



A GLIMPSE AT YOUR

IMPACT

2025-26





Dear Friend of Wake Tech,

We are grateful for you! On behalf of our students, faculty, staff, and the Foundation Board, thank you for being such a vital part of the Wake Tech community. Your support continues to change lives, and we hope you take pride in the meaningful difference you make every day.

Because of you, Wake Tech continues to expand opportunities across our region. Over the past year, your generosity has helped provide scholarships, strengthen workforce training programs, and ensure students have access to the education and skills they need to succeed in an evolving economy.

We are proud to celebrate a record-breaking year for the Wake Tech Foundation, raising more than \$19.7 million - the highest total in our history! Most importantly, these funds translate into real impact: students staying on track to graduate, workers gaining new skills, and employers finding the talent they need to grow their businesses.

Whether you are an individual donor, corporate partner, employee, or friend of Wake Tech, your partnership fuels our commitment to access, innovation, and student success. You are not only supporting a college, you are helping shape the future of our workforce and our community.

Thank you for choosing Wake Tech and for believing in what our students can achieve. We are excited about what lies ahead and grateful to have you alongside us as we work together to strengthen our impact across the community.

With gratitude,

Will Smith

Chair, Wake Tech Foundation Board of Directors

HERE'S WHAT YOU HELPED US ACCOMPLISH DURING 2025-26!



THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN
SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT SUPPORT,
FACULTY AND STAFF INNOVATION,
AND TECHNOLOGY.

\$19.7 MILLION

STEWARDSHIP

\$18,883,000 ENDOWMENT VALUE AS
OF JUNE 30, 2026



WHEN YOU
INVEST IN
WAKE
TECH
YOU
CHANGE
LIVES.

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\$4,427,000

SPENT IN STUDENT SUPPORT
(SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT
PROGRAMS, SUCH AS
FOSTERING BRIGHT FUTURES
AND THE NEST FOOD PANTRY)

\$1,504,000

SPENT IN COLLEGE SUPPORT

2,358

SCHOLARSHIPS
& FINANCIAL AID
AWARDS

\$1,234,000

IN SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS (DEGREE
AND NON-DEGREE
STUDENTS)

32%
INDIVIDUALS

31%
CORPORATIONS

36%
FOUNDATION



WHO GIVES TO WAKE TECH?

1%
CIVIC AND
COMMUNITY
GROUPS



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As someone who has always worked hard to keep my educational goals on track, receiving this scholarship will help tremendously by allowing me to stay on the path I have planned. As a Radiography program student, I am excited to further explore diagnostic imaging as well as the Interventional Radiology specialty that I hope to enter after graduating from the program. Thank you again for awarding me this scholarship as it has made it easier for me to reach my goals and, eventually, give back to the healthcare community in a positive way.

ALISHA C.

2025–26 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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My transition into the construction field has been an exciting, challenging, and extremely rewarding journey, and your incredible generosity has helped ease the financial burden so that I can continue to focus on my education and career goals. It's my goal after graduating from Wake Tech to contribute to building a future that uplifts our communities throughout Wake County by increasing accessibility to affordable and sustainable housing. I hope that in doing so other community members can also have the opportunity to pursue the higher education they desire. Thank you for supporting students like myself and investing in the future of the construction industry. I'm excited to help shape the future of this field.



LUIS R.

2025–26 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2025-26

OVER \$1,234,000

AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS



1,512 NON-DEGREE + 418 DEGREE = 1,930 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

DEGREE SCHOLARSHIPS

720

APPLICANTS IDENTIFIED AS FIRST
IN FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE

177

WERE AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS



208

SINGLE PARENTS
APPLIED

50

WERE AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS



248

RECENT HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES APPLIED

32

WERE AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS



197

VETERANS AND PARENTS AND/OR
CHILDREN OF VETERANS APPLIED

47

WERE AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS



Over
1,000 applicants
missed out on
scholarship funds.
**Want to help support
more students?**

Contact
Tracy Sanders
ttsanders@waketech.edu
919-866-5926

STUDENTS SUBMIT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS ONLINE MARCH 1 THROUGH APRIL 30.

EMPLOYEE GIVING



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Since joining Wake Tech in 2013, I've proudly supported the Wake Tech Foundation monthly because I believe in investing in opportunities that change lives. Through the Foundation's Employee Tuition Assistance (ETA) Program, I've received support while pursuing my doctoral degree, and I'm grateful to give back to an organization that has invested in me. Every gift, regardless of size, helps create opportunities for students and employees to achieve their educational goals.

ANTHONY GARNES

DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE ACCESS & OUTREACH

KELLIE J. FALK CENTER FOR BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES

Wake Tech named the Kellie J. Falk Center for Building Technologies in recognition of the transformational \$1 million gift from Kellie Falk, a local business leader and former college trustee. Her gift established a sustainable source of funding to support faculty through professional development, stipends, and externships, while also providing equipment and materials that strengthen hands-on learning for students in Wake Tech's skilled trades programs. With this addition to her prior endowment, the Falk Achievement Endowed Fund, Falk's contribution now represents the largest endowed fund supporting skilled trades at Wake Tech.



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EXPANDING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE TRAINING

Wake County's health care workforce pipeline is set for a significant boost with the expansion of Wake Tech's Perry Health Sciences Campus, located adjacent to WakeMed in Raleigh. In September 2025, the college broke ground on a state-of-the-art simulation hospital - named the Perry Family Simulation Hospital in recognition of a significant investment from benefactors Jim and Becky Perry - that will provide realistic, multidisciplinary training across a wide range of health care specialties.

Designed to mirror real-world clinical environments, the simulation hospital will have features such as a patient check-in area, emergency room, operating room, advanced imaging center, diagnostic labs, nurses station, patient rooms, and specialized training spaces including Neurodiagnostic Technology and Respiratory Therapy labs.

The project is scheduled for completion in time for Fall 2027 classes and it will be one of the largest and most comprehensive facilities of its kind in the nation.

If you're interested in learning more about the new Perry Simulation Hospital, please contact Stephanie Lake, sslake@waketech.edu, 919-866-5927.



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SCIENCES:**

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3-YEAR OVERVIEW

TOTAL INCOME



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$8.1M

\$8.7M

\$19.7M

ENDOWMENT

(PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED)



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$14,150,000

\$15,935,000

\$18,883,000

TOTAL ASSETS



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$31,226,000

\$34,074,000

\$45,984,000

OUR PERFORMANCE (ROI)



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$8

\$8

\$12

Operating expenses for the Foundation are covered by the college so that every dollar donated goes to our mission.

EMPLOYEE TUITION ASSISTANCE



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$88,418

\$95,000

\$101,400

Recruitment and Retention programs such as Employee Tuition Assistance allow employees to stay ahead of the curve.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$45,000

\$45,000

\$50,800

The Foundation is pleased to cover the expenses for Wake Tech's annual celebration of the top faculty, staff, adjunct faculty and students of the year.

EMPLOYEE GIVING



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$151,031

\$106,805

\$112,123

51%

55%

54%

The Employee Campaign is active throughout the fiscal year with a special kick-off each August.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



FY-2024

FY-2025

FY-2026

\$117,706

\$106,963

\$125,174

Emergency aid provides financial support to students experiencing unforeseen hardships, helping them remain enrolled and on track.

SHAPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF DESIGNERS AND ENGINEERS

Wake Tech partnered with Autodesk, a global leader in design and engineering technology, and Kimley-Horn, a top national planning and design firm, to help close the skills gap and expand career opportunities for students.

This collaboration will enhance programs in Civil Engineering Technology, Architectural Technology, Construction Management Technology, Interior Design, and Advanced Manufacturing by integrating cutting-edge software, updated curricula, and hands-on training led by industry experts.

Through real-world learning experiences and access to industry-recognized certifications, Wake Tech students will gain the in-demand skills needed for evolving careers. The partnership aims to set a new standard for technical education at Wake Tech and share best practices across the North Carolina Community College System. For more information about Industrialized Construction, please contact Tracy Sanders, ttsanders@waketech.edu or 919-866-5926.



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REACH, RALLY & RUN

In April 2026, 500 runners and walkers came together for Reach, Rally & Run (formerly Fostering Footsteps), celebrating both a new name and an expanded mission to remove barriers and open doors for Wake Tech students. Now in its tenth year, the event brings together employees, students, alumni, and community members in support of student success. This year, participants helped raise \$24,000 to provide emergency assistance for students facing unexpected financial hardships - ensuring they can stay enrolled and on track to graduate.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Reach, Rally & Run will take place on **Saturday, April 17, 2027**. If you're interested in being a sponsor or creating a running team, please contact **Kim Raynor: kbraynor@waketech.edu**

DONOR RETENTION

FY 2024

863 donors out of 1,134

76%

FY 2025

843 donors out of 1,180

71%

FY 2026

837 donors out of 1,145

73%

THE AVERAGE DONOR RETENTION RATE IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR IS 45%.

ENTREPRENEURS SHINE AT BUSINESS PITCH COMPETITION

Wake Tech showcased innovation and entrepreneurship at its Blueprint to Skyline Business Pitch Competition sponsored by Wells Fargo, bringing together emerging business leaders from the college's Entrepreneurship & Small Business Center, LaunchWakeCounty programs and Wake Tech students. Sponsored by Wells Fargo, the event reflects the college's ongoing commitment to strengthening small-business development and cultivating a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem across Wake County. Finalists competed in three tracks representing different stages of business growth, pitching their ideas for funding and expert recognition.



In total, nine winners were selected, each receiving targeted investments to help scale their ventures - from early-stage concepts to established businesses. Together, these entrepreneurs represent the diverse, creative and growing small-business community supported by Wake Tech.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE COMPETITION &
THE WINNERS:**

[pitchcompetition.
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BUILD A FUTURE. LEAVE A LEGACY.

The support you provide today helps students thrive, and a planned gift can extend that impact for generations to come. By combining your annual giving with a future gift, you can help ensure that students have access to opportunities, resources, and a transformative education well into the future.

One of the simplest ways to leave a lasting legacy is through a planned gift. You can include the college in your will or living trust, or name the college as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy.

If you have already included the college in your plans, we would be honored to hear from you. Sharing your intentions allows us to thank you for your generosity, ensure we understand your wishes, and celebrate the legacy you are creating for future students.

For more information or to start a conversation, please contact **Kim Raynor** at kbraynor@waketech.edu.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

Your partnership transforms lives by making education possible for students across our community. While your generosity can be measured in dollars, its greatest value is reflected in the lives you change and the possibilities you create.

Because of you, talented students gain access to opportunity, develop in-demand skills, and step confidently into leadership roles. Thank you for empowering the next generation!



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