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Bennett College Announces ‘No Tuition Increase’ for 2014-2015

(GREENSBORO, NC) – The Bennett College Board of Trustees approved a freeze in tuition, fees, and room charges for the academic year 2014-2015. New and returning Bennett students will pay \$17,230 in tuition and fees next year. President Rosalind Fuse-Hall explained that the board agreed, “Bennett College understands the financial situation facing our students and their families. It is important that their academic success is not stymied by the cost of a college education.”

Total enrollment at Bennett College is 629 students, and 98% of these undergraduates receive some form of financial aid. Students face increasing challenges in meeting their financial obligation to the College due to Parent Plus Loan restrictions; and reductions in federal and state student financial assistance programs. The decision to stabilize tuition for the next two semesters should positively impact the college student financial planning process. “When you know how much the tuition costs, then you know how to save and meet that obligation” said President Fuse-Hall.

The move by Bennett College is an unusual one as colleges in the Triad area and across the country find it necessary to move in the opposite direction. “While other colleges and universities in North Carolina and across the nation are considering raising tuition, Bennett College students will get a break as tuition is held stable for 2014-2015,” said Karen Green, vice president for enrollment management. The current cost of attendance for on-campus students is \$26,322. Next year, that figure will increase by \$192 in compliance with a state tax on meal plans as well as an increase in the health insurance.

Rachel Portee, a sophomore, biology major from Lumberton, New Jersey, is excited about the announcement. “I know that this news will take some stress off my family’s back as they pay for my education. Maybe now, I will be able to participate in the College’s study abroad program.”





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After hearing the announcement, Christina Evans, a junior, international business major from Chattanooga, Tennessee, said she is relieved. “As students, we don’t have to worry about taking out more loans to cover the difference from the previous year. I welcome the decision.”

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