

# Rocky Mount TELEGRAM

## Pattillo alumni honor retiring ECC president

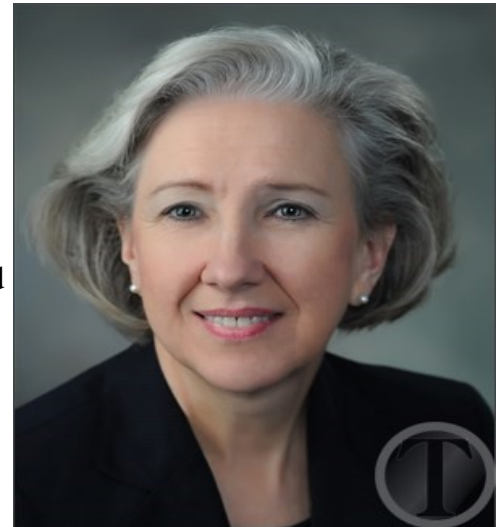
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An intimate reception for Dr. Deborah Lamm was held on May 20 at the Blount-Bridgers House in the historic district of Tarboro.

The W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association sponsored the reception in honor of Lamm's recent retirement as president of Edgecombe Community College.

The intimate group of participants predominately included guests connected with ECC and the Pattillo alumni board members, officers and chairpersons.



Dr. Deborah Lamm

Lamm has been the catalyst that accommodated the annual reunion for the Pattillo High Alumni at ECC since 2012.

"The alumni association is especially grateful to her for the use of the facility because our reunion is traditionally held on the Fourth of July weekend when the college is closed," said Alumni President Dr. Fred Wood.

Dr. Jerry Price, chairman of the ECC Board of Trustee, said the college was elevated to another level under Lamm's leadership. Lamm said she hopes the incoming president will raise the bar even higher at ECC. Additionally, Lamm was clear in saying she was happy to help the Pattillo Alumni Association and any other organizations improve the quality of life of students and families in Edgecombe County.

Annually since its inception in 1981, the Pattillo Alumni Association has awarded in excess of \$150,000 in scholarships and incentive awards to Edgecombe County Public Schools students and a few students in other states. For several years, the association also regularly provides funds to its charter schools — Pattillo Middle and Princeville Elementary — for supplies, materials and equipment.

The association is a champion for education and it strives to help keep the door to literacy open. The major call to duty of the Pattillo Alumni Association is to support the students of the Edgecombe County Public Schools by assisting to educate them for success in a constantly changing world. Education is power — every student matters and each moment counts.