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Cobb, Van Gyzen receive honors for service

Their peers recently recognized two Beaufort County Community College employees – Margie Cobb and Bryan Van Gyzen – for their service to the college.

Cobb, office manager for BCCC's Allied Health Division, was named Staff Member of the Year. Van Gyzen, lead instructor for the Automotive Systems Technology Program, was named Faculty Member of the Year.

Cobb came to BCCC in 1990 after working for Singer Furniture for two years. A BCCC alumnus, she earned an associate's degree in office administration in 1988.

A member of the BCCC Staff Association, Cobb has been active in organizing that group's fundraisers, scholarships and service projects. She has served as the staff association's president, vice president, secretary and treasurer during her BCCC career. She also served on the State Employees Credit Union Board of Trustees and was instrumental in bringing an ATM to BCCC's campus.

Cobb and her husband, David, have been married 43 years and have five children – four daughters and one son. Off campus, she enjoys cooking for family, friends and members of the community who are sick or shut-in. Last Thanksgiving, she and her family fed more than 75 people.

Cobb retired in May after almost 25 years with BCCC. She said she loves the people here, who are like a second family. She plans to do "absolutely nothing" this summer, she said, but does have a cruise planned with her sister in November.

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Van Gyzen began his career in automotive technology at Lee Chevrolet-Pontiac-Buick in Washington through a cooperative work experience program at Wayne Community College. He has additional experience at Paul Service Center and at Cox Chevrolet in Belhaven. Prior to joining the faculty at BCCC, he specialized in electrical and drivability automotive repair at Lee Chevrolet in Washington.

During his tenure at BCCC, Van Gyzen has taken a lead role in establishing a car club and in organizing the car show held during Gullfest, BCCC's spring festival at BCCC.

Van Gyzen and his wife, Cathy, a pharmacy technician at O'Neal's Drug Store in Belhaven, live in the Pungo Community of Beaufort County. They have four children, Susanna, Jacob, Conner and Breanna

In his spare time, he enjoys working on and cruising in his vintage vehicles. He also enjoys spending time with his family. Together they enjoy fishing, boating, swimming and most outdoor sports.



Bryan Van Gyzen was named 2015-2016 Faculty Member of the Year.



Margie Cobb received the 2014-2015 Staff Member of the Year honors.

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From BCCC to CEO: Greg Coltrain

With an Associate's in Business Administration under his belt, Pantego native Greg Coltrain had enrolled at East Carolina University to pursue a computer science degree when he was offered a job at TriCounty Telecom in Belhaven. Not quite 18 years later, he is now the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of the company.

"I went to ECU for a semester," Coltrain says, "but I interviewed for the job – a couple of interviews, actually – and then they wanted me to start full-time. I knew that I wanted to stay local, so it was a good opportunity."

TriCounty Telecom has provided telecom services in Eastern North Carolina for 60 years, but with the rapid advance of technology, the mid- to late-1990s was a time of transition, as the company added television and Internet service to its offerings. Coltrain was hired as the Information Systems Coordinator, tasked with building a proper network for the company's own computer system.

"Then they found out I had some experience with customer service as well," Coltrain adds.

In 2001 he was promoted to Customer Service Supervisor, in 2005 to Customer Service Manager, and in 2006 to Operations Manager. In 2011 he became the CEO, and he also serves as Executive Director of the TriCounty Foundation, which manages an endowment that serves the community by funding scholarships and supporting local fire and rescue services and hospitals.

Coltrain says his experience at BCCC built the foundation he needed for his career.

"I liked the smaller class sizes, where you have more connection to your teachers," he says. "The atmosphere and environment was one where people were eager to help; I didn't feel like I would get lost."

His relationship with BCCC has continued since he received his degree. Coltrain currently serves on the BCCC Foundation Board, and TriCounty funds scholarships for the



TriCounty Telecom CEO Greg Coltrain started with the company as an Information Systems Coordinator after earning an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from BCCC.

BCCC Foundation.

Other TriCounty employees have received training at BCCC as well; at one point half of the staff were Beaufort alumni. Continuing Education classes have also benefited Coltrain's customers, including training for mobile devices, online safety and security, and streaming video.

"Continuing Education is really important because things change so quickly in this business," he says.

Coltrain says he feels fortunate to have been able to find a job he enjoys in his home community. He and his wife, Tiffany, who attended BCCC's Cosmetology program, live in the Belhaven area with their children.

BCCC would like to recognize alumni who are making a positive contribution to their communities. To nominate a former BCCC graduate, contact Public Relations Coordinator Jules Norwood at Jules.Norwood@BeaufortCCC.edu.

Student Parking Guidelines

Student Parking Decals are required for anyone that parks at Beaufort County Community College. Students are allowed two parking decals and they are available free of charge.

To obtain your parking decal, visit the BCCC Police Department in Building 1 - Room 114. Be on the lookout for a schedule to be emailed out in the near future. You will be required to provide a current, student schedule bearing your student identification number and the vehicle registration card for the vehicle you will be driving to campus.

BCCC continues to have high enrollment with more students competing for paved parking spaces adjacent to their main classroom building.

BCCC has a total of 970 parking spaces including those restricted to handicapped, visitors, college owned vehicles, etc. BCCC encourages carpooling by students, faculty and staff as a way to save money and conserve natural resources.



Allied Health Division adds two new programs

Beaufort County Community College's Healthcare Division will offer two new programs – Phlebotomy and Registered Medical Assistant – for Fall 2015. Both programs will prepare students for successful careers and address workforce needs within the healthcare field.

“We were getting a lot of calls from people looking for these programs,” says Healthcare Programs Coordinator Sue Gurley. “We’re excited about both of these new offerings.”

Each program will have 10 spots available for classes starting this fall. The 120-hour Phlebotomy program will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from Aug. 18, 2015 to Jan. 14, 2016. The course will provide classroom and clinical training experiences necessary to prepare students to safely and properly collect and handle blood specimens for diagnostic testing.

“This is an excellent add-on credential for employability in the healthcare field,” Gurley says.

The one-year, 720-hour Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) program will begin Aug. 10, 2015; classes will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A comprehensive, two-part training program, it will prepare students for employment in settings such as clinics, home health agencies, physician's offices and healthcare insurance companies. Part 1 consists of classroom, computer-based and laboratory instructional time learning the basic clinical and administrative skills necessary to work as a Registered Medical Assistant in ambulatory patient care settings. Part 2 will entail clinical work with physicians and nurse practitioners.

A pre-requisite course, Exploring Healthcare Careers, is required before registration in the RMA program.

“We believe this is going to be the doctor's office employee of the future because they are multi-trained and multi-skilled,” says Gurley. “They can work in the front, the back and the lab. We will see RMAs working in home health, doctor's offices and clinics.”

Funding assistance for both of these programs may be available through NCWorks. Interested students must apply to the NCWorks office in their home county. Scholarships may also be available. Both programs include clinical experience and thus require a background check.

For more information, contact Sue Gurley at 252-940-6263 or Sue.Gurley@BeaufortCCC.edu, or visit <https://sites.google.com/site/conedbcc/>.



BCCC's Allied Health Division prepares tomorrow's medical professionals for successful careers in a fast-paced and changing industry.



Student Activities Director Theresa Edwards thanks Rick Gray for his donation of a pool table for the Student Activities Center in Building 9. Gray oversaw the installation of the table and then took a few shots on its brand new felt top.



A group of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders toured the campus of Beaufort County Community College on Wednesday, July 1 as part of a summer camp offered by the Beaufort County Police Activities League (PAL).

2015 BCCC Practical Nursing graduates pinned

Twenty-two graduates of Beaufort County Community College's Practical Nursing program received their nursing school pins on Wednesday, July 15, in a pinning ceremony, which is a traditional rite of passage for nursing school graduates across the country.

The ceremony was held at First United Methodist Church before an audience of college administrators, faculty and staff, as well as family and friends of the graduates.

In her faculty address, Aino Jackson, Practical Nursing Lead Instructor, encouraged the class members to continue to learn, to accept feedback, to ask questions and to utilize the resources around them.

"You can make a positive difference in the health-care field," she said.

In student comments, Charity Watson, class secretary, thanked the graduates' instructors, staff and family members for their support. She said she and the other students have become very close during the 11-month program.

"We have learned to depend on each other," she said. "We have learned that it's not just about the people you've known the longest, but those you meet who will go the distance with you."

Pinning ceremonies in their currently recognizable form began in 1893. The pin is awarded to the nurse to recognize the achievement of entering the profession and to signify a nursing school graduate's affiliation with a specific nursing school.

The graduates are now qualified to take the state licensure examination.

They are Vanessa Armstrong, Breona Sáde Batts, Gail Mundine Burton, Virjeania Clagon, Kristy Garrish Clayton, LaQuisha Trechelle Dills, Laura Ashley Dunbar, Alexandria Jennette Gibbs, Sayra Beth Hopkins, Alexis Rakia Knight, Belinda Matthews, Jessica Lynne Mooney, Tuwanda Outlaw, Demeka Vines Parker, Audrey Dawn Ramirez, Jillian Katin Rombold, Paige Leigh Wallace, Charity Davie Watson, David Whichard, Sarah Wilson, Whitney Brooke Woolard and Ashley Brooke Zurface.

The program's instructors presented three awards during the pinning ceremony. Sayra Hopkins received the Academic Performance Award; Belinda Matthews received the Clinical Performance Award; and Paige Leigh Wallace received the Leadership Award.

For more information about the Practical Nursing program at BCCC, contact Aino Jackson at 252-940-6395 or visit the BCCC website at www.BeaufortCCC.edu.



BCCC's 2015 Practical Nursing graduates received their pins in a ceremony at First United Methodist Church on July 15.



Practical Nursing Instructor Lee Anne Oliver pins graduate Belinda Grace Matthews, who was honored with the Clinical Performance Award.



Breona Sa'de Batts receives her pin from Instructor Lee Anne Oliver during the 2015 Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony.

23rd BCCC Foundation Golf Tournament is set

The 23rd annual Beaufort County Community College Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club.

The largest single annual fundraising event for the college, the tournament typically raises more than \$10,000 for scholarships and emergency grants supported by the BCCC Foundation.

The tournament will include raffles as well as prizes for Holes in One, Closest to the Pin, and more.

Team and hole sponsorships are now being accepted. For more information or a registration form, contact Marcia Norwood at 252-940-6218 or Serena Sullivan at 252-940-6326, or visit www.BeaufortCCC.edu.



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Sign of the times



The Beaufort County Community College Foundation is wrapping up its campaign to raise money to build an electronic sign along U.S. Highway 264 that will alert passers-by of the changing array of events and opportunities on our campus each day. The sign can also be used to warn drivers of hazardous weather and evacuation routes.

When built, the BCCC family believes that the sign will not only help us market the community college to potential students but also help us provide an important economic development tool for the county.

BCCC's Senior Staff, the BCCC Staff Association, the newly-formed BCCC Auto Club, and many local businesses have joined us in contributing to the campaign. Among the most recent sponsors to contribute are Bojangles/Tands and Hardee's/Boddie-Noell Enterprises.

Detailed specifications are currently being developed so that we can move forward with the bidding process and construction.

Inaugural BCCC Foundation Garden Tour

June 20, 2015



The Beaufort County Community College Foundation held its inaugural Garden Tour on June 20, 2015. Participants had the option of touring the 14 participating gardens in the Washington and Chocowinity area on their own or in BCCC's vans.

More than 75 people attended, and approximately \$1,400 was raised to support the Foundation's scholarships and emergency grants.

"We had loads of fun and an outpouring of community support," says Foundation Director Serena Sullivan.



BCCC students tell stories of life on the water

Creating a publication takes a lot of work. For the students at Beaufort County Community College, this takes at least a semester. However, that tenacity is about to pay off, as the 2015 edition of *Life on the Pamlico* has recently been published online.

Life on the Pamlico is a student-driven publication produced by the students of BCCC's Cultural Studies classes for decades. These stories capture local history and the unique cultural elements of Eastern North Carolina. For many years, the publication was printed and sold, but more recently it has moved to an online format.

This year's edition of *Life on the Pamlico* is focused on the culture of working on and enjoying the waterways of the East.

"We decided to focus on water because it is one of the essential elements of life and of our culture. Many of our students have grown up on and around the water," says Suzanne Stotesbury, editor of *Life on the Pamlico* and Cultural Studies Instructor at BCCC.

This year's edition features crabbers and fisherman, a ferryman, a sailboat racer, and many other profiles of people working on or near the Pamlico. Also this year, we've included history about pirates who visited our coast in years past and an extra special interview from 2001 that has never been published.

"The students worked diligently to ensure that we represent each of our subjects fairly," Stotesbury said. "However, much focus this year went into bringing in this unpublished story. Several students put in many hours outside of class to prepare this story for publication. Their diligence has resulted in a beautiful piece of both family and *Life on the Pamlico* history."

This type of diligence in the students is fostered within the class environment. The class focuses on many levels of research of the culture in the area. Students learn more about topics such as local urban legends, religion and history.

"This research answers many questions for our students. Many don't know who the mayor of their town is, or why pirates are such a popular sports mascot in this area," Stotesbury explained. "It's amazing how they take what they learn to expand their thinking about the area they live in."

One element of the class that has been added in more recent years is video. Publication designer James E. Casey spends time each semester teaching students how to effectively capture video of their interview subjects. "The additional time we spent working on composition and framing has really paid off in terms of the video quality that students produced. Video has now truly become an integral part of *Life on the Pamlico*," Casey said.



The Crab Ranch is a Bath landmark, and its owners talk about a life of crabbing in "Life on the Pamlico".



This year's edition of "Life on the Pamlico" includes histories of some of the pirates that visited North Carolina's coast in years past.

While it takes extra time to incorporate the video, the students report that they enjoy learning about multiple mediums for sharing their research. This enthusiasm has also captured readers.

"The added element of video has really made our readers happy," Stotesbury said. "We get many positive comments from members of the community about how much they enjoy it."

Life on the Pamlico is posted online at www.beaufortccc.edu/lotp, and all videos are available at www.youtube.com/lifeonthepamlico.

To learn more about the course and the written publication, contact Suzanne Stotesbury at (252) 940-6339 or Suzanne.Stotesbury@BeaufortCCC.edu.

For inquiries about video or to obtain a high-resolution, printable copy of Life of the Pamlico, contact James E. Casey at (252) 940-6338 or James.Casey@BeaufortCCC.edu.



Many commercial fishermen in Eastern North Carolina have spent their entire lives on the water. Some of their stories are compiled in "Life on the Pamlico", a publication produced by BCCC's Cultural Studies students.

Training tomorrow's first responders

BCCC's BLET and Fire academies for Fall 2015 are designed to provide the training our community's police officers and firefighters need to do their jobs in the most effective and safest ways possible.

Monday, Aug. 3 will be a busy evening on campus for these divisions, as each is holding an orientation session for students interested in these exciting and vital careers. The BLET orientation for Fall 2015 Night Academy will be held at 6 p.m. in Building 10, Room 32; while the orientation for Fall 2015 Fire Academy will be held at 7 p.m. in Building 8, Room 829.

For more information contact Larry Barnes, BLET Director, at 252-940-6228 or Larry.Barnes@BeaufortCCC.edu; or Johnny Williams, Director of Fire Training Programs, at 252-940-6363 or Johnny.Williams@BeaufortCCC.edu.



Travel with the BCCC Foundation to Italy!

The Beaufort County Community College Foundation and the Washington-Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a 10-day trip to Italy that will include some of the country's most beautiful and historic sites.

The fully-escorted tour, Reflections of Italy, is scheduled for April 25 to May 4, 2016 and is offered by Collette through New Trends in Travel, a local travel agency. A special presentation about the trip is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, in Building 10 on BCCC's campus. Those interested in attending the presentation are asked to reserve a place by contacting the Chamber office at 252-946-9168 or by email at rmckeithan@wbcchamber.com.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity to travel with Collette, a reputable company in the travel industry," says Robin McKeithan of the Chamber of Commerce. "This will be our third trip. Last spring 16 people traveled to Ireland and had a wonderful time, and we will be doing a domestic "Canyon Country" trip in October. We'd like to invite everyone to the informational meeting on Sept. 1 at BCCC – you are under no obligation to book the trip if you attend the meeting."



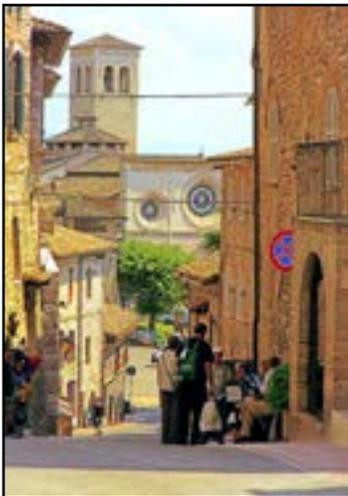
Florence, the "Cradle of the Italian Renaissance," is one of the stops on the BCCC Foundation's 2016 trip to Italy.

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The cost of the trip is \$4,759 per person based on double occupancy at hotels in Rome, Perugia, Florence, Venice and Milan. The package includes bus transportation to and from Raleigh-Durham International Airport; round-trip airfare, air taxes and fees; eight breakfasts, one lunch and five dinners during the trip; and hotel transfers.

A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of registration. The final payment will be due by Feb. 25, 2016. The recommended cancellation waiver and insurance is an additional \$260 per person. With the insurance, travelers may cancel for any reason up until the day of departure.

The itinerary includes an overnight flight, two nights at the Hotel Dei Borgia in Rome, one night at the Sangallo Palace Hotel in Perugia, two nights at the Starhotels Michelangelo in Florence, two nights at the Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal in Venice, and one night at the Crowne Plaza Milan in Malpensa.

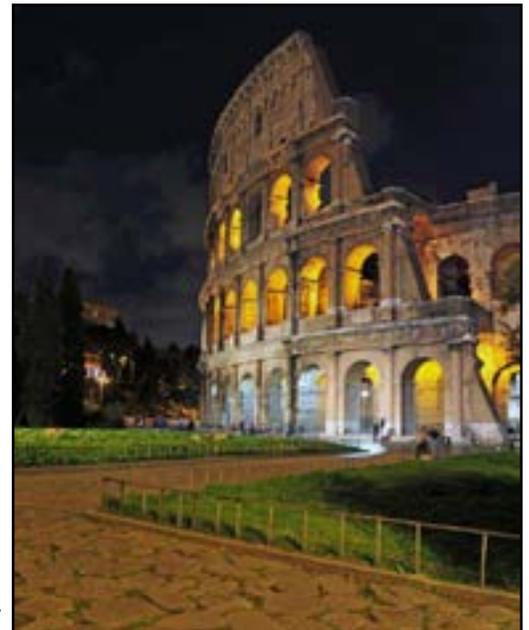


The itinerary includes a walking tour of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis.

Travelers will have the chance to tour Rome, "The Eternal City," including visits to the Piazza Venezia, the Arch of Constantine, the Piazza Navona and the Colosseum; visit Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis; see Tuscany's scenic hillsides; tour the Academy Gallery, home of Michelangelo's "David"; learn about winemaking; tour Venice by boat; and take in the sights of Milan.

Optional trip experiences available for additional charges include a tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica; a Tuscan feast; a tour of Rome by night; and a Venetian Serenaded Gondola cruise.

For a complete itinerary or a tour brochure contact Serena Sullivan, BCCC Foundation Director, at 252-940-6326 or by email at Serena.Sullivan@BeaufortCCC.edu; or Robin McKeithan at 252-946-9168 or rmckeithan@wbcchamber.com. The trip deposit may be made by check or credit card. Deposit checks should be made payable to Collette and sent to New Trends in Travel, Attn: Donna Burgin, 105 Thames Lane, Chocowinity, NC 27817. To pay by credit card, contact Burgin at 252-975-1304 or 252-945-7403.



Visit the Colosseum and other iconic structures of Rome.

BCCC boosts graduates' wages 40 percent

New research by the N.C. Community College System and the N.C. Department of Labor shows that Beaufort County Community College excels in providing education and job training that helps its students increase their salaries when they leave the college.

Students who attend BCCC can expect, on average, to see their salaries increase by 40 percent upon leaving the college as compared to when they began their studies.

According to the report, BCCC ranks second among the state's 58 community colleges – behind only Sandhills Community College – and first among community col-

leges in Northeastern North Carolina in the effect on wage earnings of those who attend the college.

The N.C. Association of Community College presidents voted in July to approve new performance measures that take into account the wage impact of each school.

"Beaufort County Community College is proud of the role it plays in the economic development of the region it serves and the positive role it plays in the wages and the futures of its students," says BCCC President Barbara Tansey. "This report is one more verification of that role."

The wage report is just the latest that

shows the importance of Beaufort County Community College to the region.

An earlier report by the N.C. Community College System and the N.C. Department of Labor indicates that 95 percent of BCCC's students are employed or enrolled in a four-year college or university within two years of graduation.

Another statewide study this year – by Economic Modeling Specialists International – showed that BCCC adds about \$99.5 million to the regional economy each year. It also found that BCCC's operational spending during the study year was about \$13 million in added regional income – equivalent to creating 497 jobs.

Community College Impact on Wages by Percent

Sandhills CC	41%	Nash CC	24%
Beaufort County CC	40%	Western Piedmont CC	24%
Richmond CC	39%	Wilkes CC	24%
Mayland CC	38%	Guilford TCC	23%
Gaston College	37%	Mitchell CC	23%
Central Piedmont CC	36%	Wilson CC	23%
Alamance CC	34%	Craven CC	22%
Pitt CC	34%	Robeson CC	22%
Central Carolina CC	33%	Tri-County CC	22%
Catawba Valley CC	31%	Johnston CC	21%
Durham TCC	31%	Vance-Granville CC	21%
Rockingham CC	31%	Halifax CC	20%
Rowan-Cabarrus CC	30%	Randolph CC	20%
Southeastern CC	29%	Coastal Carolina CC	19%
Southwestern CC	29%	Fayetteville TCC	19%
McDowell TCC	28%	Isothermal CC	19%
South Piedmont CC	28%	College of the Albemarle	18%
Wake TCC	28%	Sampson CC	18%
Asheville-Buncombe TCC	27%	Stanly CC	17%
Caldwell CC and TI	27%	Wayne CC	17%
Cape Fear CC	27%	Brunswick CC	16%
Haywood CC	27%	Cleveland CC	16%
James Sprunt CC	26%	Blue Ridge CC	15%
Montgomery CC	26%	Surry CC	15%
Carteret CC	25%	Lenoir CC	11%
Davidson County CC	25%	Piedmont CC	10%
Forsyth TCC	25%	Martin CC	8%
Bladen CC	24%	Pamlico CC	4%
Edgecombe CC	24%	Roanoke Chowan CC	4%

BCCC Nursing alumnus recognized by hospital

For the third year running, a Beaufort County Community College alumnus has been recognized by Vidant Beaufort Hospital for nursing excellence throughout the year.

Melissa Swain, who earned her Associate Degree Nursing at BCCC in 2003, has worked at Vidant Beaufort Hospital ever since, and is the 2015 recipient of the Juanita Jackson Award for Nursing Excellence. The award is presented by the hospital's nursing management team each May as part of National Nurses Week. The two previous winners, Debbie Deal and Donna Deans, are also alumni of the college.

"In the past 11-plus years, Melissa has continuously proven herself to be one of the most dependable, energetic, compassionate nurses that Vidant Beaufort has ever employed," reads Swain's nomination for the award. *Melissa Swain is the third straight BCCC alumnus to receive Vidant's Beaufort's Juanita Jackson Award for Nursing Excellence.* She was also recognized for her friendliness, compassion and work ethic.

Swain says she and her husband, who grew up in Belhaven, lived all over the place before returning to Beaufort County. They now live in Bath.

"I like the small community, and recognizing people around town,"

she says. "It's an amazing outpouring when you have something going on."

While completing a degree in massage therapy through Lenoir Community College, Swain had an opportunity to spend time in BCCC's Allied Health Building, working on members of the faculty and staff. There had been some doctors and nurses in her family, so the medical field had always been in the back of her mind, she adds. That's when she decided to go for the nursing degree.

"I like being with people, and trying to help with their healing," she says. "I try to do some holistic things – the more



Melissa Swain is the third straight BCCC alumnus to receive Vidant's Beaufort's Juanita Jackson Award for Nursing Excellence.

good things you can do with people, the more they start to take care of themselves as well."

Swain, like Deal and Deans, says BCCC prepared her well for the challenges of a career in nursing. Working on the surgical floor, known as 2 East, she says she runs into others who attended BCCC or who are working to complete their clinicals.

"It's been a good floor," she says. "It ended up being just the right thing for me."

Her coworkers and management team feel the same way about her, which is clear from her nomination letter: "Not only does she exhibit a positive and engaged attitude, but she expects the same from her fellow staff. She has always been a team player for not only 2 East, but for all of Vidant Beaufort."



BCCC, Mount Olive partner to serve students

According to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, 15 percent of community college students who transfer lose nearly all of their credits in the process, costing them precious time and money. Another third lose a significant proportion of their credits.

In all, students who transfer from any kind of college or university to another lose an average of 13 credits when they do, and nearly 40 percent get no credit for the work they've already completed. That is exactly what a recent agreement between the University of Mount Olive (UMO) and Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) plans to guard against.

UMO and BCCC have reached a partnership agreement that will enhance and expand options for community college students. Through the partnership agreement, BCCC students who have earned an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree can transfer seamlessly into an array of programs at UMO.

In the partnership, the University of Mount Olive and Beaufort County Community College will enhance and expand the University of Mount Olive's participation as a signatory institution in the North Carolina Community College System Independent Colleges and Universities Universal General Education Transfer Component Agreement (UGETC). This agreement honors the transfer of Associate of Arts and Associate of Science graduates' programs of study. It also allows BCCC students to be eligible to apply for all state and federal financial aid.

To make it even easier, the Univer-

sity of Mount Olive will have an admission representative on site at BCCC with regular hours for advising students interested in transferring to UMO. UMO will provide current BCCC students and recent graduates guaranteed admission and acceptance of appropriate



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transfer hours, up to 64 credits from specified AAS programs with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. BCCC graduates will be eligible for consideration of the full range of academic programs at the University of Mount Olive locations.

"These programs benefit the student as well as both participating institutions. For the student, there is a significant cost savings." – Dr. Crystal Ange, BCCC VP of Academics

The partnership between UMO and BCCC is what Dr. Philip P. Kerstetter, president of the University of Mount Olive, says will create an excellent opportunity for community college students to continue their education and prepare them for the future.

The two schools have also partnered to offer a 4-year Agribusiness Degree.

"We had been researching and seeking out an agriculture program for several years due to interest and input from the public within our service area," says BCCC Vice President of Academics Crystal Ange. "Because of the importance of the agricultural industry in Eastern North Carolina, we wanted to do something that would help meet the needs of the community with regards to that industry."

The Agribusiness Degree partnership with University of Mount Olive is one of several such partnerships with 4-year universities, including East Carolina University, Norwich University, NC

Wesleyan, UNC Charlotte and UNC Greensboro. Degree programs range from education and nursing to industrial technology, criminal justice and business administration.

"These programs benefit the student as well as both participating institutions," Ange says. "For the student, there is a significant cost savings due to lower tuition as well as room and board. Once they have completed an Associate's Degree they have a leg up on getting into the 4-year system, since they have a demonstrated ability to complete an academic program. They can also take advantage of smaller class sizes and more one-on-one instruction."

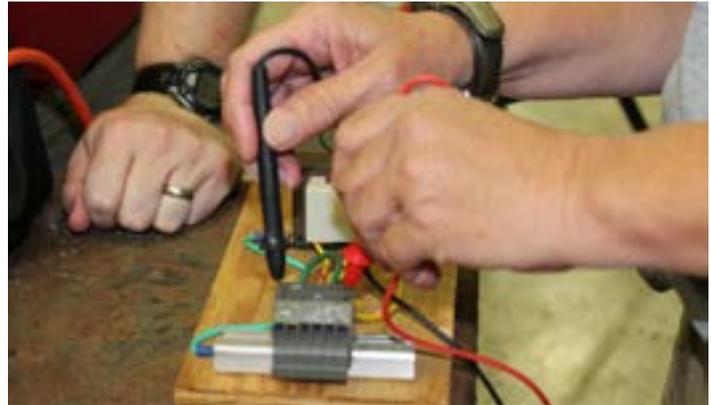
The University of Mount Olive is a private institution rooted in the liberal arts tradition with defining Christian values. The University, sponsored by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, has locations in Mount Olive, New Bern, Wilmington, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Research Triangle Park, Washington, Jacksonville, and in Smithfield at Johnston Community College.

BCCC awards first-ever NCCER credentials

Seven students at Beaufort County Community College have earned the Core Curriculum Credential from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) as part of a new program made possible by a grant from the Duke Energy Community Foundation.

The Industrial Maintenance Mechanic program began in January, and to date the students have earned the Forklift Training Certificate of Completion, the OSHA 10 card, Career Readiness Certification and the Core Credential. The final credential, to be completed in the coming weeks, is the NCCER Industrial Mechanic Credential – Level 1.

The Core Curriculum Credential certifies that an individual has completed the prerequisite training for any Level 1 credential offered through NCCER (such as the Industrial Maintenance Mechanic program). In this class, training is completed in modules, and the students are required to complete all eight, passing both a written and skills exam. Training modules included basic safety, introduction to construction math, introduction to power tools, introduction to hand tools, introduction to construction drawings, basic communication skills, basic employability skills, and introduction to material



handling.

Seven students earned the credential: Dallas Daniels, Jenean “DJ” Robinson, Jennis Crisp, Joey Jackson, Tyrice Johnson, Colton Dixon, and Randall Ballance.

Individuals interested in enrolling in the program for Fall 2015 are encouraged to contact Lou Stout, Director of Workforce Initiatives, at 252-940-6307 or Lou.Stout@Beaufort-CCC.edu.

Fall 2015 Program Spotlight

The Fall 2015 semester is upon us, and Beaufort County Community College has a wide range of Associate Degree, Diploma, Certificate and Developmental Education programs available. Now is the time to take the first step toward a better future. Here are just a few of the programs your community college has to offer.

For students interested in a four-year degree, BCCC’s College Transfer program is designed to provide instruction in the essential skills of oral and written communications, math concepts and critical thinking, as well as the humanities, arts, social sciences and natural sciences, preparing students to transfer to senior institutions as juniors. Enrolling at BCCC for the first two years of a four-year path can result in thousands of dollars in savings, both from lower tuition costs and a lower cost-of-living, greatly reducing the amount of debt accumulated during school.

The average annual cost of tuition and fees at universities in the UNC system is \$6,294, compared to only \$2,368 at BCCC. Tuition and fees at

private four-year institutions in North Carolina range from more than \$25,000 to almost \$50,000 per year. BCCC College Transfer students also benefit from a more personal classroom experience as well as experienced academic advisors to guide them through the process from placement to completion of their degrees.

For students interested in social services, there is an Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Human Services Technology. This concentration prepares students for employment with local, state and federal government social service agencies, including family and child assistance, youth services, aging and developmentally disabled programs in public and private settings.

The AAS in Early Childhood Education includes course work in child growth and development, physical and nutritional needs, care and guidance, and communication skills. Graduates are prepared to plan and implement developmentally appropriate early childhood and child development programs. This fall, BCCC is offering the N.C.

Early Childhood Administration credentialing courses, EDU 261 and 262, as mini-mester courses, allowing students to gain the credential in one semester.

BCCC’s Business and Industrial Technology division also has a variety of valuable programs. Certificate, Diploma and AAS programs in Construction Equipment Systems are designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to troubleshoot and repair equipment in the construction industry, preparing them to enter a career in one of society’s most fundamental fields.

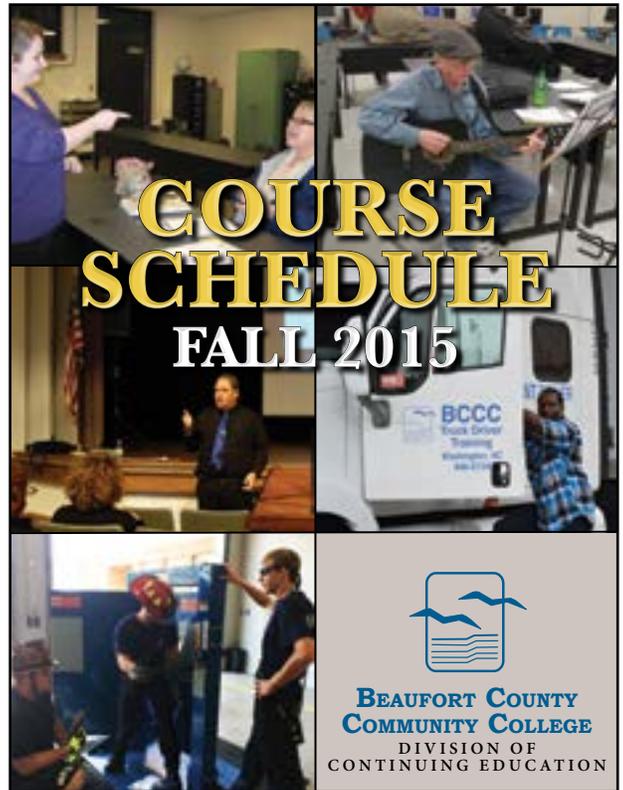
For those who want to work in an office setting, AAS programs in Office Administration and Medical Office Administration prepare students for administrative support careers, equipping office professionals to respond to the demands of today’s workplace.

Registration for the Fall 2015 Semester at BCCC is open, and financial aid is still available. For more information about enrolling at BCCC or to schedule a placement test, contact the Admissions Office at 940-6237.

Continuing Education Fall 2015 Catalog

Beaufort County Community College's Division of Continuing Education offers a variety of programs throughout the year to provide occupational training, adult education, and instruction in home and family education, leisure activities and cultural advancement.

The Fall 2015 Course Schedule is available at www.BeaufortCCC.edu/coned/contin.htm.



Upcoming Events

- Aug. 1 – New student orientation, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Building 10 Multi-Purpose Room**
- Aug. 4 – BCCC Board of Trustees Meeting – 4 p.m. Committees, 6 p.m. Board, Building 10 Board Room**
- Aug. 4 – First day of classes for Beaufort Early College High School**
- Aug. 5 – BCCC Foundation New Board Member Orientation, 11:30 a.m., Building 10**
- Aug. 7 – Last day to pay for Early Registered Classes**
- Aug. 12 – New student orientation, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Building 8**
- Aug. 17 – Last day to drop for 100% refund**
- Aug. 18 – First day of classes for Fall 2015 Semester**
- Aug. 18 – Student Government Association's Welcome Back Bash, 10 a.m., Buildings 1 & 9**
- Aug. 24 – ADN/PN Info Session, 1 p.m., Building 12, Room 1217**
- Aug. 25 – Student Government Association Meeting, 12:20 p.m., Building 9, Student Lounge**
- Sept. 1 – BCCC Foundation Trip to Italy Informational Meeting, 6 p.m., Building 10**
- Sept. 7 – Labor Day Holiday**

Students, faculty and staff - publicize your campus-based fundraisers and other events in this column monthly. Please e-mail your announcements to Jules Norwood no later than the 15th of the month in order to list your event in the next edition of Campus Connections.