECT YOU WITH
A TEAM OF INDIVIDUALS TRAINED
TO ADDRESS THESE BEHAVIORS,
CALL 919.735.4226 EXT. 1301 FOR ASSISTANCE.**



HACG
Housing Authority of the
City of Goldsboro

CONNECT WITH US:



hacg.org

The Resident Services Department provides programs, events, and resources for HACG residents through active partnerships within the community that are designed to enhance quality of life.





Circle of Parents


The new Circle of Parents program at the Partnership for Children of Wayne County is for anyone in a parenting role of children ages 0-5. It is a place where you can find and share support. Meetings are held every Monday from 10-11:30 am. **For more information, contact Angela Frady at 919-735-3371 Ext. 237.**

Tuition Assistance

With the NC Longleaf Commitment Grant, money no longer has to be an obstacle to getting a good education that will get you hired. That's because many 2022 high school graduates in the state can access up to \$2,800 per year for two years. **Visit yourhireeducation.com/tuitionfree for more information.**




The Goldsboro (NC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. Presents




KAPPA League

Guide Right Program



Join the Goldsboro Alumni Kappa League



<https://forms.gle/PR7MBaX6CFGaN3JE8> Complete the QR Code for more information

For more information please contact: GoldsboroKappas@gmail.com

Mentorship Program

The Goldsboro Alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. will be starting a Kappa League to help with mentoring our community and aligning with the success of our young men within Goldsboro, Kinston, Wilson, and surrounding areas. Kappa League is a program for the educational, occupational, and social guidance of male students in grades 6th-12th. It is designed to help young men grow, receive, and develop their leadership talents in every phase of human endeavor. **To express interest in this mentorship program, email GoldsboroKappas@gmail.com.**

Internships

NC residents attending college, law school, or technical college (and continuing school in Fall 2022) interested in a summer internship in NC State Government should apply to work in various positions by January 9, 2023. To learn more or to apply, visit <https://ncadmin.nc.gov/public/internship-program-2023>



Summer 2023 Internships in state government

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



Here are a few pictures of ROSS Coordinator Jedidah Hayes delivering backpack donations to two of our Partners in Education, Dillard Middle and North Drive Elementary School.



. We also partnered with Worrell Contracting for their community back-to-school supply giveaway and donated a sizeable quantity of backpacks to ensure that our children have the essentials needed to help their education experience be as seamless as possible.



Back to School Bashes

*Wishing our youth a successful school year!
We enjoyed each of you this summer!*



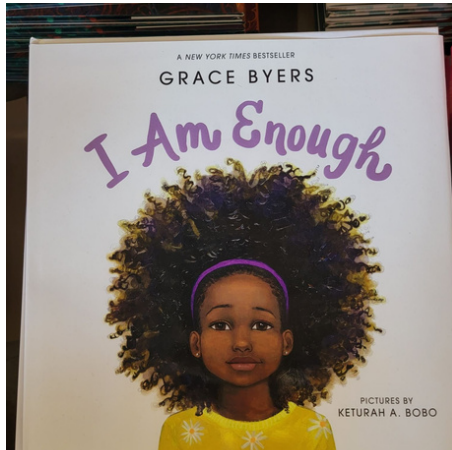
Book Rich Environments

HACG is proud to partner with the National Book Foundation's Book Rich Environments (BRE) program. Since 2017, BRE has distributed over 1.6 million free, high-quality, diverse books to public housing residents across the US. Public housing communities are frequently considered "book deserts," in which young people lack ready, easy access to books and reading material in their homes. As the second agency within the State of NC to receive this game-changing opportunity for our youth, we are ecstatic to do this work. Our kick-off event, "Books, Bikes, and BBQ," was a huge success. We distributed 94 bikes, 100 helmets, hundreds of books, good music, face painting, and games!

The smiles on our youth faces were priceless. Many thanks to our incredible community partners; we couldn't have done this without you! Since our kick-off, we've ensured that books are available at each of our events. We shared recordings from local Girl Scout Kathryn Hoover to help our youth settle into their afterschool bedtime routines and tips to encourage family engagement on our Facebook page.

Be sure to connect with us and if you need new books in your home, be sure to contact Resident Services at 919.735.4226 ext. 1301. We have some titles we're sure you will enjoy!





"Books, Bikes, and BBQ"
The weather was scorching,
but the smiles were
priceless!



Jobs Plus Teens

The Jobs Plus program in Lincoln Homes isn't just for working adults! We support teens 14-17 too! We offer youth financial literacy, job search help, educational support, college prep, volunteer opportunities, and more!

We have a great group of teens participating in our monthly sessions. These sessions support opportunities for our teens to develop their physical, social, and cognitive abilities as well as experience fun and organized activities that encourage leadership and build confidence.

Like our Jobs Plus participant and 2022 Goldsboro High School graduate Melody Hudson. Melody, thanks for setting goals and working towards them. We wish you nothing but the best in all you do.

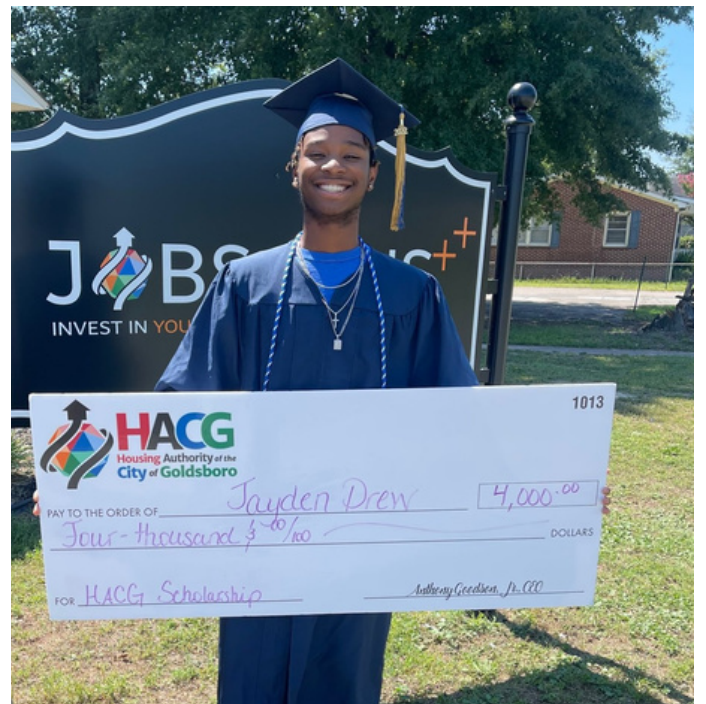




HACG Scholarship Recipients!

These young leaders have each received \$4,000 in scholarship funding to assist with tuition, books, and other fees related to their college expenses. We're proud to support our awardees as they take the next steps on their education journey and wish them unwavering success on the road ahead.

Congratulations to this year's HACG Scholarship recipients, who each show a strong commitment to furthering their education and improving their communities. The HACG Resident Scholarship has been awarded to **Ta'Honny Exum**, Eastern Wayne High School Graduate, attending North Carolina State University this fall to major in Life Science and Biology. The HACG Community Scholarship recipient is **Jayden Drew**, Eastern Wayne High School Graduate, attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte this fall and majoring in Communications.



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