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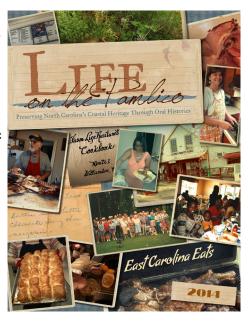
to eat oysters but he does appreciate their importance to eastern North Carolina.

That's why Alligood, along with fellow students Sharon Equils and Rebecca Hudson, chose to write about oysters in the 2014 edition of Life on the Pamlico, BCCC's annual, online cultural history magazine.

The magazine is a project of BCCC's Cultural Studies class under the direction of English Instructor Suzanne Stotesbury with accompanying videos provided by Academic Support Center Director James Casey.

"When you think about eastern North Carolina, you think about oysters," Alligood said. "Just like barbecue, oysters provide the background for social gatherings and harvesting oysters is a way of life for many people in the region."





Pictured above is the cover of the 2014 edition of Life on the Pamlico. Pictured at left, students Rebecca Hudson, Sharon Equils and Rhett Alligood put the finishing touches on their article about oysters for the magazine.

For their article, Alligood, Equils and Hudson visited the Garden Spot oyster bar in Plymouth and talked with area oystermen.

Oysters are one of the traditional eastern North Carolina foods featured in this year's edition of Life on the Pamlico, recently published on the BCCC website. The magazine also includes articles about wild game, barbecue and pick pickin's. Students also tapped

their family and friends to provide detailed recipes for molasses, cheese biscuits, bread pudding, glazed ham, deviled eggs, chicken and pastry and other eastern

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Golden LEAF Grant received for new program

Beaufort County Community College has received a \$97,075 grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation to support the creation and implementation of the college's new Agribusiness Technology Program.

The grant will be used to pay for renovations to a building on the BCCC campus that will house the program, laboratory equipment, safety equipment and computers and will provide one year of salary and benefits for new Lead Instructor, William "Billy" Askew. Ongoing salary and

program expenses will be covered by state reimbursement and tuition and fees. "BCCC appreciates this grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation and is grateful for the economic benefits it will provide our four-county service area," said

President Barbara Tansey. "The students within our service area will benefit from the job training offered by the Agribusiness Technology Program and businesses will benefit from having trained workers."

Golden LEAF

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Instructor Billy Askew leads BCCC's first Agribusiness Technology class - in sustainable agriculture - on opening day of the fall semester.

BCCC's Agribusiness Technology Program prepares graduates for jobs in agriculture such as equipment, feed and agricultural supply sales, store management, farm operations and office management of agricultural products marketing firms.

Students in the program will complete course work in two years for an associate in applied science degree in agribusiness technology if taken full-time. Part-time students will be able to complete the curriculum in a format that fits their schedule.

The Agribusiness Technology Program will also offer a certificate option that will give students the chance to take 12 hours of courses they may directly need for a specific job.

"The outlook for the program is great, thanks to this grant," said Instructor Billy Askew. "We've been in contact with businesses in the area and received nothing but full support and excitement about the possibility of having trained employees."

In addition, once the program is established, the Division of Continuing Education will be able to provide specific, short-

term training as needed for local agribusiness workers and businesses through occupational extension classes and customized training.

"Golden LEAF is proud to support agribusiness, North Carolina's number one industry," said Dan Gerlach, Golden LEAF president. "This program will provide a region that relies heavily on agriculture and its related businesses with the knowledge and skills needed to help further growth and opportunity."

The Golden LEAF Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1999 to help transform North Carolina's economy. The foundation receives one-half of North Carolina's funds from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with cigarette manufacturers and places special emphasis on helping tobacco-dependent, economically distressed and/or rural communities across the state.

The Golden LEAF Foundation works in partnership with governmental entities, educational institutions, economic development organizations and nonprofits to achieve its mission. The foundation has awarded 1,275 grants totaling more than \$561 million since its inception.

For more information about BCCC's Agribusiness Technology Program, contact Askew at 252-940-6304 or at billya@beaufortccc.edu. Information about the program is also available on the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

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ancaster heads SGA for 2014-15 Academic Year

Jackson Lancaster, a student in the Business Administration Program at Beaufort County Community College, will serve as

President of the Beaufort County Community College Student Government Association for the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

Lancaster will be joined by Jordan B. Pooser, vice president; Lakita Artis, secretary; Lalether Bryant Shepard, treasurer; Isaac Thomas Coltrain, parliamentarian; Elizabeth Cobb, historian, and Theresa Scudder, special populations chairman.

Pooser is pursuing an associate in science degree; Artis, Medical Office Administration and Basic Medical Office; Shepard, college transfer and Human Services Technology; Coltrain, Computer Information Technology; Cobb, general education, and Scudder, Human Services Technology.

Lancaster, 19, of Washington, is a 2014 graduate of the Beaufort County Early College High School, Lancaster holds an associate in arts degree from BCCC and returned to the college to complete his business degree. He is a licensed realtor with Coldwell Banker Coastal Rivers Realty.

At BCCC, Lancaster is a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and a college Ambassador. After graduating from

Pictured above are SGA officers, front row, left to right, Jordan Pooser, vice president; Jackson Lancaster, president; Lakita Artis, secretary; back row, left to right, Isaac Coltrain, parliamentarian; Elizabeth Cobb, historian, Theresa Scudder, special populations chairman, and Theresa Edwards, advisor.

BCCC he plans to continue his education while building a successful career in real estate. Lancaster is the son of Terry and Louann Lancaster of Washington.

In his role as SGA president, Lancaster will serve as an ex-officio member of the BCCC Board of Trustees.

"I have big hopes for this upcoming school year," he said. "I hope the students, faculty and staff can join forces and create a dedicated, encouraging and enjoyable community college experience for all.

"Our college grows more and more every year so I cannot wait to see how we will grow in the 2014-2015 Academic Year," he said.

Redecorating the college café is one of the first Student Government Association projects for the new school year, Lancaster said.

The Student Government Association at BCCC provides an organized avenue of student involvement in the college. The SGA implements and plans activities that provide students with social and service projects that interest them.

For more information about the SGA, contact Theresa Edwards, student activities coordinator, at 940-6217 or visit the SGA office in Building 9.

College Grill re-opens with new menu

BCCC's College Grill has re-opened after a summer hiatus with a new menu that includes new items at new prices as



features daily specials and end of the month bargains. And if you're in a hurry, you can call ahead at 940-6220.

Pictured, far left, instructors Donna Dunn, Jay Anders and Cynthia King enjoy a quick bite at the grill.

Pictured, near left, grill owner Ann Hill displays a pan of hot cheese biscuits, a perinial grill favorite.

The College Grill is open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday in the upper level of Building 5.

Candidate Education Forum set; questions sought

Do you want to know where candidates for political office stand on teacher tenure, school vouchers, public school and college funding? If so, a forum for candidates would be a good time to ask them and find out their top priorities for education.

To that end, the Beaufort County Schools and Beaufort County Community College have joined together to present an Education Forum for state and local candidates for political office at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the Performing Arts Center Washington High School.

"This forum will be an excellent chance for members of the public as well as those with an interest in education to hear from our candidates for political office on their views of education issues that will affect Beaufort County and the state in the years to come," said Penny Sermons, one of the event coordinators and BCCC Learning Resources and Distance Learning director.

Candidates for the N.C. Senate and House of Representatives have been invited to attend as well as Beaufort County Board of Commissioners candidates.

A non-partisan committee will review the questions before the event. Moderator David Jordan will give each candidate 90 seconds to answer each question. Following the question-and-answer session the candidates will present closing statements.

For more information about the event or to submit a question, contact Sermons at pennys@beaufortccc.edu.

GED Assessment Day draws record numbers



The annual high school equivalency Assessment Day at Beaufort County Community College drew a record number of attendees on Wednesday, Aug. 20, with over 78 people from BCCC's service area attending the event. "I am so proud of each individual who made the effort to open the door to a better future," said Penelope Radcliffe, assessment retention specialist and event coordinator. "I am very appreciative to those businesses and community partners who provided support for this." The Assessment Day is designed to give those who attend the opportunity to gauge their readiness to test to earn their high school equivalency degree and provide information about Basic Skills classes at BCCC that will help them with remedial work to prepare for the exam. Pictured left, Vice President of Continuing Education Stacey Gerard and Beaufort County Literacy Volunteers Coordinator Jane Weaver prepare to welcome attendees to Assessment Day. For more information about Basic Skills classes at BCCC or the high school equivalency exam, contact Basic Skills Director Tony Taylor at 252-940-6298 or Radcliffe at 940-6325.

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North Carolina favorites.

"Food is a defining quality in the southeastern part of the United States," Stotesbury said. "Traditions, family and food all go hand-in-hand in eastern North Carolina."

Students in Stotesbury's class spent Spring 2014 Semester learning research and interviewing skills. They contributed stories of local cultural interest to the magazine by incorporating multiple interviews and article-writing methods learned over the course of the semester, according to Stotesbury.

And in the process, the students and their instructor also enjoyed their research, she said.

"By focusing on food for the 2014 edition, we had the best time," Stotesbury said. "All we did was talk about food, look at food and taste food and we learned a lot of things we hadn't known before."

The 2014 edition of *Life on the Pamlico* includes an expanded selection of videos, edited by Casey, that were first incorporated into the publication last year.

Viewers can watch cheese biscuits, collards, molasses, pound cake and shrimp and grits being made as well as a discussion of the proper way to barbecue a pig by Charles Baker of Washington's Boss Hog's restaurant.

To read the 2014 edition of *Life on the Pamlico*, visit ciranceast.beaufortccc.edu/BCCC/lifeonpamlico.htm. From there, readers can link to the videos that accompany the magazine.

BCCC provides training P & G Manufacturing

Four employees of P & G Manufacturing's Washington plant recently completed Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification coordinated by Business and Industry Services at Beaufort County Community College and East Carolina University.



Topics covered throughout the course included processes for improvement, process mapping and value stream mapping, control systems, theory of constraints and basic statistical tools, among other topics.

Six Sigma is a set of techniques and strategies for improving manufacturing processes developed by Motorola in 1985.

The students from P & G Manufacturing developed projects that not only saved P & G Manufacturing about \$275,000 a year but also eliminated steps in the manufacturing process.

"This is just the beginning," said Plant Manager David Overby. "These four students can go back and teach their fellow workers. They're using Green Belt methodologies to save time and

money. I'm excited about it going forward."

The training

is part of a three-year project funded by a Customized Training Program Grant that was designed, by BCCC's Business and Industry Services, to help the company improve the skills of their workers and increase its workforce. Other training will include supervisory training, blueprint reading and safety training, among other classes

Continuing Education

Those receiving certificates and their instructors are pictured, back row, left to right, David Overby, students Ross Barrow, Bernard Cox and Wendy Cooper, Instructor Merwan Mehta; front row, left to right, Instructor Janet Sanders, BCCC Customized Training Director Lauren Dudley and Greg Gardner.

For more information about services offered by BCCC's Business and Industry Services, contact Dudley at 252-940-6311 or Lentz Stowe, director, at 252-940-6306.

We're looking for a few, good instructors Do you have a hobby or a profession that you would love to share?



The Division of Continuing Education is looking for a variety of paid, part-time instructors to teach personal interest courses aimed at providing opportunities for participants to learn new skills, discover new hobbies and meet new people.

Instructors are wanted to teach Adobe Photoshop, crochet, digital photography, dog obedience training, drawing, floor covering and tile installation, flower arranging,

French conversation, guitar, introduction to investing, I-Pad and I-Phone operations, minor home repair, painting, pet grooming, piano, pottery, quilting, self defense, stained glass design, stock market basics, table setting and etiquette, using Google apps, watercolors and more.

The qualifications are enthusiasm and knowledge in the subject, the ability to help in developing course content, excellent interpersonal skills and availability on evenings and/or Saturdays.



If you are interested in teaching one of these courses or have an idea for a course, contact Clay Carter, director of Community Services, at 252-940-6357 or email clayc@beaufortccc.edu.

21st Annual Golf Tournament set for Sept. 26

Registration is under way for the 21st annual Beaufort County Community College Foundation Golf Tournament to be held Friday, Sept. 26, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club.

The largest single annual fundraising event for the college, the tournament typically raises about \$10,000 for scholarships to help eligible students with the cost of tuition and books and other programs supported by the BCCC Foundation.

PotashCorp - Aurora is the primary sponsor of the tournament, held each year to raise money for scholarships to BCCC.

Co-sponsors of the tournament include Lee Chevrolet-Buick, First South Bank, CenturyLink, P & G Manufacturing, Inc., Tideland Electric Membership Corp. JKF Architecture, Carver Machine Works, Park Boat Co., Tri-County Telecom, Vidant Beaufort Hospital, VantageSouth Bank, Rod Cantrell, CFP®, Down East Tire and Service and Tayloe Hospital Pharmacy.

The tournament will be a four-person super ball format with teams pre-flighted based on each golfer's handicap. Tee time will be at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

The entry is fee \$80 per player and includes lunch, cart rental and greens fee.

Additional sponsorships are also available as follows: Hole Sponsor,

\$100; Book Scholarship Sponsor, \$500; Semester Scholarship Sponsor,

\$1,000; Academic Year Scholarship Sponsor, \$3,000.

Team prizes will be awarded by 18-hole score in each of three flights. Four prize packages for "closest to the pin" shots will also be awarded. Hole-in-one prizes sponsored by Lee Chevrolet-Buick and Park Boat Co.

will also be available.

Team and hole sponsorships are now being accepted as are registrations for teams and players. For more information or a registration form, contact Marcia Norwood at 252-940-6218 or Judy Jennette at 252-940-6326 or visit www.beaufortccc.edu.



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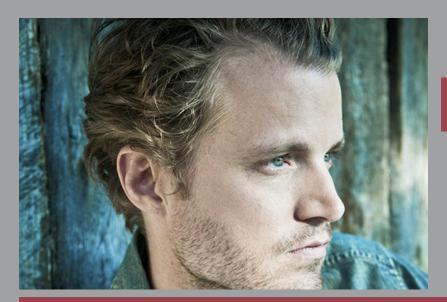
Signing up for the sign!



Support continues for BCCC's Digital Sign Project with more than \$50,548.32 in contributions - over 60 percent of the way to the goal - made towards the project. Woodmen of the World Lodge 623 made a donation in memory of former lodge member Jack Clayton, at left. Clayton served as President of the Wood-

man of the World Lodge 623 and was active in the organization's activities before his death earlier this vear. Members of the Beaufort County Farm Bureau's agency force, at left, recently contributed \$1,000 to the campaign. The fund drive will end in December.





Wil Seabrook

Join the BCCC Foundation for a Free Concert Noon, Thursday, September 18, Outside of Building 5! Refreshments provided by the SGA!

Alexio Kawara



Join the BCCC Foundation to see Dirty Dancing

Join the Beaufort County Community College Foundation, Saturday, Sept. 20, for a trip to Durham to see the stage production of Dirty Dancing, based on the popular movie, and enjoy a meal at Cary's five-star hotel.



The trip will also include time for exploring one of the Triangle's most popular food emporiums and time to shop at an area mall.

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, Sept. 12.

The price of the trip includes transportation to and from Durham, brunch and tickets for seats in the orchestra section for Dirty Dancing at the Durham Performing Arts Center in downtown Durham.

The trip will leave the parking lot at BCCC by 7:30 a.m. and travel to Cary for a buffet brunch at Herons restaurant, located at The Umstead Hotel. After brunch, the group will travel to Chapel Hill to visit A Southern Season.

After visiting the store, travelers will have time to relax at University Mall before attending a matinee performance of Dirty Dancing. Based on the popular movie, the stage performance tells the story of Baby and Johnny who come together for what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives. The musical features hit songs such as "Hungry Eyes," and the heart-stopping "(I've Had) The Time of My Life."

After the performance, participants will depart Durham for the trip home and enjoy light refreshments on the bus. For more information, or to register, 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 or the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



You Fit in Here! Come Have a Look at Open House!

Beaufort County Community College is rolling out the red carpet for the community on Thursday, Oct.

2, when residents throughout the service area are invited to an Open House from 6 to 9 p.m.

It will be the first time the entire campus will be on display for such an event.

Attendees will have the chance to participate in hands-on activities and demonstrations that will highlight curriculum and continuing education programs offered by BCCC.

For more information about the Open House or to volunteer, contact Vice President of Research and Institutional Effectiveness Jay Sullivan at jayms@beaufortccc.edu.

Free Day at BCCC returns

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.

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



Opportunity worth long ride for MECHS students Quenton Gibbs' school day begins with an hour-long ride from his home in Engelhard to the Mattamuskeet Schools



Mattamuskeet Early College High School Principal M.D. Coleman III greets Travis Fletcher arriving for the first day of class at Beaufort County Community College.

campus. There, he catches a second bus to travel another hour to Beaufort County Community College.

In the afternoon, he makes the return journey.

It's a daunting four-hour trip that Gibbs said he is happy to make in order to have the chance to attend college classes that will prepare him to transfer to a four-year college or university or pursue a career.

"It's difficult to do but I'll do it because this is a good opportunity," he said. "A lot of students before me didn't have this advantage."

Gibbs is a high school senior but beginning his first year as a student in Mattamuskeet Early College High School, or MECHS.

He is one of 47 Hyde County students who have chosen to enroll in MECHS – the largest early college high school enrollment from Hyde County since the school opened in 2008.

They started their new academic year on Friday, Aug. 15. Student Matthew Eakes, also of Engelhard, agreed that the drive to the college campus is a challenge but added that most of the county's residents are used to driving great distances.

Eakes is in his fourth year at the school and will likely graduate lacking only a few credits for an associate's degree in business administration. After that, he hopes to pursue a bachelor's

> degree at a four-year college or university.

Like other early college high school students at BCCC, MECHS students take high school and tuition-free community college courses and have the chance to graduate in five years with a high school diploma and an associate's

MECHS students Queshon Chance, left, and Quenton Gibbs attend orientation on the first day of class for the Fall Semester 2014. Gibbs rides a bus four hours a day to attend classes at BCCC.

MECHS student Austin Spencer attends an Agribusiness Technology class.

degree in the field of their choice. They can then either head into the work force with jobrelated skills or transfer to a four-year college.

MECHS students travel to the BCCC campus only on days they have classes at the college. While at BCCC, the students have their own space in which to gather, do homework and meet with their fellow students. They also have access to the college library, café and other services available to students at the college.

"The fact that they are willing to make this effort shows their determination," said Steve Jones, high school liaison and an instructor. "Enrollment in the college has grown, despite the distance, as Hyde County residents realize the value and opportunity available to MECHS students who may have thought they could not pursue or afford a college education."

Senior Tyshona Barber agreed with Jones' assessment. She has been making the trip since she was in the 10th grade. Once she graduates, she plans to attend a culinary arts or performing arts college.

"I enrolled in the school because I think it's the best way to go to help me graduate from high school and bring up my (grade point average) so I can continue my studies," she said.

Unlike some of his peers, fifth-year senior Austin Spencer, said the drive hasn't been much of a challenge.

"It's not hard," he said. "You get on the bus. You go to your classes and you get back on the bus and go back to school." Spencer's travel to school is less of a challenge this year. He is enrolled in BCCC's new Agribusiness Technology Program and can drive from his home in Swan Quarter directly to his college classes.

Student Services' salute to "BCCC's Best" resumes

The recognition program that salutes "BCCC's Best" will resume this month, after a summer hiatus, when students with the character trait "Committed" will be recognized in a ceremony on Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the Student Lounge in Building 9.

Begun in January, the program, "BCCC's Best," is a project of the Department of Student Services and its goal is to recognize students for their achievements beyond academics.

Each month for the remainder of the calendar year, "BCCC's Best" will highlight a character trait found in students.

Any faculty or staff member is eligible to nominate a student who displays that character trait with a short description of how that student has exemplified that character trait in the classroom or in other ways on the BCCC campus.

Student Services will email the students who have been nominated and on the last Tuesday of each month, those students will have the chance to attend a ceremony where they will be recognized and receive a certificate that bears the description of how they have earned the nomination.

For one month, their photographs and names will be displayed on video monitors across campus.

Nominations should be submitted to Director of Counseling Kimberly Jackson at kimberlyj@beaufortccc.edu. The character traits and deadlines for submission are as follows:

September – Committed – Someone who perseveres in school or in life with the ultimate goal of being successful in mind despite adversity; nomination deadline, Sept. 23; recognition, Sept. 30.

October – Dependable – Someone who is able to be counted on for various things, whether inside of class or outside of school; nonimation deadline, Oct. 21; recognition, Oct. 28.

November – Inquisitive – Someone who demonstrates a natural desire to learn and seeks information for their own benefit; nomination deadline, Nov. 18; recognition, Nov. 25.

December – Involved – Someone who works to be an involved student in the classroom or someone who takes part in clubs and organizations on campus or the community, nomination deadline, Dec. 9; recognition, Dec. 16.

For more information about "BCCC's Best," contact Jackson or Vice President of Student Services Rick Anderson at ricka@beaufortccc.edu or by telephone at 940-6217.

Upcoming Events

September 1 – Labor Day Holiday.

September 2 - Minority Male Mentoring Group, noon, location TBA.

September 2 – Gamma Beta Phi, noon, Room 1220, Building 12.

September 9 – Minority Male Mentoring Group, noon, location TBA.

September 11 - SGA 9/11 Remembrance.

September 15 – BCANS Kick-Off Luncheon, noon, Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10. All nursing and pre-nursing students are invited. RSVP to Sherry Glover at 940-6265.

September 16 – Minority Male Mentoring Group, noon, location TBA.

September 17 - Board of Trustees Fall Retreat, 8:30 A.M. breakfast; 9 A.M. meeting, Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10.

September 17 – Student Support Services/TRIO Annual Community Resources Day, 9 A.M., Student Lounge, Building 9.

September 18 - Rock for Human Rights, noon, outside Building 5.

September 20 – BCCC Foundation trip to see *Dirty Dancing* at the Durham Performing Arts Center.

September 23 – SGA meeting, noon, Student Lounge.

September 23 – Minority Male Mentoring Group, noon, location TBA.

September 23 - Deadline for submitting candidate questions for the Education Forum. Email questions to Penny Sermons at pennys@beaufortccc.edu.

September 26 – BCCC Foundation Golf Tournament sponsored by PotashCorp Aurora, registration and lunch begins at 11:30 A.M.; Play starts at 1 P.M., Washington Yacht and Country Club.

September 30 – BCCC's Best Recognition Ceremony - Character Trait, "Committed," noon, Student Lounge, Building 9. September 30 – Minority Male Mentoring Group, noon, location TBA.

September 30 - Education Forum for Candidates, 7 P.M., Washington High School.

October 2 - BCCC Open House, 6 to 9 p.m., campus-wide.

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.

Students, faculty and staff 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 Facebook Page.