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BCCC receives Duke Energy grant

Beaufort County Community College has received a \$141,029 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation that will be used to buy equipment to establish an Industrial Maintenance Program.

BCCC will begin accepting students in the fall into the six-month program that will be operated through the Division of Continuing Education.

Students will receive training in basic forklift operations, blueprint reading, wiring for electrical systems, hydraulics and pumps, plumbing, compressors and pneumatics and mechanical systems, among others. Students will also receive human resources development training and a Career Readiness Certificate.

Classes will be taught at the Beaufort County Skills Center on Page Road and the BCCC campus.

Those who complete the course will be certified as industrial maintenance mechanics and will be qualified to repair and maintain a variety of commercial and industrial machinery.

The median income for trained industrial maintenance mechanics is \$55,000 per year. Jobs in the field are expected to increase by 35.5 percent over the next 10 years in Beaufort and surrounding counties, particularly as current workers retire and their positions become vacant.

"As an important partner in the economic development of our region, Beaufort County Community College worked with local industries to develop this curriculum and I am delighted that Duke Energy has joined with us to provide equipment for this needed training for our work force," said BCCC President Barbara Tansey.

Bob Heuts, Beaufort County Economic Development director, said the need for this training was identified by the Business and Industry Innovation Council of the Beaufort County Committee of 100 as "a priority to accomplish in 2014."

"The college, as always, made it happen, Duke Energy supported it and Beaufort

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Millie Chalk, district manager for Duke Energy, at right, presents a check to BCCC President Barbara Tansey and Beaufort County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts. The money will be used to buy equipment for an Industrial Maintenance Program that will be housed at the Beaufort County Skills Center.

BCCC's Best cited for "trustworthy" character

Eighteen 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 displaying the character trait "trustworthy."

Those honored were Wendy Brown, Trina Cobb, Lucy Garcia, Marilyn Glaspie, Tammie Lawrence, Christopher Moore, Wayne O'Conney, Aaron Small, Amber Smith and Stephanie Williams of Washington; Alexandra Garrett, Ivey Robyn Ricks and Montana Selby of Bath; Jack Morris of Blounts Creek, Rebecca Gail Pinkham and Fatima Shamseldin of Pinetown, Amanda Phelps of Roper, and Erick Bate-man of Swan Quarter.

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 April is "Hard Worker." Nominations may be submitted to Kimberly Jackson, director of counseling by email at kimberlyj@beaufortccc.edu. For more information about "BCCC's Best," contact Anderson at ricka@beaufortccc.edu or by telephone at 940-6217.



Eighteen students were recognized as "BCCC's Best" and were cited for the character trait "trustworthy". Those attending the recognition ceremony were, front row, left to right, Alexandra Garrett, Stephanie Williams, Trina Cobb, Rebecca Gail Pinkham, Lucy Garcia and Tammie Lawrence; back row, left to right, Jack Morris, Christopher Moore, Ivey Robyn Ricks, Amber Smith and Marilyn Glaspie.

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County will benefit from having more skilled, certified technicians," he said.

This grant is part of Duke Energy's \$6.7 million investment in North Carolina's Community Colleges' focus on technical education and support of business and industry.

Since 2004, Duke Energy has awarded \$15 million in grants to 24 community colleges within the Duke Energy Carolinas service area. This new \$6.7 million investment also includes community colleges located in the Duke Energy Progress service area.

Individual community colleges can apply for funds through the Foundation for the Carolinas or NC Community Foundation. Applications are reviewed by a committee of representatives from Duke Energy, NC Community College System and NC Department of Commerce.

Duke Energy Foundation makes charitable investments on behalf of Duke Energy, the largest electric power holding company in the United States with 7.2 million customers in six states.

The foundation makes grants supporting the environment, economic development, education and community vitality. In North Carolina, Duke Energy Foundation invests \$16 million annually for community support and charitable contributions.

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Go to jail for high school equivalency at BCCC!

The Division of Continuing Education at Beaufort County Community College is seeking volunteers who are willing to either “go to jail” or “post bond” for someone to be sent to jail to fund a scholarship program for the high school equivalency exam.

As of January 2014, the cost of taking the exam more than tripled – rising to \$120 from \$35. Since that increase, only two people have taken the exam at BCCC, according to Penelope Radcliffe, Basic Skills Assessment Retention Specialist at the college.

Radcliffe says that the new price can be a burden for many people taking this exam, especially the unemployed or low-wage workers.

“Young people and those without jobs simply cannot afford the increased fees,” she said. “A high school diploma or high school equivalency is the doorway to a better life for many people in our service area so we want to do something to help raise funds to ease this financial burden.”

High school equivalency exams are typically taken by people who want to further their education and become eligible to take college courses.

Currently, BCCC offers the GED®, a registered trademark of the American Council on Education and the nation’s most recognizable high school equivalency exam.

To help provide scholarships for test-takers, Radcliffe and others in BCCC’s Basic Skills Program want to “send people to jail” for the morning and afternoon of Saturday, April 5, during BCCC’s spring festival, Gullfest, to be held on the college campus from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They plan to set up a jail area on the BCCC campus as part of the festival and fill it with willing “inmates” who will make telephone calls or send text messages to their friends asking for a contribution to the High School Equivalency Scholarship Fund.

For a \$5 contribution, an individual can choose someone in the community to send to an area designated as “jail.” A representative from the college may arrive on that person’s doorstep or telephone that morning to inform the individual that he or she has “been arrested” and either escort the individual to the jail area on the BCCC campus or ask him or her to report to jail on their own recognizance.

The “arrested” individual will then have two options – raise or contribute a \$50 “bond” and risk re-arrest or raise or contribute \$100 and get out of “jail” for the rest of the day.

Last year, 142 people obtained their high school equivalency through BCCC. Many of these were encouraged to do so before the price went up, Radcliffe said.

If you would like to have an individual arrested, please send a check for \$5 for each individual to be arrested no later than Tuesday, April 1, to the attention of Penelope Radcliffe, Beaufort County Community College, 5337 U.S. Highway 264 East, Washington, N.C. 27889. To volunteer to be arrested, contact Radcliffe by at 252-940-6325 or by email at peneloper@beaufortccc.edu.

BCCC offers students a free look at college life

A discussion of Beat Poet Allen Ginsberg’s work. The effects of circadian rhythms. The latest in welding technology.

These are a few of the classroom topics that will be available to potential students during Free Day at BCCC, set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, April 10.

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.

Twelve classes in a variety of disciplines – allied health, arts and sciences, business and industry - are available for prospective students to attend.

They are as follows: General Psychology, 8 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.; Salon IV, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Case Management, 9 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.; Entrepreneurship I, 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.; Health, Safety and Nutrition, 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; Argument Based Writing, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Mathematical Models, 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.; Urinalysis and Bodily Fluids, 11 a.m. to

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Pictured above, BCCC Trustee Cynthia Davis “goes to jail” to encourage others to support the high school equivalency fund-raiser while other trustees wait their turn to spend time “behind bars.”

Eighty students inducted into Gamma Beta Phi

Eighty students at Beaufort County Community College were inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society in a ceremony held recently at the college.

Those inducted were Cody Alligood, Rhett Alligood, Alexis Ange, Tamela Ayers, Kevin Baker, Kimberly Baker, Sherlynn Baker, Brandi Bartelt, Ashley Belote, Yulonda Blackledge, Georgina Bond, Eliza Bowen, Latrell Broughton, Tiquita Brown, Anthony Burton, Dean Cahoon, Michelle Carter, Irish Clemons, Sarah Clingenpeel, Eric Collier, Courtney Coltrain, Isaac Coltrain, Caren Cooper, Katelynn Cox, Will Cutler, Trent Davis, Jeremiah Donovan, Jeffrey Egerton, Sarah Gachuz, Llesenia Garcia, Caroline Gardner, Brittany Gomes, Michelle Hardison, Miranda Hollis, Benjamin Hudson, Malcolm Johnson, Sherri Johnson, Kimberlyn Jones, Miriam Lamb, Latosha Lane, Kecia Lenzy, Destiny Locke, Faith McKeever, Jessica Mooney, Dakota Morgan, Demeka Parker, Allison Perry, Tina Pilgreen, Gail Pinkham, Meg Poston, Jose Ramirez, Juan Ramirez, Elizabeth Rose, Dora Scherer, Montana Selby, Luciana Sharpe, Francino Shelton, Krista Silverthorne, Cameron Sparrow, Jonathan Stotesbury, Taylor Stubbs, Kelsey Taylor, Larita Tysor, Santos Villaneuva, Kaylee Wallace, Paige Wallace, Craig Ward, Alexandria Ward, Jennifer Waters, Mark Wells, Myrtle Wetherington, Aeryalle Williams, Elethia Williams, Morgan Williams, Dangie Williard, Sarah Wilson, Towanda Woolard Shelly Yoder and Amber Zeigler.

Amanda Phelps, vice president, welcomed members and their guests. The invocation was led by Erin Franz, treasurer. The Pledge of Membership was led by chapter President Lorri Moree.

The chapter recognized its advisors, Erica Schatz, Dean of BCCC's Allied Health Division, and Theresa Edwards, student activities coordinator.

This is the largest group of new members inducted into the honor society in recent years. In 2013, 56 new members chose to join Gamma Beta Phi and in 2012, 30.

With national headquarters in Oak Ridge, Tenn., Gamma Beta Phi is an honor and service organization. The chapter at BCCC was chartered in 1975 under the leadership of Betty Cochran, former BCCC Arts and Sciences Division chairman.

Membership is by invitation only. To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled, must have completed at least 12 semester hours of college work and must have a 3.3 grade point average, among other membership criteria.

A reception for new members and their guests followed the ceremony.



Pictured above, members of BCCC's Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society attending the induction ceremony pose for a group photo.

SSSL celebrates TRiO Day with donations

Students Striving to Success through Leadership, a club at Beaufort County Community College, celebrated National TRiO Day recently by donating a supply of toiletries and household items to a local charity.



"We would like to thank everyone on campus who contributed to the toiletries and household items drive," said Shaqueia Spencer, SSL president. The products were donated to Plante Street Group Home which houses adults with low to moderate developmental issues. Site Manger Rose Brown visited the BCCC campus to collect the items and thanked the club members for the donations.

TRiO Day is designated by the U.S. Congress to celebrate TRiO programs that help students with academic promise to overcome educational, financial and social challenges that can impede their graduation from college.

Manufacturing Open House is set for April 8

The latest in equipment and training for careers in advanced manufacturing will be on display to the public at Beaufort County Community College Tuesday, April 8, as part of Advanced Manufacturing Awareness Week.

The Open House is scheduled for 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Building 4 on the BCCC campus. It is free of charge to the public.



Following the Open House, attendees will have the chance to tour PAS, USA, Inc., a local industry, to see advanced manufacturing techniques at work on the factory floor.

The event will give participants the chance to learn about programs offering technical certificates, diplomas, and degrees, as well as educational pathways linking high schools, community colleges, and universities with the world of work, according to BCCC President Barbara Tansey.

“With shifts in the labor market and a greater emphasis on technical degrees, BCCC is collaborating with local manufacturers across the region to present this event,” Tansey said. “I hope that prospective students, economic development leaders and others interested in the new world of manufacturing will take the opportunity to learn how BCCC can prepare our area residents for some of the emerging careers in manufacturing.”

Other events during the week include tours by area middle and high school students of BCCC Industrial Technology programs, a career fair, Free Day at BCCC and tours by BCCC students of local industries.

Programs at BCCC have been updated to prepare students for these emerging careers thanks to a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration. The grant was awarded to 10 community colleges that formed the North Carolina Advanced Manufacturing Alliance.

As a member of that alliance, BCCC was awarded \$2.2 million over a three-year period that includes funding for equipment to upgrade its electrical, machining and welding programs, among others, to meet industry needs.

For more information about the Advanced Manufacturing Open House, interested persons may visit the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu or contact Darwin Richards, project coordinator for the N.C. Advanced Manufacturing Alliance, at 252-940-6239 or darwinr@beaufortccc.edu or Sara Singleton, grant writer and special projects coordinator, at 252-940-6271 or saras@beaufortccc.edu.

Nurse Aide II graduates recognized in ceremony

The Nurse Aide Program at Beaufort County Community College recently held a recognition event and open house in honor of six students completing their Nurse Aide II studies in Washington.

During the recognition ceremony each graduate was presented a certificate in honor of his or her completion of



the program. Family and friends filled the Nurse Aide Classroom in Building 12 on the BCCC campus for the ceremony along with by BCCC Trustee Mitchell St. Clair Sr., Vice President of Research and Institutional Effectiveness Jay Sullivan and Vice President of Continuing Education Chet Jarman. A reception followed the ceremony.

After being recognized with certificates of completion, the students presented a certificate of appreciation to Instructor Ann Davenport and briefly described what she had meant to them during the course.

During their studies, the students completed classroom work at BCCC and clinical training at River Trace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Washington.

Pictured, left to right, front row, are Instructor Ann Davenport, Nurse Aide II students Takea Fulford, Alli-

son Daniels and Nurse Aide Program Coordinator Sue Gurley; back row, left to right, students Joseph Whitney Jr., Paula Tackett, Sierra Weatherington and Amanda Grooms.

BCCC Foundation cutthroat croquet tourney set

Plan now to join the BCCC Foundation for the 11th Annual Cutthroat Croquet Tournament to be held Saturday, May 17, along the waterfront in Bath beginning at 9 a.m. with a buffet luncheon catered by Chef Paul Cyr to be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The tournament is an annual fund-raiser to continue the Dorothy and John Tankard Memorial Scholarship for a Bath or Belhaven student at Beaufort County Community College and for enhancing Historic Bath, to which the Tankards were dedicated.

For the fourth year, the tournament will have more playing time for those interested in less aggressive play. The first round of the tournament will be used to flight players into one of two flights - the Cutthroat Flight for more aggressive players or the Rapsallion Flight for those who enjoy more leisurely play. Each flight will offer booty for the top four finalists.

The tournament will be held in conjunction with Bath Fest, a day-long series of activities that will also include historic demonstrations, homes tours and a crafts show all within walking distance in Bath. As players complete their play, they may tour the entire area at no charge.

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The registration fee for the tournament is \$35 for each player. The fee includes at least two rounds

of croquet and lunch. Spectators may join participants for lunch for a fee of \$25.

All players must register beginning between 9 and 10 a.m. Play begins at 9:30 a.m. and as soon as groups of four have gathered.

For more information about the tournament, interested persons can contact Judy Jennette at 940-6326 or Marcia Norwood at 940-6218.



Planning under way for DPAC day trips

The BCCC Foundation is beginning to plan a series of day trips for the upcoming season at the Durham Performing Arts Center, which recently announced its 2014-2015 Suntrust Broadway Series.

And Foundation Director Judy Jennette wants to hear from you!

Based on early responses from past trip takers, five trips are being planned. However, to ensure enough seats for each show, she is seeking comments from potential travelers.

At least 30 orchestra seating tickets have already been placed on hold for each of the following: *Dirty Dancing*, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014; *Phantom of the Opera*, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014; *Motown*, Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015; *Kinky Boots*, Saturday, March 14, 2015, and *Newsies*, Saturday, June 6, 2015. Sign-up is currently under way for these shows.

The Foundation would also like to gauge interest in day trips for two additional productions - Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014, and *Annie*, Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014.

If you would be interested in a day trip to any of these performances, please contact Jennette at 940-6326 or by email at judyj@beaufortccc.edu so she can purchase enough tickets for the coming performance

season. These trips average \$180 per person which includes - transportation, lunch, theater ticket, snacks and beverages on the bus, and often dinner.



BCCC's new Gulls on the Run club organizes

The newest club at Beaufort County Community College, Gulls on the Run, has organized and begun planning events. The purpose of the club is to encourage students, staff and faculty of all fitness levels to run or walk together on or off-campus in a fun and non-threatening environment, according to Club Advisor Michelle Mayo.



Runners and walkers will have the chance to culminate nine weeks of training with a fun five kilometer race on Saturday, May 3, if they want to participate.

Those with Internet-compatible telephones can record their runs or walks with a Couch to 5K app endorsed by the club. In addition, each week, a list of group walks on campus is being made available to members.

Club officers have been elected and are pictured, far right, left to right, Jackson Lancaster, secretary; Lorri Moree, treasurer; Tiquita Brown, vice president; Michelle Mayo, advisor. Club President Montana Selby is pictured near right.



Bloodmobile visit a success!

Beaufort County Community College faculty, students and staff and members of the public helped the college collect almost 70 pints of blood during the spring visit of the American Red Cross Bloodmobile to the community college campus on March 11. The event was sponsored by the college's Student Government Association. "The SGA appreciates all those who helped make the spring Bloodmobile a success," said Theresa Edwards, student activities coordinator. Pictured at left, Catherine Spring of Belhaven, a cosmetology student at BCCC, gives blood.

BCCC students receive internet technology, computer certifications

Eleven Beaufort County Community College Information Technology students recently completed their course-work and received certification from TestOut Corp., a leader in online laboratories for colleges and internet technology professionals.



The students earned the TestOut Network Pro Certification and the TestOut PC Certification after completing 90-minute exams that consisted of a combination of questions and computer simulations relating to the computer networking and personal computer environments.

"The TestOut Certification is evidence of one's ability to perform real-world tasks using an IBM-compatible personal computer and the Windows operating system and common networking hardware," said Wesley Shelton, Networking Basics Instructor. "BCCC is proud of these students for reaching this milestone in their career preparation."

Pictured front row, left to right, displaying their certifications are, Christopher Downey, Brittany Cherry, Derek Clark and Tyler Jarman; second row, left to right, are Sytisha Tetteron, Elton

Wynn, Jayson Jones, Isaac Coltrain, Eric Collier and Paul Galland. Jesse Powers is not pictured.

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12:30 p.m.; Electrical Machines II, noon to 2:20 p.m.; The Nature of America, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.; Routing Basics, 2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m., and Automated Welding and Cutting, various times from 8 a.m. to 4:50 p.m.

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, that they stay for the entire class.

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 April 10 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 940-6387 or by email at bettyg@beaufortccc.edu.



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

Upcoming Events

April 1 — Faculty Council meeting, noon, Conference Room, Building 12.

April 1 — Time to Graduate into the Workforce, noon, Auditorium, Building 8.

April 1 — Gamma Beta Phi, noon, Building 9, Room 928.

April 1 — Time to Graduate into the Workforce, 3 p.m., Auditorium, Building 8.

April 1 — BCCC Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m., Board Room, Building 10; dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Committees meet consecutively beginning at 5 p.m.

April 5 — Gullfest, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., campus grounds.

April 7 - 11 — Advanced Manufacturing Awareness Week, various locations, BCCC campus.

April 7 — Advanced Manufacturing Awareness Week Kick-off Dinner sponsored by PAS.

April 8 — Career Fair, Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10.

April 8 — Advanced Manufacturing Open House.

April 8 — Tour of PAS USA Inc. plant in Washington.

April 10 — Free Day at BCCC, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., various locations, BCCC campus.

April 11 — BCCC students tour idX plant in Washington.

April 8 — Faculty Senate Celebratory Luncheon, noon, East Lobby, Building 12.

April 11 — BCCC Retiree Luncheon, noon, Board Room, Building 10.

April 14 — Senior Nursing Social, noon, Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10.

April 15 — Graduate and Outstanding Student recognition, 3 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10.

April 17 — Senior Fair, Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10.

April 21 — Easter Holiday.

April 22-25 — Student and Faculty vacation.

April 28 — BCANS, noon, Room 1204, Building 12.

April 28 — BCCC's Best recognition, noon, Student Lounge, Building 9.

April 29 — BCCC Foundation Legacy Luncheon, noon, Multi-Purpose Room, Building 10.

To publicize an event, contact the public relations staff no later than the 15th of the month in order to list your event in the next edition of Campus Connections. E-mail your announcements to Betty Gray at bettyg@beaufortccc.edu.