Have you heard the great news from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)? NCACHE is pleased to announce that the ARC has approved our grant application for the 2011 - 2012 academic year! Because of this funding, we will be able to support specific programming which will increase the educational attainment and achievement of high school students in the Appalachian region. This will occur through the dissemination and implementation of proven practices in college access, career development, teacher recruitment, and academic success. These programmatic activities will assist Appalachian communities in promoting higher education standards that will aid in retaining students through graduation, increasing postsecondary educational accomplishments, and involving community members in their educational systems. The underlying purpose of each of these activities will be to raise levels of academic attainment by increasing the college-going rate of high school students in the Appalachian region of North Carolina. We are really looking forward to collaborating with you and supporting you in these efforts.

Mini-grants will once again be available for high schools! The RFP (request for proposals) will be available on our website on September 19th and will be due on November 11th, by 5:00pm. Decisions about grant awards will be made by November 30th.

Thanks to the Appalachian Regional Commission, NCACHE projects will raise the college expectations, aspirations, and success of the youth of Appalachian North Carolina.

The Teachers of Tomorrow conference provides an opportunity for high school students to explore teaching as a career. For more information about Teachers of Tomorrow, please visit http://www.wcu.edu/9994.asp

NCACHE is committed to building strategic partnerships to strengthen our local communities through college access and success.

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