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RCCC Offers 'Biotech for Non-Scientist' Course

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — The Small Business Center at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College will offer the free seminar, “Biotechnology for the Non-Scientist,” April 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the David H. Murdoch Core Laboratory Building, on the North Carolina Research Campus, in Kannapolis.

The free seminar focus on how biotechnology is relevant to Cabarrus and Rowan counties, provide an introduction to the science behind the biotech industry, and describe many biotech-related products, businesses and jobs.

Marcy Corjay, Ph.D., head of RCCC’s associate degree program in biotechnology, and K. Paul Knott, curriculum coordinator of the BioNetwork BioBusiness Center at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, will conduct the seminar.

“Living in the United States, perhaps without even realizing it, we benefit from the products of biotechnology everyday,” Corjay said. “At the end of this seminar, attendees will be able to fully appreciate and identify the many contributions biotechnology makes.”

To reserve a seat for the “Biotechnology for the Non-Scientist” seminar, call 704-216-3512 or visit the Small Business Center web site at www.rowancabarrus.edu/sbc.

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Later this summer, RCCC will offer a short series of classes called, "Biotech 101," also designed for the general public. In August, with the start of RCCC's 2009 fall semester, the college will open two, new associate degree programs in biotechnology and agricultural biotechnology.

RCCC's AAS program in biotechnology will prepare students for jobs in a biotechnology laboratory or advance to a four-year college or university. Program graduates can pursue employment as lab technicians, research assistants and quality control associates. This associate degree will enable graduates to work with different types of employers, including small testing labs, large manufacturers, government laboratories and research universities.

The AAS program in agricultural biotechnology will help students meet the demand for skilled laboratory technicians in various fields of biological, chemical and agricultural technology or move on to a four-year institution. This program will prepare graduates to work as research assistants to biologists and chemists, laboratory and instrumentation technicians, and quality control/quality assurance technicians. Graduates will pursue positions with various industry, university and government employers, including jobs in research and development, manufacturing, sales, customer service, and the production of bioengineered crops.

For more information about RCCC's biotechnology programs, call 704-704-216-7214 or see www.rowancabarrus.edu/biotechnology/.

About Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

Opening its doors in 1963, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) is one of 58 colleges in the state-supported North Carolina Community College System. RCCC is a comprehensive, community-focused institution of higher learning, serving the residents of Rowan and Cabarrus counties at multiple campus locations and through on-line programs.

RCCC offers fully-accredited associate degree programs in more than 40 areas of study, including arts and sciences, business, information technology, health and public services, engineering

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technologies, and biotechnology. RCCC also offers accredited diploma and certificate programs focused on career training, continuing education and basic skills education. RCCC provides a strong foundation and transferable credits for students advancing to four-year colleges and universities and helps adults get the additional training they need to start or change careers.

RCCC provides more than 2,000 course offerings, serving a yearly overall enrollment of approximately 20,000 students. In addition, RCCC provides the education and job-training programs needed to meet many of the workforce demands of the North Carolina Research Campus being developed in Kannapolis. For complete details, see the RCCC website at www.rowancabarrus.edu.

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