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BCCC opens its doors Oct. 2

Beaufort County Community College is opening its doors and inviting members of the community throughout its service area to visit and learn about opportunities available to them.

The college will hold an Open House, 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, with the theme "You Fit Here! Come Take a Look!" giving attendees the chance to meet with faculty, staff and current students; tour the campus; view classes in progress; learn about various programs leading to a degree, diploma or certificate; learn about personal enrichment and skill development classes and much more. Refreshments will be available at locations across the campus during the Open House.

Those who attend will also have a chance to win a \$1,500 scholarship that can be used at BCCC for tuition, registration fees, books, uniforms, tools of the trade and testing fees.

"Beaufort County Community College has been a part of eastern North Carolina for almost 50 years, but many people may not know how they fit into the BCCC community," said Jay Sullivan, BCCC vice president of Research and Institutional Effectiveness and event chairman. "The purpose of the Open House is to introduce these people to our campus.

"Whether folks are making plans for college, wanting to upgrade their job skills or looking for a new hobby or interest, we believe they will fit in at BCCC," said Sullivan.

Sullivan noted several specific activities that may be of interest to attendees, including a demonstration and hands-on training on BCCC's new virtual welder, a tour of the updated Firearms Qualification Range, the opportunity to climb inside a BCCC 18-wheel truck and a visit to the Basic Law

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BCCC offers a free look at college life

Are you thinking about starting college for the first time or going back to school to upgrade your job skills? Or are you wondering whether the time is right or your study skills are good enough?

Then why not spend a day at Beaufort County Community College to see if it's right for you?

On Thursday, Oct. 9, BCCC is opening its doors to give prospective students 16 years old or older the chance to attend actual classes and meet potential instructors in their classrooms for free.

Attendees of Free Day at BCCC will also have the chance to talk to BCCC staff about admissions, career planning, financial aid, college transfers and academic counseling.

"Free Day at BCCC will give prospective students in our service area a unique chance to learn more about college, to see for themselves what college life is like at Beaufort County Community College and to learn first-hand about the array of services we offer our students," said Dr.

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Fourteen students recognized for commitment

Fourteen students at Beaufort County Community College were recognized as "BCCC's Best" in a ceremony on the college campus recently. All students were cited for their perseverance in school or in life.

Those honored were Fashikie Freeman, Norlina Kelly, Regan Michael, Troy Roelofs, Renita Rogers and Christina Rutledge of Washington; Cassandra Sanchez of Bath; Davina Mazique of Belhaven; Amanda Riddick of Bethel; Michael "Andy" Crisp of Chocowinity; Jackie M. Clark of Grimesland; Chana White of Jamesville; Tammy Turnage of Vanceboro, and Elizabeth Cobb of Williamston.

During the ceremony attended by BCCC faculty and staff and guests of the honorees, Vice President of Student Services Rick Anderson and the nominating faculty or staff member presented each student with a certificate that contained the description of his or her activities.

Each month "BCCC's Best" highlights a character trait found in students such as motivation, respect, hard work, commitment and involvement in the college.

The character trait for October is "dependable" or "someone who is able to be counted on for various things, whether inside of class or outside of school."

The nomination deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 21, with the recognition ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 28.

For more information about "BCCC's Best," contact Director of Counseling Kimberly Jackson at 252-940-6460 or by email at kimberlyj@beaufortccc.edu or Anderson at ricka@beaufortccc.edu or by telephone at 940-6217.



Fourteen Beaufort County Community College students were recognized as "BCCC's Best" and were cited for the character trait "committed," or someone who perseveres in school or in life with the ultimate goal of being successful despite adversity. Those attending the recognition ceremony were front row, left to right, Elizabeth Cobb, Regan Michael, Cassandra Sanchez, and Fashikie Freeman; back row, left to right, Chana White, Norlina Kelly, Amanda Riddick, Tammy Turnage and Jackie M. Clark.

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“One Day” photography project returns Oct. 14

BCCC students, faculty, staff and campus visitors will have the chance to document a day at the college on Tuesday, Oct. 14, as part of a photography project that will be held for the second year in a row, *One Day at BCCC*.

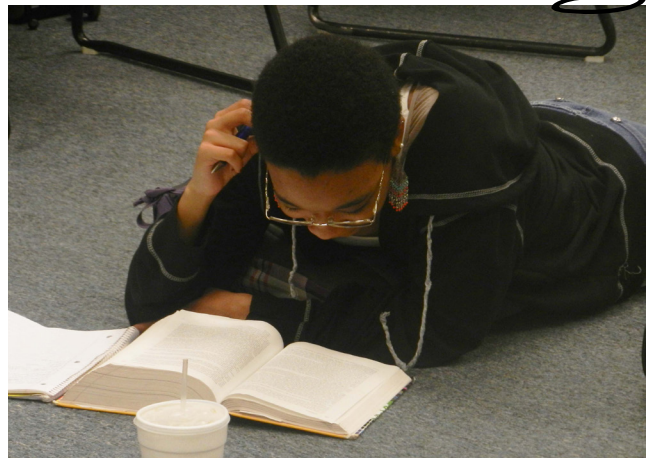
The BCCC community is being asked to take a photograph of something happening on campus which they find interesting and send the photograph along with a caption describing the activity by email to Public Relations Coordinator Betty Gray at bettyg@beaufortccc.edu.

Prizes will be awarded. The photographs will be posted to Facebook and used in locations across campus, including the Campus Café, and on social media to highlight college life.

The more people who participate, the better!

You can opt out if you choose, but this will be fun, so please join if you can!

For more information about One Day at BCCC, contact Betty Gray at 252-940-6387.



Winning photographs from the 2014 One day at BCCC, include above, a group of friends by Kaleigh Cobb, “Betty B in the LRC” by Marshall Hall, and a student studying by Dana Cobb.

BCCC announces spring registration schedule

Beaufort County Community College announces its registration schedule for Spring Semester which is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015.

The dates for enrolling and registering are as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 27 - Registration for graduating students, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 – New Student Orientation.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 - Registration for new students who have attended New Student Orientation and returning students, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 – Friday, Nov. 7 – Registration continues Monday through Thursday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Friday, 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.
- Thursday, Nov. 13 – Tuition bills for Spring Semester mailed to those who have registered.
- Friday, Dec. 12 – Deadline to pay for Spring Semester tuition, 4 P.M.
- Tuesday, Jan. 6 – Late registration, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.
- Wednesday, Jan. 7 - First day of classes.

Spring 2015 tuition and fees have been approved by the N.C. Board of Community Colleges. Tuition for in-state students is \$72 per credit hour and student fees at \$4 per credit hour for a total of \$76 per credit hour. Tuition for out-of-state students is \$264 per credit hour and student fees at \$4 per credit hour for a total of \$268.

For more information about enrolling for classes at BCCC or to schedule a placement test, contact the Admissions Office at 252-940-6237. Applications are available on the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



BCCC participates in “1,000 in 100” initiative

Beaufort County Community College is participating in a statewide effort to understand the challenges and successes business and industry faces in finding and retaining high-quality employees.

BCCC is part of a team of workforce development partners that is leading the effort in Beaufort County.

The local effort is being led by Lauren Dudley, BCCC’s Customized Training director and Walter Dorsey, director of the Region Q Workforce Development Board, who serve as co-chairmen of the project.

This month, the team began visiting local businesses as part of Gov. Pat McCrory’s “1,000 in 100” initiative announced last spring as part of NCWorks.

“1,000 in 100” refers to the governor’s call to have local teams visit 1,000 businesses of all types in all 100 counties in the last 100 days of 2014.

The team includes representatives from BCCC, NCWorks, Washington/Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, Mid-East Commission, and Region Q Workforce Development. The team has been meeting since early August and has chosen the companies for each visit as well as the teams to conduct the visits.

“This is a great opportunity for Beaufort County to build on our past partnerships, get face-to-face with businesses, hear concerns, develop solutions and lay the foundation for how we work together in the future,” Dudley said.

Dorsey agreed.

“We want to listen together so we can bring solutions and services together,” he said. “The end goal is to help both employers and employees.”

The “1,000 in 100” initiative will conclude at the end of 2014, but the information gathered will be paired with other research and best practices to develop recommendations for changes within North Carolina’s workforce system to better serve businesses and citizens, according to McCrory.

“If we want to know what is working and what isn’t with our businesses, we have to talk to them directly,” McCrory said. “Our goal is to better understand how to meet their workforce needs and how to more effectively connect North Carolinians to great careers.

“I appreciate all of our agencies and industry working together to make this a success,” McCrory said. “NCWorks covers all 100 counties, so we need to listen in all 100 counties. This initiative is critical, so we better understand what we need to do differently.”

NCWorks focuses on a new partnership that includes the N.C. Department of Commerce, the N.C. Community College System, the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and the NCWorks Commission to improve the state’s workforce system.

Through the NCWorks initiative, partners will create a stronger alignment of services and resources to meet the workforce needs of businesses, connect North Carolinians to technical training and quality careers, and use data to monitor and assess program outcomes. For more information about NCWorks, visit www.nccommerce.com/ncworks.

For more information, contact Lauren Dudley at 252-940-6311 or laurend@beaufortccc.edu or Walter Dorsey at 252-974-1815 or wdorsey@mid-eastcom.org.

Continuing Education News

Business Expo draws crowd to BCCC campus



Above, Pam Shadle, manager of marketing, public relations and development for Vidant Beaufort Hospital, and Vidant Medical Group Liaison Bobbie Lapeijko meet with Nurse Aide Instructor Anne Davenport and Program Coordinator Sue Gurley at the Expo.

The 2014 Business Expo drew an enthusiastic crowd of business and prospective business owners to the BCCC campus on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The Expo was sponsored by the Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce and Business and Industry Services at BCCC.



Expo attendees had the chance to talk with representatives of organizations and businesses providing services and participate in three workshops.

At left, Director of Admissions Daniel Wilson, Basic Skills Specialist Penelope Radcliffe and Customized Training Coordinator Lauren Dudley welcome visitors to the BCCC display at the Expo.

Peterson enjoys new career as Nurse Aide

Steffie Peterson says it was a friend who inspired her to return to school to become a nurse aide but it is her 14-year-old son who continues to motivate her.

Peterson, 34, dropped out of high school when she was in the ninth grade and tried to make a living doing home care for people. After struggling with low wage work, she decided to return to school to make a better life for herself and her son.

She chose Beaufort County Community College and enrolled in the Basic Skills Program, eventually earning her high school equivalency degree.

Peterson admitted it wasn't easy to go back to school, but she credits the Basic Skills teachers and staff in helping her succeed.

"I thank God for all of them," she said. "They said 'Believe in yourself! You can do it!'"

While working towards her high school equivalency, Peterson enrolled in BCCC's Nurse Aide I course with the help of a local non-profit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and was one of the participants in BCCC's first Basic Skills Plus class.

"I like helping people," Peterson said when asked why she chose a medical career.

Again, she said it wasn't easy to complete her studies.

"At first I was nervous," she said. "But my teachers really helped a lot, and my classmates really helped a lot."

After receiving her Nurse Aide I certification, Peterson decided to continue her studies, earning a Nurse Aide II certification in August with four other class members.

Peterson is employed with Coastal Home Care Agency and plans to continue her medical studies with the goal of working in a hospital or doctor's office.



Steffie Peterson, third from left in top photo, was part of BCCC's first Basic Skills Plus class and earned her Nurse Aide I certification. Peterson received her Nurse Aide II certificate in August.

Nurse Aide II students recognized at events

The Nurse Aide Program at Beaufort County Community College recently held two recognition events in honor of 11 students completing their Nurse Aide II studies.



Above, front row left to right, Instructor Anne Davenport, students Tammie Maria Lawrence and Steffie Katrina Peterson and program Coordinator Sue Gurley; back row, students Sharon Ann Holmes, Sophia Belle Gibbs and Crystal Gale Smith. At right are front row left to right, students Takeika Johnson, Candice Bell and Fonne Norman and program Coordinator Sue Gurley; back row, Instructor Anne Davenport and students William Arce, Julian Carr and Sherry Spear.

During the recognition ceremonies, each graduate was presented a certificate in honor of their completion of the program. A reception in the Nurse Aide Classroom in Building 12 followed.

Students completing the program are Fonne Norman of Chocowinity, Sharon Ann Holmes of Creswell, Julian Carr of Greenville, William Arce of Pinetown, and Candice Bell, Sophia Belle Gibbs, Takeika Johnson, Tammie Maria Lawrence, Steffie Katrina Peterson, Crystal Gale Smith and Sherry Spear of Washington.



For more information about BCCC's Nurse Aide Program, interested persons should contact Sue Gurley, Nurse Aide Program coordinator, at 252-940-6263.

See the stage production of *Phantom of the Opera*

Join the Beaufort County Community College Foundation, Saturday, Oct. 18, for a trip to Durham to see the stage production of *The Phantom of the Opera*, Broadway's longest-running musical.

The trip will also include time for a visit to the renowned Paul Green Theater in Chapel Hill with a lecture by Professor Jeff Phipps.

The cost of the trip, open to all BCCC students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college, is \$200 per person. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 10.

The price of the trip includes transportation to and from Durham, lunch and tickets for seats in the orchestra section for *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Durham Performing Arts Center in downtown Durham.

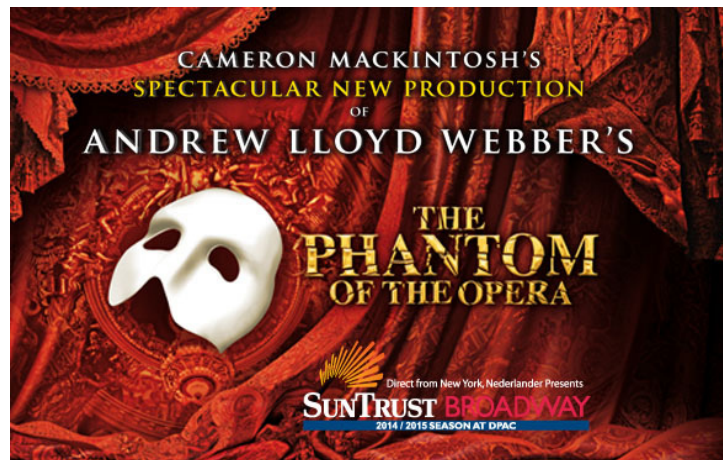
The trip will leave the Building 8 parking lot at BCCC by 7:30 a.m. and travel to Chapel Hill for a tour of the Paul Green Theater. Located in the Center for Dramatic Art on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus, the Paul Green Theatre is a 500 seat facility that was completed in 1976. The theater is home to PlayMakers' six annual Mainstage productions as well as professional actors, directors and artists from across the country. It is named for the American playwright, known for his depictions of North Carolina during the early 20th Century. He is best remembered for his outdoor dramas, including *The Lost Colony*, written in 1937.

The group will travel from the theater to lunch at Kitchen in Chapel Hill. Recently voted the best French restaurant in that town, Kitchen serves traditional French bistro fare made from local ingredients in an informal environment. Travelers will have a three-course lunch that includes appetizer, entrée and dessert.

After lunch, the group will travel to DPAC for a matinee performance of *The Phantom of the Opera*, which opened on Broadway in 1988 and has been performed there more than 11,000 times. Based on the French novel by Gaston Leroux, the musical's central plot revolves around a beautiful soprano, Christine Daaé, who becomes the obsession of a mysterious, disfigured musical genius. The beloved story and thrilling score – featuring songs such as "Music of the Night" and "All I Ask of You" – will be performed by a cast of 52, making this production one of the largest now on tour.

After the performance, participants will depart Durham for the trip home and enjoy light refreshments on the bus.

For more information, contact Marcia Norwood, Foundation specialist, at 252-940-6218, or Judy Jennette, Foundation director, at 252-940-6326. Information is also available on the BCCC Newsblog at <http://bcccnewsblog.blogspot.com>.



Rock for Human Rights performs to raise awareness at BCCC



A focus on human rights brought together musicians from across the world who performed in a concert - the first stop of a national tour - at Beaufort County Community College last month. The concert featured music by Morganton, N.C. native Will Seabrook and Alexio Kawara, considered to be the Justin Timberlake of Zimbabwe. The event also included a hot dog lunch provided by the Student Government Association. At left, Seabrook and his band perform outside the lower level of Building 5. Below, students enjoy the concert and lunch.



BCECHS history teacher receives state award

Amanda Smith, a teacher at Beaufort County Early College High School, has been named North Carolina History Teacher of the Year for 2014.

Smith teaches World History and Civics and Economics to ninth grade students at the high school, housed on the Beaufort County Community College campus.

The award was presented to Smith at the Tuesday, Sept. 22, meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education by Fay Gore, Section Chief of the K-12 Social Studies Division of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

It is sponsored by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, The History Channel and Preserve America.

“A panel of teachers, administrators and academics from your state chose you for your use of primary documents in the classroom, the level of inspiration that you provide to your students and your career achievements in education,” said Lesley S. Herrmann, executive director of the Lehrman Institute in citing Smith for the award. “We thank you for engaging students with dedication and creativity.”

As the 2014 N.C. History Teacher of the Year, Smith will receive

a \$1,000 award, a certificate of recognition, an archive of books and historical resources presented in her name to the BCCC library and an invitation to attend the 2015 Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar of her choice. She is also a finalist for the National History Teacher of the Year Award.

A native of Washington, Smith, 30, is a 2002 graduate of Washington High

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Beaufort County Early College High School teacher Amanda Smith was recently named North Carolina History Teacher of the Year. She is pictured with BCECHS students, left to right, Ashley Elks, Olivia Van Essendelft and Dakota Morgan.

BCECHS News

Beaufort Early College High is tops on ACT

Students in Beaufort County Early College High School scored higher on the ACT than other early college high schools in eastern North Carolina, according to a recent report from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

Beaufort County Early College High School, or BCECHS, students take high school and tuition-free community college courses and graduate in five years with a high school diploma and an associate's degree in the field of their choice. They can then either head into the work force with job-related skills or transfer to a four-year college.

The school is housed on the BCCC campus with classrooms and offices in the lower level of Building 5 and a portion of Building 10.

The students at BCECHS, now in its seventh year, face a rigorous schedule of classes – equivalent to honors courses in a traditional high school – which prepare them to begin taking community college courses their second year in the school.

The ACT, or American College Testing, is a national college admissions exam. All juniors in North Carolina are required to take it.

More than 26 percent of students at BCECHS met all benchmarks on the ACT, well above other early colleges in eastern North Carolina.

“I was a little nervous because I know there is a lot running on my score,” BCECHS student Sarah Clingenpeel told WNCT television in a recent interview.

Clingenpeel is a 12th grade student at the high school. She'll graduate in June 2016 with two years of college under her belt. The tests she took in March mean a lot for her future.

“It really does judge how well you're going to do and what colleges you're going to go to,” said Clingenpeel.

“I feel like I was prepared really well, especially since at the time we took it, we had taken more high school courses than the typical high school student would have taken, so I think we were more prepared than typical high school students,” 12th grade student Caitlyn Andrews told WNCT.

Other early college students in eastern North Carolina did not score as high. Looking at juniors who met all four benchmarks of English, math, reading and science, plus writing, 26.8 percent of Beaufort County Early College juniors met those marks.

BCECHS Principal Emily Pake said BCECHS teachers work to prepare their students for challenging college work which also helps prepare them for the ACT.

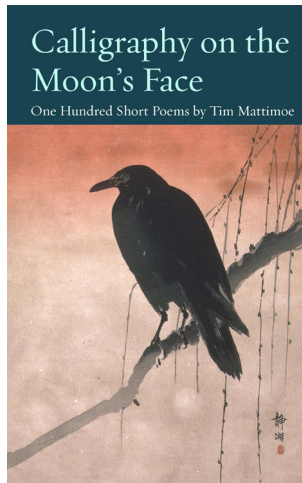
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Mattimoe returns to BCCC for poetry reading

Former Lead Instructor of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Beaufort County Community College Tim Mattimoe returns to campus this month to read from his new book of poetry, *Calligraphy on the Moon's Face*.

The reading will be at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the Learning Resources Center in the upper level of Building 5.

"BCCC is delighted to welcome Tim Mattimoe back to campus for this event," said Penny Sermons, BCCC director of Learning Resources and Distance Learning. "I hope the public and members of the campus community will enjoy seeing Tim and listening to these poems."



Toledo, Ohio, native Mattimoe was a full-time member of the BCCC faculty for over 21 years before he retired in 2012. Mattimoe and his wife, Karen, live in Pittsboro.

Published earlier this year, the poems were written after his retirement and are inspired by his surroundings in Chatham County. They have their roots in the haiku of Japanese masters and the American writers those masters influenced.

He earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in History from the University of Toledo and was a doctoral student at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

As lead instructor of social and behavioral sciences, Mattimoe regularly taught history and humanities courses at the college including, American History, World Civilizations and Introduction to Film.

In his classes, Mattimoe was known for his inventive uses of a variety of visual and audio tools to help his students understand the subject matter. For years, he carefully collected and edited video clips to strengthen his courses in history and the humanities. For his Southern Culture, African-American History and History of Religion classes, he also developed an extensive collection of music and video which is still available in the BCCC library.

For more information about his reading, contact Sermons at 252-940-6243 or by email at pennys@beaufortccc.edu.



Tim Mattimoe

BCCC Allied Health Information Sessions set

The BCCC Office of Admissions has scheduled information sessions for those interested in applying to the Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing and Medical Lab Technology programs for 2015.

The information sessions will be offered on the following dates for the programs indicated:

- Medical Lab Technology, Monday, Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m.
- Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Monday, Oct. 20, noon.
- Medical Lab Technology, Monday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.
- Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Monday, Dec. 8, noon.
- Medical Lab Technology, Monday, Jan. 12, noon.
- Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, Monday, Jan. 26, noon.
- Medical Lab Technology, Monday, Feb. 2, 5:30 p.m.
- Medical Lab Technology, Monday, Feb. 23, noon.
- Medical Lab Technology, Monday, March 23, noon.

All sessions will be held in Room 1217 of Building 12 on the BCCC campus.

The Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing and Medical Laboratory Technology Programs are limited in the number of students that can be admitted each year, therefore, these programs are competitive-based. They have special admission requirements, application processes and selection criteria. A separate application packet is required. Completed application packets are taken and reviewed by appointment on a first-come, first-served basis with Phylcia Bridgers, the Allied Health Admissions Coordinator.

Selection for these programs is based on academic performance. Applicants compete for admission based on quality points and GPA earned by completing the general education courses required for their program of interest. Applicants who do not rank into the program will be alternates and notified according to the ranked order should space become available.

Allied Health Program admissions packets will be accepted by appointment only through Thursday, Jan. 31, 2015.

For information about Allied Health admissions, contact Bridgers at phylciab@beaufortccc.edu or 252-940-6221 or visit the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



Aiming for Success at BCCC!

Members of Men of Success, the minority male mentoring club at Beaufort County Community College have organized for the 2014-2015 Academic Year under the guidance of Admissions Director Daniel Wilson.



The goal of the club is to increase the success of minority males in the community college by addressing peer pressure and low self-esteem and motivating students to graduate from BCCC and/or transfer to a university.

Each student member of Men of Success is assigned a volunteer mentor and is expected to meet specific goals throughout the year.

The group, which meets Tuesdays, is planning activities that include visits to local high schools, discussion forums and a ceremony in February marking black history month.

At left, Wilson and members of Men of Success pose for a group portrait on the BCCC campus.

BCCC Staff Association awards “good apples”

Mike Waters, computer support specialist at Beaufort County Community College, is the recipient of the BCCC Staff Association’s first Golden Apple Award for the 2014-15 Academic Year.

Each month, a staff member is presented with the award by the winner of the award for the previous month. The recipient is presented with a papier mâché golden apple, which is passed along to the next month’s recipient, and a plaque, which the recipient can keep and display.

Basic Skills Assessment and Retention Specialist Penelope Radcliffe, the July award recipient, presented the Golden Apple Award for August to Waters. Waters’ plaque, written by Radcliffe, reads, “Mike is very deserving of this award. His dedication to help with computer problems whenever needed is appreciated by all but often unspoken. He brings computer knowledge and a positive attitude and is willing to go the extra mile to make sure we are ‘up and running’.”



Faculty Senate luncheon welcomes new faculty



Members of the Beaufort County Community College Faculty Senate welcomed new faculty at a luncheon held on the college campus in September.

The group also invited BCCC President Barbara Tansey and members of the college’s administration to the lunch.

President Jeanne Martin said she hopes all of the new college faculty will join and become active in the Faculty Senate.

The BCCC Faculty Senate strives to be a positive voice for issues at the college that may affect faculty. The organization hopes to facilitate communication among college faculty, staff and administration.

At left, Faculty members Michele Mayo, Lesha Rouse and Lynne Modlin enjoy the buffet before the meeting.

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Enforcement Training Program.

Other college divisions and programs – including the Division of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Continuing Education, and business and computer programs- are planning displays and hands-on opportunities to highlight their offerings, Sullivan said.

Student groups will also have displays that highlight activities available on campus.



“The Student Government Association and our other campus student groups welcome the chance to show what we can offer to those who enroll in our college and to the community at large,” said SGA President Jackson Lancaster.

Several agencies that offer services to BCCC students will participate in the Open House.

Among those is the Mobile NCWorks Career Center. Representatives from the NC Works Center will attend the event to answer questions about services available at the center as well as help attendees prepare resumes, provide job-search help or offer help in completing online job applications, according to Sullivan.

Other agencies who will have representatives include the Beaufort County Department of Social Services, the Beaufort County Health Department, Coastal Pregnancy Center, Eagle’s Wings, Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County, Mid-East Regional Housing Authority, Vocational Rehabilitation and Washington Housing Authority, among others.

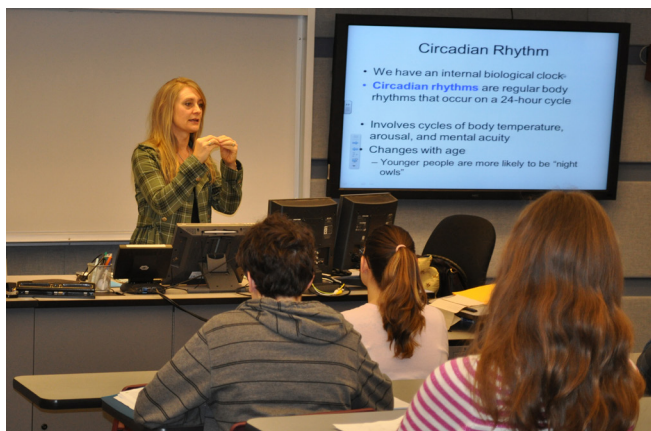
“These are agencies or organizations that help lift barriers for those who may want to begin a college education but need help to do so. As a result, we have invited them to provide information that night,” said Grant Writer Sara Singleton, vice-chairman of the Open House.

For more information about the Open House, contact Sullivan at 252-940-6203 or by email at jayms@beaufortccc.edu.

Free Day, from Page 1

Barbara Tansey, BCCC president.

About two dozen classes in a variety of disciplines – allied health, arts and sciences, business and industry - are available for prospective students to attend. A complete list of classes and registration forms is available on the BCCC website at <http://www.beaufortccc.edu>.



Instructor Angela Robertson leads a discussion of Circadian Rhythms and how they affect human behavior in General Psychology, one of the classes available to prospective students on Free Day at BCCC.

Participants can register to attend as many of these classes during the day as they would like – the only requirement is that participants do not register for more than one class during the same time period and, out of respect for the instructor and other students, participants stay for the entire class.

Those who register by Thursday, Oct. 2, will receive a coupon for lunch in the College Grill.

To attend Free Day at BCCC, participants should follow these three steps:

- Click on the Free Day at BCCC icon on the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu and look over the schedule of classes to find a class of interest.
- Complete the registration form.
- Arrive at the registration desk at Building 1 on the BCCC campus

on Oct. 9 about 20 minutes before the first class to pick up a Free Day badge, a campus map and other information about the day. Participants can make an appointment for an academic advising, career planning, or financial aid session at that time.

For more information about Free Day at BCCC, visit the BCCC website or contact Betty Mitchell Gray, public relations coordinator, at 252-940-6387 or by email at bettyg@beaufortccc.edu or Daniel Wilson, director of Admissions, at 252-940-6233 or by email at danielw@beaufortccc.edu.



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School.

She earned a bachelor's degree in history with a teaching license from Meredith College in 2002 and a master's degree in public history from N.C. State University with a concentration in museum education techniques in 2010.

Smith has worked as a teacher for seven years, serving at Beaufort County Early College High School for three years.

She is a member to the N.C. Governor's Teachers Network and, in that role, is working to develop lesson plans for social studies teachers that will be released in May. Her area of expertise in that project is non-violence, civil rights and human rights.

At BCECHS, Smith is co-advisor of the Interact Club, a service club affiliated with the Washington Noon Rotary Club. Students in the club volunteer at the local animal shelter and conduct fund-raising activities for Eagle's Wings, Ruth's House and the American Heart Association.

Smith and her students are also active in National History Day competitions. As the state's top history day teacher, she developed a how-to guide on project and exhibit development which will be available nationwide next year for teachers participating in the National History Day competition.

She is the author of a book published in 2014 about the Civil Rights movement in Williamston, titled "The Williamston Freedom Movement: A North Carolina Town's Struggle for Civil Rights 1957-70."

Smith is a volunteer with the Historic Bath State Historic Site where she leads guided tours and conducts educational programs.

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"We actually incorporate the strategies in the classroom every day," Pake told WNCT "The teachers know what the college readiness skills look like. They meet with college instructors to align a curriculum that will help the students perform well."

Pake says students are being prepared as soon as they walk in the door.

"They make sure that the students write every day in class, they read non-fiction material, to make sure they can increase their vocabulary and be able to pick out main concepts," said Pake.

"I'm proud of our school but I think we always have room to improve so I think we should just keep striving to do better every year," said Andrews.

Beaufort County Schools superintendent Dr. Don Phipps says the district will look at how students are being prepared at the early college and implement similar approaches at other high schools. He says data like this is often used to help high schools that may struggle in an area that other schools exceed in.

Early college students in Beaufort County who took the test in March say their teachers had a lot to do with their success.

"Even though I was nervous when I saw the test, I realized it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be because all the teachers really helped me in getting ready for it," said Clingpeel.

Compared to last year, ACT scores meeting all four benchmarks plus writing at Beaufort County's early college are five times higher..

**ACT scores for
early college high
schools in eastern
North Carolina**

Beaufort County: 26.8%
Duplin County: 15.6%
Craven County: 10.3%
Bertie County: 8.7%
Lenoir County: 6.5%
Greene County: <5%
Edgecombe County: <5%

Source: WNCT

BCCC's Travel/Study group is heading to Belize in 2015

The Travel/Study Group at Beaufort County Community College is planning a trip to Belize in 2015 with the tentative dates for the trip set for May 26 to June 1. To defray the cost of the trip, the group will hold several fundraising events.



For its first fundraising activity the group is selling attractions coupon books. The books contain more than \$3,000 in savings for businesses in Washington, Greenville, Kinston and New Bern. They are valid now and do not expire until December 2015.

You may purchase books online at <https://www.attractionsbook.com/ezpay/code/>. Enter beaufortccc as the EZPAY code in order for our group to get funding from your purchase. You can also buy the books from Instructor Suzanne Stotesbury or from any member of the travel group.

Student participants must be 18 years old or older, have a 2.5 grade point average or better and be enrolled in International Cultural Exploration for the Summer 2015 Term.

For more information, contact Suzanne at 252-940-6339 or at suzannes@beaufortccc.edu.



BCCC College Night set for Wednesday, Oct. 22

Beaufort County Community College's annual College Night is set for Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room of Building 10 on the BCCC campus.

College Night is an excellent opportunity for high school students and others in the community interested in attending BCCC to learn more about opportunities available at the college, according to Daniel Wilson, BCCC admissions and recruitment director.

It is also a good chance for BCCC college transfer students to meet with representatives from four-year colleges and universities to discuss admission requirements and programs available on their campuses, Wilson said.

"Students interested in attending BCCC or transferring from BCCC to another college or university do not want to miss this event," Wilson said. "As well as visiting with representatives of BCCC, attendees will be able to meet one-on-one with representatives from over 40 institutions from North Carolina."

Admission is free of charge and is open to anyone in eastern North Carolina thinking about starting or returning to college.

Representatives from several area community colleges and most public and private four-year schools across the state have been invited to attend. Among them are Barton College, Beaufort County Community College, Belmont Abbey College, Campbell University, Cape Fear Community College, Catawba College, Chowan University, the College Foundation of North Carolina, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Elon University, Fayetteville State University, Johnson and Wales University, Liberty University, Living Arts College, Livingstone College, Louisburg College, Meredith College, Methodist University, Mid-Atlantic Christian University, Miller-Motte College, Mount Olive College, Nashville Auto Diesel College, N.C. A&T University, N.C. Central University, N.C. State University, N.C. Wesleyan College, William Peace University, Pfeiffer College, Pitt Community College, Saint Augustine's College, Salem College, Shaw University, The Arts Institutes, Wake Forest University, Western Carolina University, Winston Salem State University and representatives from the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Pembroke and Wilmington, among others.

For more information, contact Wilson in the Admissions Office in Building 9 on the BCCC campus, call 252-940-6233 or visit BCCC's website at www.beaufortccc.edu



Upcoming Events

October 2 – BCCC Open House, 6 to 9 P.M., campus-wide.

October 3 – Student/Faculty Vacation.

October 3 – Student Services meeting, 8:30 A.M., Room 928, Building 9.

October 7 – Professional Development - Tech Tools, noon, Emergent Technology Lab, Building 5.

October 7 – Gamma Beta Phi, noon, Room 1220, Building 12.

October 7 – Men of Success, noon, Room 112, Building 1.

October 7 – Faculty Senate Executive Council, noon, Conference Room, Building 12.

October 7 – BCCC Board of Trustees, 5 P.M. consecutive committee meetings; dinner at 6:30 P.M., board meets at 7 P.M., Board Room, Building 10.

October 9 – BCCC Foundation Board of Directors, 11 A.M., Board Room, Building 10.

October 9 – Free Day at BCCC.

October 9 – Veteran on Campus Service Representative, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., for information or an appointment, contact Sandra McFadden at 940-6353.

October 10 – Student Services meeting, 8:30 A.M., Room 928, Building 9.

October 13 – Allied Health Information Session on Medical Lab Technology Degree, 5:30 P.M., Room 1217, Building 12.

October 14 – One Day at BCCC photography event.

October 14 – Men of Success, noon, Room 112, Building 1.

October 14 – Professional Development - Using Prezi in Instruction, noon, Emergent Technology Lab, Building 5.

October 16 – SGA-sponsored Blood Drive, Multi-purpose Room, Building 10.

October 17 – Student Services meeting, 8:30 A.M., Room 928, Building 9.

October 18 – BCCC Foundation trip to see *Phantom of the Opera*.

October 20 – Allied Health Information Session on Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs, noon, Room 1217, Building 12.

October 21 – Professional Development - Using Digital Content to Improve Online Courses, noon, Emergent Technology Lab.

October 21 – Men of Success, noon, Room 112, Building 1.

October 22 – BCCC Update, 2:30 P.M., auditorium, Building 8.

October 22 – College Night, 6:30 to 8 P.M., Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10.

October 24 – Student Services meeting, 8:30 A.M., Room 928, Building 9.

October 27 – Spring 2015 registration for graduating and returning students begins.

October 28-November 7 – Spring Registration for new and returning students.

October 28 – New student orientation.

October 30 – Celebrate Halloween with the SGA.

Please e-mail your announcements to Betty Gray no later than the 15th of the month in order to list your event in the next edition of *Campus Connections*. For instant news updates, check out the BCCC News Blog at <http://bcccnewsblog.blogspot.com> or the BCCC page on Facebook.

