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## *ENACTUS Sponsors Annual Assistance Program for Students and Community*

**By Jill Blank, Communications Intern**

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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University professors and students will be contributing their skills to help members of the community by offering a free income tax preparation service. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be offered on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. in Hamrick Hall, located on the Gardner-Webb University Campus.

All student and faculty volunteers have completed Internal Revenue Service (IRS) training and certification and will offer their services free of charge to families and individuals who earn less than \$60,000 a year.

Before coming to the Boiling Springs VITA location, participants can prepare for the visit by bringing:

- Social security cards for everyone listed on the return, including children;
- Photo I.D. of taxpayer and spouse;
- All income information, including W-2s, 1099s, etc.;
- Information on deductions for donations;
- Medical expenses; and
- Property tax information.

Dr. Denise Smith, a certified public accountant (CPA) and assistant professor of business administration and healthcare management at Gardner-Webb, believes citizens will benefit from completing their taxes as soon as possible. “Even if you are not expecting a refund, it helps to have your return completed early so you know the amount of liability,” Smith shared. “Liabilities can be paid through April 15 without penalty or interest.”

This year, VITA is sponsored by Gardner-Webb’s ENACTUS members. ENACTUS, which stands for “ENTrepreneurial ACTION by all of US,” is a global, non-profit organization bringing together more than 1,600 university teams in 20 countries. Gardner-Webb’s team helps students share their knowledge of market economics, business ethics and more through educational outreach projects. More information about VITA is available by contacting Dr. Denise Smith at [esmith2@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:esmith2@gardner-webb.edu).

*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University is home to more than 4,300*

*students from 37 states and 21 foreign countries. Founded in 1905, Gardner-Webb provides exceptional educational opportunities within a Christian environment.*