



## **Two State Associations Honor Dr. Darrin Hartness With Scholarship Fundraiser**

**Mocksville, NC, May 11, 2023** - The North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents (NCACCP) and the North Carolina School Superintendents Association (NCSSA) announced a scholarship fundraiser to honor Dr. Darrin Hartness, president of Davidson-Davie Community College (DDCC), has netted \$35,800.

In December 2022, Dr. Hartness was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and is currently fighting the disease with the help of his family and faith. In response to this news, public school superintendents and community college presidents across North Carolina came together to support a student scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Hartness's service and his long career advocating for child-centered education and public education. Before serving DDCC, he was a superintendent for both Mount Airy City Schools and Davie County Schools.

“This scholarship is a fitting tribute to Darrin’s lifelong dedication to education and his unwavering commitment to students,” said Jack Hoke, NCSSA executive director. “It will provide deserving students with the opportunity to continue their education and achieve their dreams, just as Darrin has dedicated his career to doing. He is very passionate about serving students and providing a high-quality education for all.”

The scholarship money will be designated for students from Davie County Schools who plan to continue their education at DDCC. “It’s a great honor to be part of this, and it’s the easiest money we’ve ever raised,” said Dr. Jeff Cox, president of the North Carolina Community College System. “Our original goal of \$5,000 was quickly surpassed, which shows the love for Darrin and the impact he has on so many people.”

“I know this will give students an opportunity to build some better skills for a better job and better life ahead for their families and themselves,” said Hartness. “This is a great investment and will be used well to support our citizens and the future of our community. I can’t thank you all enough.”

The funds collected for this scholarship will be managed and processed by the DDCC Foundation.

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Attached photo outline information:

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1. Laura Yarbrough – Vice President, Financial & Administrative Services, Davidson-Davie Community College
2. Jack Hoke – Executive Director, NC School Superintendents’ Association
3. Jeff Wallace – Superintendent, Davie County Schools
4. Darrin Hartness – President, Davidson-Davie Community College
5. Susan Burleson – Executive Vice President, Academic & Student Affairs, Davidson-Davie Community College
6. Jeff Cox – President, NC Community College System