## 2017 GASTON COUNTY

### COUNTY FAST FACTS

- **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**: 2,713 students from Gaston county enrolled at UNC System institutions
- **GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL**: 317 students enrolled at UNC System institutions
- **MORE THAN 110,000 STUDENTS**: More than 110,000 students are enrolled in UNC System Online courses throughout North Carolina

### RESIDENTS IN YOUR COUNTY

- **UNC System Employees**: 103 employees
- **UNC System Alumni**: 15,167 alumni

### COOPERATIVE IMPACT

Cooperative Extension agents provide information that enhances agriculture, forest, and food systems, develops responsible youth, builds quality communities, and conserves and improves the environment and natural resources.

NC State and NC A&T amassed nearly 41,300 contacts, creating an economic impact of approximately $414,000 in the county.

### CONSULTING SUCCESS

The Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) provides management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses in North Carolina.

- SBTDC provided 24 businesses in Gaston County with business management, finance, and marketing consulting.

### HEALTHCARE UPDATE

- North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) provided continuing education and training for 1,532 health providers, facilitated 38 medical student rotations at area hospitals, and arranged for additional medical training for 15 health students in the county.
- A total of $694,339 in uncompensated medical care was provided to county residents.

### SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION

The UNC Charlotte School of Education partnered with local schools in the County to improve professional development for teachers, school administrators, counselors, and other educational professionals. The partnership was also designed to renew and improve school curriculum, conduct educational research that improves classroom practice, and share best practices.

The UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government made 1,770 contacts with Gaston County citizens and officials through course participation, publication purchases, teaching sessions, advising projects, a North Carolina benchmarking project, a civic education consortium, and environmental finance advising projects.

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**LEFT**: Percentage of North Carolina public high school graduates from the county who applied and were accepted to at least one UNC System institution.

**RIGHT**: Percentage of undergraduate students from the county using financial aid.

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COUNTY UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE ENROLLMENT BY INSTITUTION

2017 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AWARDED BY AREA OF STUDY

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RESEARCH IN ACTION

Approximately $214,000 in research grants have been awarded to Gaston County-based projects. Thanks to this funding, Appalachian State, East Carolina, Elizabeth City State, Fayetteville State, NC Central, North Carolina A&T, NC State, UNC Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, Western Carolina currently have research initiatives underway that affect county residents.

STATEWIDE SYSTEM FACTS

- $1.5 billion: Grants for Research and Sponsored Programs
- 910,997: Number of patients served by UNC physicians
- 167,481: Number of patients served by ECU physicians
- 88% of UNC students are from North Carolina
- 30% of undergraduate students are transfer students, with half arriving from community colleges
- 12% of students attend college part-time
- 42% of UNC students are over the age of 21

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