Isothermal Community College
Newsletter Fall 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 2 - Spring 2018 class schedule available on Patriot Port
- October 12 - Professional Development Day for Faculty & Staff COLLEGE CLOSED
- October 13 - Financial Aid Disbursement Day
- October 13 - Student/Faculty Fall Break - NO CLASSES
- October 16 & 17 - Group Advising for Pre-Health Science Students - make appointment with advisor
• October 17 - Advising Day - **NO CLASSES**
• October 20 - Last Day to Apply for 2017 Fall Graduation
• October 25 - Grub Day
• October 30 - Spring 2018 Registration Opens *Go to Patriot Port for Class schedule and Registration*
• October 31 - Halloween *60%-point Full Term Fall 2017*
• November 7 - Election Day
• November 10 - Financial Aid Priority Deadline for Spring 2018
• November 10 - Financial Aid Disbursement Day
• November 17 - Last Day to Drop with a "W" for Full Session
• November 17 - Golden LEAF Scholarship deadline for fall
• November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday **COLLEGE CLOSED**
• December 1 - 2018 Spring Registration Closed; Payment Due for Registered courses
• December 8 - Financial Aid Disbursement Day
• December 15 - Last Day of Classes
• December 18-20 **NO CLASSES**
• December 21-31 - Winter Break **COLLEGE CLOSED**

**January 2018**

• January 1 - New Year’s Day **COLLEGE CLOSED**
• January 2 - Work Day - Faculty/Staff **NO CLASSES**
• January 3-4 - Final Registration for Spring Semester
• January 4 - Payment Due for Final Registration *Last Day for 100% Refund*
• January 5 - First Day of Classes
• January 5 & 8 - Schedule Adjustments
• January 15 - Martin Luther King Holiday **COLLEGE CLOSED**
• January 17 - Last Day to Drop with a 75% Refund for Full session/Financial Aid census date
• January 19 - Last Day to Charge books and materials using Financial Aid
Be sure to pick up your own copy of the Student Handbook, if you have not already received one. You may also find a handbook online at http://bit.do/ICCHandbook. The Student Handbook contains useful information about the college's services and policies as well as important dates such as registration, the last day to drop classes with a grade of "W", and college holidays. Handbooks are available in the Student Services office located in the Student Center building.
Student ID and Parking Stickers Available in Student Services

Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Please have the following information available:

- Bring a Photo ID
- Tag number of car
- Make/Model/Color of car
OCTOBER 30, 2017

SPRING 2018

REGISTRATION OPENS!

Make sure to check PATRIOT PORT to verify that your address and phone number are correct and check the “My Documents” section for holds and missing documents. Remember to schedule an advising appointment with your academic advisor!

Registration is open October 30 through December 1, 2017.

Final Registration is open January 3 and January 4.

To see what classes are available check the “Search for Sections”
Search for available classes

Term

"Term" - pick desired term

"Subjects" Example: BIO-Biology

SUBMIT

Submit to find results
SGA SAVE THE DATES!

OCTOBER
10/23: Spirit Week Starts
10/23: Blue/White Day
10/24: “I woke up like this” Pajama Day
10/25: Grub Day
10/26 & 10/27: Patriot Community Service

November
TBD: Mental Health Awareness
11/10: Veteran Recognition
11/29: Red Cross Blood Drive
11/29: Decorate the Christmas Tree

December
12/5: NSLS Induction
12/6: Blue Christmas Holiday Social
12/13: CHILLAX with SGA
For details of all SGA events or to help with events, check out Isothermal’s campus calendar at www.isothermal.edu, contact Maria Maddox 828-395-4196, email mmaddox@isothermal.edu or visit Student Activities located in student center lobby.

OCTOBER 17, 2017

ADVISING DAY!

Be sure to make an appointment in advance. Classes are cancelled to ensure that you have time to meet with your advisor.
Isothermal Grub Day 2017

October 25, 2017

Reminisce with us on past Grub Day Fun!
FINANCIAL AID

If you are not currently receiving financial aid and wish to apply for the upcoming spring or summer semester, go online to http://www.fafsa.gov/ and select the 2017-2018 FAFSA. If you plan to use financial aid to pay for your courses, you MUST complete the following steps before beginning the registration process.

If you have completed all steps, your award amount can be viewed on Patriot Port.


2. Complete the FAFSA at a http://www.fafsa.gov/. Once these steps are complete, the Financial Aid office will contact you via email and mail.

3. Complete and return all requested forms and documents to the Financial Aid Office. For more information, please see the Financial Aid Office in the Student Center or online at www.isothermal.edu. Award letters are visible on Patriot Port!

Please note: Starting October 1, you can renew your financial aid for the upcoming Fall 2018 using 2016 tax information. If you are renewing your FAFSA, select the 2018-2019 application.

Lee L. Powers Service Scholarship

Have you heard?

If you are a curriculum student who resides in Rutherford or Polk Counties and receive in-state tuition, you may be eligible for the Lee L. Powers Service Scholarship, which covers your tuition and fees! With the scholarship, you only need to choose one of the following options to fulfill the scholarship obligation for the fall and spring semesters:

- Complete a four (4) hour Human Resource Development (HRD) course each semester, or
- Complete five (5) hours of community service each semester, or
- Provide documentation from an employer each semester verifying employment of 30 hours or more per standard week during enrollment at Isothermal Community College, or
- Provide documentation of deployment or medical emergencies during enrollment at Isothermal Community College. For more information regarding the scholarship, please stop by the Financial Aid Office located in the Student Center or visit the website at http://bit.do/ICCPowers.
Notice of Availability of Institutional and Financial Aid Information

Isothermal Community College distributes consumer information to students through a variety of sources including the College Catalog and the Student Handbook. For the convenience of students, the college has also created a web page to provide quick and easy access to institutional and financial aid information.

http://bit.do/ICCConsumerInfo

Emergency notifications

You may receive email and/or text messages if there is:

- An imminent, life-threatening emergency
- A campus closing due to emergency situations threatening the safety and security of Isothermal locations
- A closing or delay due to inclement weather
- A major chemical spill
- An armed or dangerous person on campus
- If you are interested in receiving text message alerts, text isothermal to 888777. To cancel, text STOP to 888777. There is no charge for this service but messaging and data rates may apply.

Emergency information, Crime Awareness, and Safety Tips

Be sure to review an important section of the Student Handbook (page 88-104) which covers emergency information, crime awareness, and safety tips. This information is also available at http://bit.do/ICCHandbook.

Drug and Alcohol Policy Notification

The possession and/or use of any non-prescribed controlled substance, as defined in Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and federal laws, is not permitted on the campus or centers of Isothermal Community College. The consumption of alcohol or the possession of an open container which contains alcoholic beverages is also prohibited on the campus or centers of Isothermal Community College. Isothermal’s Drug and Alcohol Policy can be found in Appendix I (page 129) of the Student Handbook or at http://bit.do/ICCHandbook.

Annual Security Report

Isothermal’s Annual Security Report is available online at http://bit.do/ICCSecurity. This report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning crime that occurred on Isothermal’s campus and centers, as well as public properties nearby.
**Student Unlawful Harassment/Discrimination Policy**

Isothermal Community College is committed to providing and promoting an atmosphere in which students can engage fully in the learning process. Accordingly, forms of unlawful harassment, discrimination, and other violations of civil rights are prohibited.

The purpose of the Student Unlawful Harassment and Discrimination Policy is to provide a system to channel student complaints against faculty, staff, and others in the college community concerning sexual harassment, gender harassment, and other unlawful harassment or discrimination. Information about Isothermal Community College’s Student Unlawful Harassment/Discrimination Policy may be found in Appendix L of the Student Handbook (page 135) or at [http://bit.do/ICCHandbook](http://bit.do/ICCHandbook).

**Title IX Campus Notification**

Reports of sexual violence at Isothermal Community College will be handled by the Sexual Assault Response Team, consisting of representatives from Campus Enforcement and counseling departments as appropriate. These people are the primary resources for the student, employee, or community member. An incident report will be filed by one of the members of the team. This incident will be included in the annual crime report and disclosed in compliance with federal guidelines. The complainant will be informed of his or her option to notify law enforcement to pursue criminal charges. Campus authorities and/or other appropriate agencies may assist in this process. The Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Coordinators may take action from a campus judicial standpoint if the respondent is a current student. However, whether or not the complainant files a formal complaint, an investigation and intermittent measures may be pursued to enable the complainant to have equal access to his or her educational program. *Confidential reporting may be made to designated counselors in the Office of Advising and Success Center located in the Student Center. Call 828-395-1732 or 828-395-1660 to speak to a counselor.*

Isothermal Community College’s Title IX information may be found in Student Handbook (page 105) or at [http://bit.do/ICCHandbook](http://bit.do/ICCHandbook).
CONTACT - POPULATION SERVED - CONTACT INFORMATION

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Jeremiah McCluney, Title IX Deputy Coordinator - Reach Students - 828-395-4164 jsmcclun@rcsnc.org

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Path Shelter                     Steps to Hope Shelter
Rutherford County               Polk County
(828) 245-8595                  (828) 894-2340

NC SAVAN: North Carolina Statewide Automated
Victim Assistance and Notification
877- NC SAVAN, (877) 627-2826

National Sexual Assault Hotline
https://ohl.rainn.org/online/
(800) 656-HOPE, (800) 656-4673

North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault:
http://www.nccasa.net/
Rutherford Campus
286 ICC Loop Road
P.O. Box 804
Spindale, North Carolina 28160
828-286-3636

Polk Center
1255 W. Mill St.
Columbus, North Carolina 28722
828-894-3092

Rutherfordton Learning Center
134 Maple Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
828-286-2218

MAKING SUCCESS POSSIBLE!

Learn how the Powers Scholarship can help YOU!
Call Financial Aid, 828-395-4198