The Brunswick DESTINY Partnership
Developing Education and Employment Opportunities in Brunswick County

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**: Brunswick County has an attractive geographic location and citizens dedicated to education and to their community. However, career options for high school graduates are limited. Often, students perceive the construction and service industries as their only job opportunities and feel that they must leave the county in order to earn a living.

**DESTINY**: UNC Chapel Hill’s Traveling Science Learning Program, DESTINY, has been serving Brunswick County Schools since the fall of 2000 through quality teacher professional development and cutting-edge science learning for students. UNC Chapel Hill and DESTINY are now expanding their relationship with Brunswick County through the Brunswick DESTINY partnership.

**THE BRUNSWICK DESTINY PARTNERSHIP**: Brunswick DESTINY is the partnership between Brunswick County Schools, Brunswick Community College, UNC Chapel Hill’s Traveling Science Learning Program, DESTINY, and the Brunswick County community at large. The Brunswick DESTINY Partnership will explore an ecosystem approach for science education transformation to create interdisciplinary, inquiry-based, and hands-on opportunities for science learning. A science-learning environment flourishes when all inhabitants of the ecosystem – students, parents, educators, school administrators and board members, and the community – are engaged. This unique, holistic approach yields significant, tangible outcomes, otherwise unattainable or unimaginable, because it brings all parties together to achieve a common goal.

**THE VISION**: To develop sustainable, quality education and employment opportunities for the people of Brunswick County

**THE MISSION**:
- **Classroom–focused**
  Create a knowledgeable science workforce by providing equal access to quality science education
- **Community–focused**
  Attract businesses of the future to Brunswick County to strengthen economic development and prosperity for the community and increase quality of life
- **Collaboration–focused**
  Demonstrate to the state and nation how a community and university can collaborate to ensure sustained quality science education and employment opportunities

**PARTNERSHIP RESOURCES**: The DESTINY Program will bring human resources, curricular materials, and technology to the Brunswick DESTINY partnership at no cost, including:
- Cutting–edge science and interdisciplinary curricular materials
- **Fund raising** for the Adopt–a-Classroom program to equip Brunswick’s biology classrooms to make all DESTINY modules available to every Brunswick County student
- Professional development of teachers for curriculum adoption in the classroom
- Facilitation of equipment inventory, ordering, training and trouble–shooting
- Continued student hands–on learning via Destiny, UNC Chapel Hill’s Traveling Science Laboratory
- Technology–based learning assistance
- Grant writing support and collaboration
- Long–term commitment to support the partnership
DESTINY DELIVERS TO BRUNSWICK COUNTY: Since Fall 2000, DESTINY has:
• Served hundreds of Brunswick County high school, middle school, and community college students by providing cutting-edge wet-lab experiences aboard the bus or in the classroom
• Trained 38 teachers from all three Brunswick high schools, two Brunswick middle schools, The Learning Center, and Brunswick Community College
• Conducted three teacher professional development workshops in Brunswick County
• Provided grant-writing assistance to Brunswick Community College faculty
• Made presentations to community and government organizations, including the Board of Education, Board of Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, and three Rotary Clubs
• Worked to garner support for the Adopt-a-Classroom program from local businesses, including Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation and Progress Energy
• Collaborated with Communities in Schools, JobLink, and The Museum of Coastal Carolina

BRUNSWICK DESTINY STEERING COMMITTEE: The Steering Committee is a group of Brunswick County citizens who will serve as county liaisons and guide the Brunswick DESTINY partnership. Joseph Gore, Special Assistant to the President at Brunswick Community College, will be the Chairperson in charge of leading the committee. Steering Committee members will be announced at the rollout celebration on April 30th.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: The Brunswick DESTINY partnership will build a collaborative, science-aware, intellectually competitive, and economically prosperous citizenry that will make Brunswick County a leader in the 21st Century.

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