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Emergency medical training offered

Beaufort County Community College is striving to fill the need for emergency medical services in the region by offering several courses that prepare first responders to help with medical emergencies.

These courses include paramedic courses that are still accepting enrollments to train first responders to be able to offer the most advanced care to those needing prompt medical attention.

The classes are offered through BCCC's Division of Continuing Education and are under the direction of Stephen E. Taylor, former Dare County Deputy Public Safety Director, who has extensive experience providing medical services to residents over a broad geographic region.



Steve Taylor, pictured above, heads BCCC's effort to train those who respond to medical emergencies throughout the college's service area. His office is in Building 8 and he can be reached at 252-940-6297.

"Beaufort County Community College is striving to help meet the health care needs of residents in our four-county service area," said Dr. Barbara Tansey, BCCC president. "The first-responders trained at BCCC play a vital role in providing up-to-date medical care for the region and will play an even more important role in the future."

Although the paramedic classes have already begun, students can still enroll through mid-December, Taylor said.

"Motivated students usually have little problem making up the missed work as most of the initial lessons are updated reviews of intermediate Emergency Medical Technician material, assuring that students have close to the same knowledge," Taylor said.

Employment of Emergency Medical Technicians, or EMTs, and paramedics is expected to grow by 33 percent from 2010 to 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations.

The median annual wage of EMTs and paramedics was \$30,360 in May 2010, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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BCCC Back-to-Work classes, info sessions set

Classes in a new Certified Production Technician program at Beaufort County Community College are scheduled to begin Monday, Jan. 27, college officials announced this week.

The classes are offered at no charge to unemployed and underemployed workers who qualify.

Information sessions about the upcoming classes are scheduled as follows:

- Washington - Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6 to 8 p.m., Auditorium, Building 8, BCCC campus;
- Columbia - Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1 to 3 p.m., Tyrrell Hall;
- Plymouth - Wednesday, Jan. 8, 5 to 7 p.m., Washington County Center for Human Services;
- Lake Landing - Thursday, Jan. 9, 4 to 6 p.m., Mattamuskeet School Cafeteria;
- Aurora - Monday, Jan. 13, 5 to 7 p.m., Snowden Elementary School.

Certified Production Technician coursework involves training recognized by the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council in four critical production areas - Safety, Quality and Continuous Improvement, Manufacturing Processes and Production and Maintenance Awareness.

As part of the program, students will also earn a Career Readiness Certification, a nationally-recognized credential that verifies to an employer a job applicant's skills in the areas of Reading for Information, Applied Math and Locating Information.

This training will give students training in the skills they need to qualify for front-line production work, according to Lou Stout, director of Occupational Extension at BCCC.

The Certified Production Technician program at BCCC is funded by a \$120,000 North Carolina Back-to-Work grant through the N.C. Community College System and the N.C. Department of Commerce.

To receive an application or for more information about the classes, contact Stout by telephone at 252-940-6307 or by email at lous@beaufortccc.edu.

Medical Training, from Page 1

BCCC will offer Emergency Medical Technician, or EMT, training 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 9 and ending May 15 for those who would like to learn essential skills needed to help in life-saving situations.

Intermediate EMT training will be offered 6 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Jan. 13 and ending May 14 for those who would like more advanced life-saving skills.

Paramedic courses are currently underway.

Many courses offered by BCCC allow students to complete a portion of their course work via the Internet.

"EMTs learn skills to help their communities and their neighbors not just in emergencies but every day," Taylor said.

For more information about the courses offered to provide training for medical emergencies, visit the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu/coned or contact Taylor by telephone at 252-940-6297 or by email at stevet@beaufortccc.edu.

BCCC Spring 2014 Career and Job Fair
Tuesday, April 8
 in conjunction with
N.C. Manufacturing Alliance Career Week.



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Commercial Truck Driving School starts Jan. 14

Registration is under way for those interested in enrolling in the Commercial Truck Driver Training Program at Beaufort County Community College.

Night and weekend classes will begin Tuesday, Jan. 14, and continue to Sunday, May 18, in the program that will train students to drive a tractor-trailer and help them obtain their Class-A Commercial Driver's License.

The program includes classroom instruction, driving range instruction and behind-the-wheel driving of a Class A combination vehicle. Students will gain experience driving during various hours of the day and night and will be road tested by BCCC's third party examiner.

The program is operated by the Division of Continuing Education at BCCC in cooperation with Pamlico Community College.

Class will be 6 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in Room 937 of Building 9 on the BCCC campus and will be offered via the N.C. Information Highway to students in Pamlico County provided there is sufficient enrollment to do so. Driving practice will be held 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays on the BCCC campus and will include off-road vehicle control skills and road trips.

Students will participate in Career Readiness Certification training. This course work will give students time to preview job openings in their chosen course of study, help them develop the skills they need to get a job in their chosen field and allow them to obtain the nationally recognized Career Readiness Certificate.

The cost of the program is \$250 including \$180 for the CDL class and three initial road tests, a \$40 fee for a random drug test and a \$30 Career Readiness Certification testing fee. Textbooks and other required materials are an additional \$116.75. The fee for an additional road test, if needed, is \$125.

A limited number of scholarships from the Golden LEAF Foundation may be available to students who qualify. Financial assistance through the Workforce Investment Act may also be available for those who qualify.

All students are required to have their Commercial Driving License permit, Department of Transportation health card and original drug test at the time of registration. Students will also be subjected to random drug screening throughout the course.

The program is also available to students who currently have their Class A Commercial Driver's License and need to update their training.

Students may register by calling (252) 940-6375 or in person in Building 8, room 802 on the BCCC campus. BCCC accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. Checks payable to Beaufort County Community College may be mailed to the attention of Eva Peartree, 5337 U.S. Highway 264 East, Washington, NC 27889.

The course will begin on the scheduled date and time pending sufficient student enrollment for the class. Otherwise, the course may be postponed or cancelled.



GBP Fall Charity Project provides toys to Young Lives

Beaufort County Community College students, faculty and staff contributed several boxes of toys to Young Lives as part of the fall service project sponsored by the BCCC chapter of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. Pictured at left, GBP officers and advisors Treasurer Erin Franz, Advisor Erica Schatz, Vice President Amanda Phelps and Co-Advisor Theresa Edwards present the toys to Young Lives Coordinator Sheila Tanner, second from right.

Join the BCCC Foundation to see *Once* at DPAC!

Join the Beaufort County Community College Foundation, Saturday, Jan. 25, for a trip to Durham to see the award-winning stage production of *Once* and enjoy a meal at an authentic Irish pub.

The trip will also include a tour of the Birds of Paradise Exhibit at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh and lunch at the Triangle's first gastropub.

The cost of the trip, open to all BCCC students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college, is \$180 per person. The registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 17.

The price of the trip includes transportation to and from Durham, two meals and tickets for seats in the balcony section for *Once* at the Durham Performing Arts Center in downtown Durham.



The trip will leave the parking lot at BCCC by 8 a.m. and

arrive at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. The exhibit tells the story of birds found only in New Guinea and Australia with fantastic plumes and bizarre courtship displays. While at the museum, the group will tour the Birds of Paradise: Amazing Avian Evolution exhibit and see a 3D movie at the museum.

After lunch, at the Oxford Pub in Raleigh, the group will travel to DPAC in Durham for a matinee performance of *Once*, winner of eight Tony Awards in 2012. Based on the movie by the same name, *Once* tells the story of a Dublin street musician who is about to give up his dream when a beautiful young



woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs.

After the performance, participants will travel to Cary for dinner at Doherty's Irish Pub and Restaurant. The tour is scheduled to return to Beaufort County around 9 p.m.

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 and Facebook page found by visiting www.beaufortccc.edu.

Signing up for the Sign!

Donations to the fund-raising campaign to build a digital sign on the campus of Beaufort County Community College are mounting up, according to Foundation Director Judy Jennette.

Foundation News



As of the Christmas break, the campaign had raised just over \$15,000 towards construction of the sign. This included a \$5,000 grant from the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, a \$5,000 contribution from P & G Welding, a \$1,000 contribution from Coca Cola Bottling of Washington and a \$1,000 contribution from the Beaufort County Community of 100.

The BCCC family has also been active in its support. The Staff Association has contributed \$100 and the Automobile Club donated the first \$100 of what it hopes will be a continuing fund-raising effort.

Over 16,000 cars and trucks pass by the BCCC campus each day and this sign will be an excellent addition to our efforts to keep the community informed about the many events that happen on the BCCC campus each day!

The sign, when built, will be positioned in front of the campus along U.S. Highway 264 and will be large enough to easily be seen from the road with a digital display to scroll information about campus events, star students, services offered, job fairs, registrations, new programs and even warnings during severe weather or other emergencies.

BCCC to unveil Microsoft IT Academy

Later this month, Beaufort County Community College will unveil its new Microsoft IT Academy that will offer students, faculty and staff the chance to be certified in several Microsoft disciplines.



Lead Computer Information Technology and Computer Programming Instructor Brian Miller prepares a display about BCCC's New Microsoft IT Academy.

BCCC will offer two types of certification – Microsoft Office Specialist and Microsoft Technology Associate.

Microsoft Office Specialist is the recognized standard for core Microsoft Office skills. It offers certifications in Microsoft programs such as Word, Excel and Access.

Microsoft Technology Associate is a credential for those considering a career in information technology. Certifications such as Networking, Windows Operating System and Web Developer are part of this credential.

The certification exams will be available free of charge to all students – in curriculum and continuing education classes – as well as faculty and staff.

Study materials to help test-takers prepare for an exam will be available via the Internet at no charge.

Microsoft IT Academy certifications will be offered in addition to classes at BCCC in comparable disciplines and will be optional for students, faculty and staff, according to Brian Miller, lead Computer Information Technology and Computer

Programming instructor at BCCC.

But obtaining a Microsoft IT Academy certification will help job-seekers and others document their abilities to potential or current employers, Miller said.

"A Microsoft Academy certification is a resumé builder," Miller said. "It gives those who have the certification an advantage over those who do not have it."

Computer-based study materials and proctored certification exams will be available at BCCC by Jan. 15, 2014.

For more information about the academy, contact Miller by telephone at 940-6308 or by email at brianm@beaufortccc.edu. Interest individuals may also visit the Microsoft IT Academy lab in Room 117 of Building 2.



Pictured previous page, Charlie and Radell Rasmussen, pictured right and second from right, present a check for \$5,000 to BCCC President Barbara Tansey and Foundation Director Judy Jennette.

Pictured at left, Henry Stancill, sales manager for Coca Cola Bottling of Washington, presents a check for \$1,000 to BCCC President Tansey and Jennette.

Pictured below, second from right, Dick Barber, president of the Beaufort County Committee of 100 and BCCC's Lentz Stowe, a Committee of 100 member, present a \$1,000 check to Dr. Tansey and Jennette.



Sign, from Page 4

Every donation counts! From those who donate a dollar to large businesses donating thousands of dollars, the BCCC Foundation wants this sign to be a true community effort.

Like all donations to the BCCC Foundation, your contribution is tax deductible and all cumulative donations over \$200 will be recognized on a permanent display on the campus.

For more information about the electronic sign or to make a donation, contact Foundation Director Judy Jennette at 252-940-6326 or by email at judyj@beaufortccc.edu.

Automobile Club donates to sign, participates in parades

The Automobile Club at Beaufort County Community College participated in several activities during December. Its members drove a replica of the General Lee from the Dukes of Hazzard in Christmas parades across Beaufort County to advertise the Automotive Technology Program at BCCC.

The club also made a donation to the BCCC Foundation Sign Campaign. Pictured right Automobile Club officers and



Automotive Technology faculty present a check to Foundation Director Judy Jennette. Pictured, left to right, are Charlie Keys, club treasurer, Instructor Richie Alligood, Jennette, Dexter Lewis, club president, Richard Manning, club vice president, and In-

structor Bryan Van Gyzen. Club Vice President Allen Cuthrell is not pictured.



Fletcher wins Career Center Resumé Contest

Dawn Fletcher, a Medical Office Administration student from Belhaven, won the BCCC Career Center's Resumé Completion Contest.

Under the contest rules, Fletcher wrote a resumé in BCCC's Career Center laboratory and submitted it before the deadline of Dec. 13.

Fletcher's resumé was chosen at random from all those submitted for the contest and she received a \$50 gift card from WalMart.

Pictured at left, Career Center Director Sandria McFadden, left, presents the gift card to Fletcher.

Two win SGA's "Making Tracks" Competition

Two Beaufort County Community College students were rewarded in December for their efforts at staying fit. Jeremiah Donovan, pictured at left with Student Activities Coordinator Theresa

Edwards, and Hollyanne Rogers, pictured below with Edwards, were presented WalMart gift cards.

During the Fall Semester, students, faculty and staff at BCCC were given the chance to earn a star for every 20 minutes of exercise they undertook.

The winners names were drawn from all those who



had stars.

Donovan had 283 stars and Rogers, 238.

Student Services program salutes “BCCC’s Best”

A new program that begins this month will recognize Beaufort County Community College students throughout the year for various positive character traits they display in class and on campus.

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, according to Vice President of Student Services Rick Anderson,

“Our top students who make all “A”s and Dean’s List are recognized each semester,” Anderson said. “But we have a lot of great students at Beaufort County Community College who do a lot of good things - that don’t show up on a grade sheet - but are worthy of being recognized.”

“We want to try to nurture a positive culture here and reward those things we see in our students,” he said.

“BCCC’s Best” begins this month and continues for eight months during Spring and Fall semesters in 2014.

Each month, “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 names will be displayed on video monitors across campus.

Nominations should be submitted to Director of Counseling Kimberly Jackson at kimberlyj@beaufortccc.edu no later than the third Monday of the month in which the character trait is to be recognized. The deadline for the January nominations is Monday, Jan. 21.

After surveying BCCC students, faculty and staff, the following characteristics were chosen for recognition during the months as indicated:

January – Motivated – Someone who is driven to be successful in class or life in general;

February – Respectful – Someone who shows respect to faculty, staff and fellow students at all times;

March – Trustworthy – Someone who demonstrates a commitment to uphold responsibilities placed on them by others;

April – Hard Worker – Someone who demonstrates a work ethic that will lead to success;

September – Committed – Someone who perseveres in school or in life with the ultimate goal of being successful in mind despite adversity;

October – Dependable – Someone who is able to be counted on for various things, whether inside of class or outside of school;

November – Inquisitive – Someone who demonstrates a natural desire to learn and seeks information for their own benefit;

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.

For more information about “BCCC’s Best,” contact Anderson at ricka@beaufortccc.edu or by telephone at 940-6217.



Canned food drive garners contributions to Zion Shelter Kitchen

The BCCC Staff Association’s canned food drive raised almost 2,000 canned foods and non-perishable items for the Zion Shelter and Kitchen as part of the association’s Christmas charity event.

The winner of the drive was Building 3 whose students, faculty and staff collected 523 items. Building 9 finished second with 330 items and Building 4, third, with 288 items.

Pictured at left, Michele Mayo, Office Administration and Medical Office Administration instructor, and Trina Cobb, a student in the program and SGA president, prepare to distribute the canned goods collected by MOA students to the shelter.

BCCC family mourns death of David Crosby

The Beaufort County Community College family returned to the college campus after the start of the new year mourning the loss of David Crosby, director of Public Safety Programs and Special Projects who died Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Crosby, 57, of Belhaven, was a native of Hudson, N.Y. He was son of the late Howard and Jane Lamb Crosby. On Aug. 31, 1980 he married the former Lucy Respass who survives. After graduating from Guilderland High School, Crosby attended Hudson Valley Community College and York College. He later earned a

master's degree from East Carolina University.

Crosby, of Belhaven, joined the BCCC staff in 1989 and was named Staff Member of the Year in 2007. He was also a finalist for the statewide honor.

In receiving the honor, he was cited for his work in beginning BCCC's Commercial Truck Driving Program, among other activities.

At BCCC, Crosby was responsible for coordinating continuing education programs at the college as they relate to law enforcement and corrections and other special projects. In 2013, he led the revival of College for Kids after a lapse of several years.

A native of Albany, N.Y., Crosby earned an associate's degree in recreation leadership from Hudson Valley Community College, a bachelor's degree in therapeutic recreation from York College of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in adult education from East Carolina University.

Before joining the BCCC staff, Crosby served as recreation director for the Town of Belhaven.

David Crosby driving the BCCC bus at the 2013 Washington Christmas Parade.

At BCCC, Crosby served on the Information Technology Committee and was its chairman for many years. Among other activities, he established online courses to be offered in the Division of Continuing Education beginning in March 1998 and established BCCC as a Microsoft Office Specialist-approved IQ Testing Center in 2000 and as a provider of Microsoft Certified Systems Engineering courses in 2001-2002. Most recently, he served on the Marketing and Recruiting Committee.

Crosby has been active in civic affairs since moving to eastern North Carolina. He served for 15 years as a member of the Belhaven Fourth of July Committee, for 13 years as chairman of the Tideland EMC Nominating Committee, four years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Belhaven Chamber of Commerce, including one year as president and three years as a councilman for the Town of Pantego, among other activities. In 1992, he was named Outstanding Public Educator of the Year for the Belhaven Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to his wife, Lucy, he is survived by his daughter, Danielle Lorene Crosby Wells and husband Jeremy and their daughter, Ella Sophia Wells; his sisters, Kathy Liska and husband Wayne of Schenectady, NY and June Costello and husband Jon of Clifton Park, NY; his brother, Paul Crosby and wife Stephanie of Albany, NY; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Daniel and Julia Respass of Belhaven, NC.



David Crosby, pictured at right, receiving Staff Member of Year in 2007 from then BCCC President David McLawhorn.

BCCC graduate takes post at Vidant Beaufort

Lou Montana-Rhodes, a graduate of Beaufort County Community College, has accepted the post of Vice President of Patient Care Services at Vidant Beaufort Hospital in Washington.

Alumni Note

A Beaufort County native, Rhodes has been in nursing since graduating from BCCC with an Associate Degree Nursing in 1998. At BCCC, Rhodes graduated with honors and was the recipient of the Nursing Leadership Award. In 2009, Rhodes earned a master's degree in nursing at East Carolina University.

Before accepting the post at Vidant Beaufort Hospital, she served in the same leadership role at Vidant Pungo Hospital beginning in 2004.

According to Harvey Case, president of Vidant Beaufort, Rhodes was instrumental in leading Vidant Pungo's quality efforts as the recipient of the Press Ganey-Guardian of Excellence Award for Clinical Quality in 2013.

"She has done an outstanding job at Vidant Pungo," Case said. "Lou has a passion for nursing and patient care as well as a tremendous work ethic. She has strong operational experience, having worked in a variety of health care settings including home health, emergency medicine and nursing leadership."



Small Business Center, Stowe cited for work

The Small Business Center at Beaufort County Community College and its Director, Lentz Stowe, were cited at a recent conference in Asheville for the boost a newly-opened business has given its community.

Stowe received the Business Success Story – Impact Award from the North Carolina Community College System Small Business Center Network for his work with Main Street Eatery, a restaurant that opened in Creswell earlier this year.

Through counseling and support provided by the BCCC Small Business Center, Sharon and Billy Maitland secured a building re-use grant and opened their restaurant employing 11 people in the eastern Washington County town.

“BCCC is proud of Lentz and our Small Business Center and the work it has done in helping local businesses open and thrive,” said college President Barbara Tansey. “The Small Business Center plays an important role in the economic development of the region and I am pleased that its work has been recognized by the network.”



Stowe, 52, a native of Washington, has served as Director of BCCC's Business and Industry Services since 2003. Stowe is a 1979 graduate of Washington High School and earned bachelor's degrees in business management and in economics from North Carolina State University in 1983. Before joining the BCCC staff, Stowe was employed as plant manager/director of operations for Cox Target Media/Donnelley Marketing. Stowe and his wife, Tricia, have two daughters, Hayley and Erin.

Business and Industry Services includes the Small Business Center, which provides counseling and workshops for prospective and current business owners, and the Customized Training Program, which offers workforce training opportunities to local industries operating or re-locating to the region.

For more information about BCCC's Business and Industry Services, including seminars for current and prospective business owners, contact Stowe at 252-940-6306 or by email at lentzs@beaufortccc.edu or Lauren Spruill, Customized Training coordinator, at 252-940-6311 or laurens@beaufortccc.edu. Information about upcoming workshops is available on the BCCC website at <http://www.beaufortccc.edu/coned/Small%20Business/workshops.htm>.

Upcoming Events

January 7 – Late Registration.

January 8 – Spring 2014 Semester begins.

January 13 – Allied Health Programs Information Session for Medical Lab Technology, 5:30 p.m., Room 1204/06, Building 12.

January 15 – Data-driven Decision Making and Personal Response Systems with Dr. Elizabeth Fines, noon, Room 1220, Building 12.

January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

January 21 – Deadline to submit nominations for “Motivated” character trait for BCCC’s Best recognition.

January 25 – BCCC Foundation trip to see the musical Once at the Durham Performing Arts Center.

January 27 – Allied Health Programs Information Session for Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs, noon, Room 1204/06, Building 12.

January 28 – N.C. Association of Community College Trustees, Board Room, Building 10.

January 28 – Student Government Association meeting, noon, Student Lounge, Building 9.

January 30 – Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 11 a.m., Foundation Board Room, Building 10.

February 3 – Allied Health Programs Information Session for Medical Lab Technology, 5:30 p.m., Room 1204/06, Building 12.

To publicize an event, contact Betty Gray, Public Relations coordinator at 940-6387 or bettyg@beaufortccc.edu.