At Forsyth Tech, proudly known as the home of the Trailblazers, we are deeply committed to fostering a culture of equity, inclusion, and belonging. Our foundational belief is that by empowering our students, we can instigate positive change within our community. This commitment is encapsulated in our mission statement, which asserts Forsyth Technical Community College’s dedication to advancing student success through excellence in learning, completion, equity, and post-graduation outcomes. Our vision further elaborates on this commitment, positioning Forsyth Tech as a catalyst for equitable economic mobility, empowering lives, and transforming communities.

The college has earned recognition as a Leader College by Achieving the Dream (ATD), a national nonprofit that champions community colleges as vital agents of equity and economic mobility. This designation underscores our role in leading initiatives that support community development and student success. Additionally, in 2024, Forsyth Technical Community College faculty and staff have the honor of being part of the inaugural cohort of the Community College Growth Engine Fellowship Program. This innovative program brings together 11 higher education leaders from across five states to develop and implement micro-pathways. These are defined as short-term, stackable, job-relevant credentials that can be completed in a year or less, designed to equip students for the skills-driven contemporary work environment.

Our commitment to excellence is further exemplified in our Cybersecurity and Systems Security programs, which are actively involved in several prestigious projects, coalitions, and national centers. These include the Career Pathways National Center, aimed at facilitating K-12 articulation agreements; the Cyber Corps: Scholarship for Service, in collaboration with Charlotte; the North Carolina Partnership for Cybersecurity Excellence (NC PaCE); the Carolina Cyber Network (CCN); the NSF ATE Cyber Fellows Grant; and contributions to the RING Project.

Each of these affiliations demonstrates Forsyth Tech’s dedication to not only advancing the educational and career prospects of our students but also to contributing significantly to the broader field of cybersecurity and systems security.

**DESIGNATIONS**

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