

# Rotary



## Club of Franklin Daybreak

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## Back to School: Dr. Tomas highlights SCC programs

Wednesday, September 20, 2023



Don Tomas, President of Southwestern Community College, presented to the Rotary Club of Franklin-Daybreak on the morning of 9/19/23. Dr. Tomas spoke about the college's current enrollment, popular programs of study, and the impact that the school is making in our local community.

Dr. Tomas showed data indicating that the current enrollment across Southwestern Community College is at 7500 individuals, with campuses located in Macon, Swain, and Jackson Counties. Dr. Tomas explained that SCC covers Western North Carolina from the Tennessee border on the North to the South Carolina border on the South.

SCC boasts a top of the class Health Sciences program including nursing degrees, phlebotomy, medical radiology, radiography, opticianry, and many more. A new Dental Assistant program was

also recently introduced. Dr. Tomas explained that the programs have been so successful, that in the most recent graduating class of the nursing program, every graduate passed the national testing required for licensure.

Dr. Tomas also spoke about the extremely popular Public Safety courses offered by the school. Through the Career College Promise program, SCC has seen 32% of their current enrollees being concurrently enrolled in local high schools or Early Colleges. This partnership allows students to earn their Associates Degrees (or equivalent credit hours) prior to earning their High School Diplomas. These credit hour savings help the next generation keep down the incurred debt of attending a four-year university to attend entry-level classes.

Southwestern Community College is an incredibly important player in our community and is preparing to host it's annual fundraising gala. If you are interested in supporting this great institution, please reach out to SCC's Foundation Chair Brett Woods, or visit:

<https://www.southwesterncc.edu/Foundation>

## Save the date(s)

### Upcoming meeting

The Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak will meet Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 a.m., at Angel Medical Center cafeteria.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86712037998?pwd=NlVYb0g2SmhCUWp3cHh3VnkzTDIvZz09>

### Upcoming events:

**LBJ Open House** - LBJ Job Corp will host a community open house on Friday, Sept. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. This event will showcase the Center, the students and the organization's impact on our local community. Let's support our fellow Rotarian Keith Bowers and the work he is leading at LBJ Job Corp.

**Dessert Auction** - Oct. 10 at the Creekside Gazebo. Bring a friend and enjoy this fun-filled evening of fellowship and fundraising for Polio.

## Events

No Events found

## Birthdays

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Youth Services Chair



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Club Public Image  
Chair



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Assistant Governor



October 7th



October 11th

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Luke H. Smith](#)  
September 24th



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September 24th



[Vicki Lawrence](#)  
October 7th



[Arlene J Jones](#)  
October 14th



[Angela Dills](#)  
October 21st

### Years of Service



[Roger Plemens](#)  
25 Years



[Charles Sutton](#)  
25 Years



[Teresa Murray](#)  
8 Years



[Ward Collins](#)  
5 Years

[Gregory L Mullins](#)  
2 Years

[Keith E. Bowers](#)  
0 Years



[Robert W. Cook](#)  
0 Years

