

Successes in Training and Careers

Want an energy boost for taking the next steps in getting training or moving into a career? Knowing that others have experienced issues similar to yours and achieved their goals may be just the motivation you need to move forward. North Carolina's community colleges have posted "success stories" online about students and graduates, including articles about veterans. You may find the following information inspirational and informative.

In order to get the kind of job he wanted, **Alvin Brame** discovered that he had to earn credentials that built upon his seven years as a food service specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps. Using his veterans' education benefits, Alvin found that the Culinary Arts program at Vance-Granville Community College gave him the training and support he needed. He even returned to Vance-Granville for a second degree. To check out the Culinary Arts program, go to www.vgcc.edu/bat/culinary-technology.

Andrew Brewer has just finished his associate degree in Criminal Justice Technology with three additional certificates and now takes classes so that he can transfer to Western Carolina University for a bachelor's degree program. He has simultaneously worked as a full-time detention officer, full-time student and responsible family member. The secrets to his "juggling" success can be found in February's Haywood Community College Link on pages 14-15: [Marine to Matriculate](#). If you want to know more about the Criminal Justice Technology program at HCC, visit www.haywood.edu/instruction/programs-of-study/criminal-justice-technology.

Ari Saint-Lot moved to Wilmington after he completed a five-year stint in the Navy. Cape Fear Community College's one-of-a-kind Marine Technology program that Ari completed prepared him well for his offshore work at CGG Veritas. Want to know more about Ari's experiences? His story is featured on page 12 of this PDF and is titled, "[Marine Tech grad finds career on the high seas.](#)" For information about the college's Marine Technology program, see www.cfcc.edu/martech.

For information about other training programs available at North Carolina's community colleges, look at Section 3 of the [Education Catalog](#).