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Forsyth Technical and Catawba Valley Community Colleges Become New Satellite Homes

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The Gardner-Webb University GOAL (Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners) program is pleased to announce two new educational partnerships with North Carolina Community Colleges in Catawba and Forsyth counties, which means new locations come fall semester.

“For more than 25 years, the GOAL program has been operating in Catawba and Forsyth counties with satellite locations,” said Dr. Bobbie Cox, associate vice president for the College of Adult Education and Distance Learning at GWU within the GOAL program. “The program has met in various locations in Winston-Salem (Forsyth Co.) over the years and has now solidified a partnership with Forsyth Technical Community College to offer classes at their west campus. We are also appreciative to Catawba Valley for space on their campus in Hickory.”

Forsyth Technical Community College was established in 1960 and is a two-year college that serves Forsyth and Stokes counties. The college is one of the largest in the North Carolina Community College System and has eight locations. They also offer distance-learning classes and specialize in assisting corporate and continuing education students.

“Many Forsyth Tech alumni and a number of employees have found that the GOAL program meets their needs as adult, working learners,” said Dr. Gary Green, president of Forsyth Technical Community College. “The GOAL program extends the pathway to success that began for these students at the community college.”

Catawba Valley Community College, located in Hickory, was established in 1958. Classes will be held on their east campus in the Higher Education Center. Their east campus is home to continuing education in business and industry services. GOAL classes on the main campus in Boiling Springs, as well as all satellite locations, begin Aug. 9.

The Gardner-Webb University GOAL program seeks to meet the unique needs of students working full-time jobs, while simultaneously seeking advanced education. Students can continue their studies culminating in a baccalaureate degree. Majors include accounting, business administration, business management, computer information systems, healthcare management, nursing, multidisciplinary, and religious studies. The Godbold School of Business offers an MBA (master of business administration) and related graduate programs,

while the Gayle Bolt Price School of Graduate studies offers several master levels and one doctorate in education. This important mission of Gardner-Webb celebrates its 35th anniversary this fall.

More information about GOAL, including a list of degree-completion programs and academics, and its satellite campuses, are available at 866-GWU-GOAL and online at gardner-webb.edu/goal.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).