Durham Technical Community College Foundation

Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. Library Endowment

Phail Wynn, Jr. was president of Durham Tech from 1980 – 2007. In 1980 he became the youngest community college president to serve in the state, and he held the honor of being the first African American community college president in the state. In 2007 the "Dr. Phail Wynn, Jr. Collection" was established at Durham Tech, and the collection's targeted materials would "pertain to socially responsible topics, such as ecology and the environment, cultural awareness, global citizenship, teaching tolerance, appreciating diversity, fighting poverty, and promoting world peace" as per Dr. Wynn's request. He provided financial support to establish this collection.

Durham Tech serves over 18,000 students annually, and notes that 4,500 students use the libraries weekly. Durham Tech has three library sites, one on their main campus, one at the Northern Durham Center and one at the Orange County Campus. Textbooks, supplemental course information, digital databases, and other relevant literature and multi-media materials make up the educational resources available to students, including training to use the library and reference materials.

The endowment at \$50,000 will provide an estimated annual yield at \$2,000 will support the growth of the collection and provide for additional library needs. This grant is in honor of the memory of Phail Wynn, and his valuable contributions while serving as a board member for the NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.