

Beaufort County Community College

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BCCC is creating success!

Spring festival planned for April 5

Live bands, a car show, arts and crafts and an appearance by the actor who played Cooter on a popular television show are just some of the events scheduled for Gullfest, a spring festival planned for Beaufort County Community College from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., Saturday, April 5, on the BCCC campus.

Sponsored by the BCCC Student Government Association, Gullfest is a fund-raising event for the association and the dozen clubs and associations on the college campus. A portion of the proceeds from Gullfest will be donated to BCCC's Digital Sign Campaign.

Named for the BCCC mascot seagull, Gullfest is also intended to "enhance the connection between the college and the community it serves by inviting the public to visit the college campus," according to Student Activities Coordinator Theresa Edwards, chairman of the event.

The admission fee is \$1 per person with children

12 years old and younger admitted free of charge. The admission fee for children 12 years old and younger to Little Gulls' Zone, the children's area, is \$5 for one child, \$8 for two children and \$10 for three or more children per family.

As part of Gullfest, the BCCC Automotive Club is sponsoring a car show that will bring vintage and modern cars, trucks and motorcycles from throughout the Southeast along with Ben Jones, the actor who played Cooter Davenport on the television show *Dukes of Hazzard*. A disc jockey will have music for car show attendees.

Three local musical groups that will appeal to a variety of musical tastes are scheduled to perform from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They include K-OS (pronounced "chaos"), Lo-Lock and the Flatland Zingers

The Little Gulls' Zone, will feature a fossil dig sponsored by PotashCorp Aurora, two bouncing castles, home-made paper hats and several trucks, first responder vehicles, farm equipment and other vehicles to explore. Teen-agers and adults will enjoy a Paintball competition sponsored by the N.C. National Guard.

Gullfest attendees can enjoy a picnic from salads and sandwiches purchased from the College Grill, hot dogs purchased from Men of Success and popcorn, soft drinks and other snacks on sale by the Student Government Association.

BCCC student, faculty and staff groups are planning a variety of activities that will appeal to all age groups including a yard sale, cake walk, strategy games competition and more.

A variety of arts and crafts and other items for sale including woodworking, jewelry, herbs and kitchen supplies will be for sale to attendees.

For more information about Gullfest, including information about vendor spaces or sponsorship opportunities, contact Theresa Edwards, Gullfest chairman, at 252-940-6217.



Ben Jones, the actor who played Cooter on Dukes of Hazzard, is scheduled to attend Gullfest where he will sign autographs and pose for photos.

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Wilkinson is recipient of 2014 Academic Excellence Award

Vickie Wilkinson, who is studying to fulfill a life-long dream of a career in education, has been chosen to receive the 2014 Academic Excellence Award at BCCC.

Wilkinson, of Chocowinity, who will be graduating in May 2014, is pursuing an associate's degree in school age education and would love to fulfill her dream by one day working as a teacher's assistant in the local public schools.



Vickie Wilkinson, left, in the Early Childhood classroom with Lead Instructor Caroline Hardee, is the recipient of the 2014 Academic Excellence Award at BCCC.

A native of Raleigh, Wilkinson graduated from Enloe High School and entered the job market with intention of working one year and then pursuing a college degree with the goal of becoming a third grade teacher.

But after beginning a career in the health care field in medical records in the Child and Youth program at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, she found it difficult to go back to school.

"I always wanted to be a third grade teacher but it just never happened," she said. "I entered the workforce and it was hard to leave."

Wilkinson found success in her career – after more than 11 years at Dorothea Dix, she began work as a manager for a large medical record release of information service, ultimately attaining the position of Vice President of the Eastern Region, overseeing 500 hospitals and 1,200 employees.

Before coming to BCCC, Wilkinson worked as an administrative assistant for The Wesley Foundation of Greenville.

But she found she "really had a longing to go back to school" and, after volunteering in kindergarten classes at Chocowinity and Eastern Primary Schools, found her calling as a teacher's assistant.

"I am thrilled that I have gone back to school," Wilkinson said. "Initially, I was nervous that I wouldn't fit in, but I couldn't have come to a better place."

At BCCC, Wilkinson has served as a college Ambassador and is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society. In her spare time, she enjoys running half-marathons, bicycle riding, hiking and reading.

She has two children and is married to Scott Wilkinson, who recently retired from campus ministry at East Carolina University with the United Methodist Church.

The Academic Excellence Awards are offered annually to recognize and promote scholarships among the more than 750,000 students in the N.C. Community College System.

Nominations for the award are based on a grade point average of 3.5 or better and a student's involvement on campus and in the community. Instructors within their academic divisions nominate the students.

"Vickie Wilkinson is an excellent student inside and outside of the class," said Caroline Hardee, lead instructor in BCCC's Early Childhood Associate Program, who nominated Wilkinson for the award. "She has a special way for motivating her classroom peers to do their best and I can only imagine the impact she will have on young children. She will be a teacher that every child remembers."

Wilkinson will be recognized at the upcoming Graduate Recognition Ceremony to be held on the BCCC campus in April.

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Thirty students cited as “BCCC’s Best”

Thirty students at Beaufort County Community College were among the first two groups to be recognized as “BCCC’s Best” in ceremonies on the college campus this month.

Twelve students received commendations for their motivation. They are Travis Ambrose, Matthew Anderson, Tyler Campbell, Millie Ebron, James E. Jones and Francino Shelton of Washington; Trina Cobb and Lisa Whitley of Chocowinity; Daniel Garza and Nicholas McKey of Columbia; Savannah Equils of Swan Quarter, and Jesse King of Greenville.

Those recognized included students who drove great distances to attend class, overcame obstacles to complete their coursework or pursued additional studies beyond the classroom.

Eighteen students were recognized for being respectful. They are Divine Best, Trent Davis, Earl Hines, Corey McClain, James Porter, Brittany Scherer, and Kenyana Smith of Washington; Mary Lewter of Aurora; Carmilla Oden of Bath; Charles “Cam” Martin and Jordan Pooser of Blounts Creek; Wilbert Nobles of Chocowinity; Steven Mason and Brianne Voliva of Columbia; Serisa Moore of Grimesland; Martin Overholt



Twelve Beaufort County Community College students were recognized as “BCCC’s Best” and were cited for their motivation. Those attending the ceremony, pictured front row, left to right, were Millie Ebron, Daniel Garza, Savannah Equils, Trina Cobb and Lisa Whitley; back row, left to right, Jesse King, James W. Jones, Travis Ambrose and Francino Shelton. Matthew Anderson, Tyler Campbell and Nicholas McKey are not pictured.

of Pantego, and Trista Spencer of Swan Quarter.

Those students were honored for being respectful to their instructors and their peers and for being “a shining example of how we should all treat each other.”

During the ceremonies 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.

“BCCC’s Best” is a project of the Department of Student Services with the goal of recognizing students for their achievements beyond academics.

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

Any faculty or staff member may nominate a student who displays that character trait in the classroom or in



Eighteen BCCC students were recognized as BCCC’s Best and were cited for having the character trait “Respectful.” Those students attending the ceremony, pictured front row, left to right, were Brittany Scherer, Corey McClain, Trista Spencer, Kenyana Smith, Trent Davis and Mary Lewter; back row, left to right, Wilbert Nobles, James Porter, Lee Brame, Earl Hines, Jordan Pooser, Divine Best, Charles “Cam” Martin and Carmilla Oden.

other ways on the BCCC campus.

The character trait for March is “Trustworthy.” Nominations may be submitted to Kimberly Jackson, director of counseling by email at kimberlyj@beaufortccc.edu.

BCCC alum finds success with Cottage Junkies

When the Woolard girls opened their business, Cottage Junkies, a year and a half ago, Landis Woolard saw it as a way to pursue her interest in interior design.

Since then, Woolard says, she has used her associate's degree in business administration from Beaufort County Community College to help make her business successful.

"It's a great degree to have for most anyone for owning a business," Woolard said.

A native of Washington, Woolard attended the local public schools and graduated from Washington High School in 2001. She earned her associate's degree from BCCC in 2003.

Woolard comes from a family of well-known Washington businessmen and women. Her great-great-grandmother owned a tourist home in the historic district in Washington called the Wisteria Inn. Her maternal grandparents owned and operated Scott's Supermarket, a successful grocery store in Washington and she was raised on the Woolard family farm, Golden Leaf Farms.

Woolard's own business experience includes several years of work in customer service at Tayloe's Hospital Pharmacy in Washington.

With this background in business, Woolard had for many years dreamed of



Pictured above, Chamber Director Catherine Glover presents the Entrepreneur of the Year for 2013 award to BCCC graduate Landis Woolard and her mother, Tricia, a partner in the store. Tricia Woolard is Coordinator of Educational Media and Graphics Services at BCCC.

Alumni Profile

dreamed of

opening her own business. So in December 2012, along with her mother, Tricia, and sister, Brooke Woolard Newman, Landis Woolard opened the store at 103 N. Market St., the site of a former meat market.

Cottage Junkies specializes in antiques, painted and refurbished furniture, found objects and hand-made accessories for the home.

Cottage Junkies also works with local artists and carries locally-made

items like scarves, jewelry, towels, note cards, soaps and burlap pillows.

She and her family attend estate sales and auctions throughout the state to find unique items for the store.

At first, Woolard kept her full-time job with Hospital Pharmacy and operated Cottage Junkies part-time with her family's help but now operates the store full-time 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Woolard also believes in giving back to the community and is mentoring young people interested in design.

In recognition of her business success, Woolard was named Entrepreneur of the Year for 2013 by the Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's annual awards banquet last month.

Business and Industry's Stowe cited by Chamber

Director of Business and Industry Services Lentz Stowe was named Community Leader of the Year at the Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.



Chamber Director Catherine Glover referred to Lentz as "the consummate professional and a team player."

Stowe is active with the Beaufort County Economic Development Council and works to bring free workshops and seminars and counseling to prospective and current business owners.

He was cited earlier this year by the N.C. Community College System Small Business Center Network for his work with the owners of a new Creswell restaurant.

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.

Contributions to digital sign campaign continue

The Beaufort County Community College Foundation has received contributions and pledges totaling about \$27,000 towards its digital sign campaign.

Recent contributions to the campaign include a \$5,000 challenge gift from the Harriett H. Mish Estate and contributions of \$1,000 each from Rod Cantrell and First Citizens Bank.

Pictured, right, second from right, Mike Calfee, Senior Vice President, presents a check to BCCC President Barbara Tansey, left, from First Citizens Bank.

Pictured below, Dr. Tansey, right, thanks Bill Zachman, executor of the Mish estate, for the contribution.

Pictured, below right, second from right, Cantrell presents a check Dr. Tansey, right.

In all the photos, Foundation Director Judy Jennette



displays a rendering of the proposed sign by Architect John Farkas.

For more information about the digital sign campaign or to make a contribution, contact Jennette at 252-940-6326 or by email at judyj@beaufortccc.edu.

Foundation News



For the Birds

Participants in the BCCC Foundation's January trip attended an exhibit at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences along with a performance of the musical *Once* at the Durham Performing Arts Center. Pictured at left, some of the trip participants look at an exhibit about Birds of Paradise at the museum. They are, left to right, Catherine Partrick, Sally Scales, Margaret Peterson and Alice McClure.

BCCC salutes region's manufacturing April 7-11

The latest in equipment and training for careers in advanced manufacturing will be on display at Beaufort County Community College as part of a week-long schedule of activities Monday, April 7, through Friday, April 11 during N.C. Advanced Manufacturing Week.

The week will feature tours of BCCC manufacturing programs by middle and high school students, a Career Fair, an Open House and a day when prospective college students can attend a dozen classes for free.

The week 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,



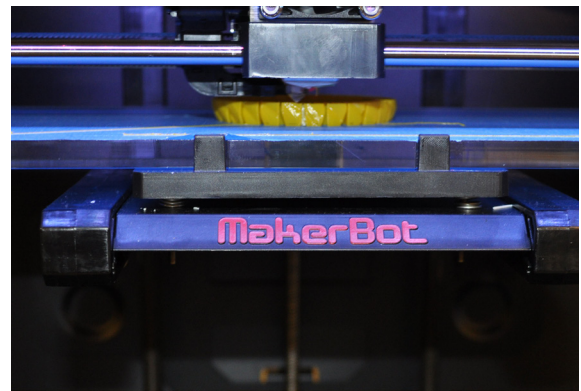
according to BCCC President Barbara Tansey.

"BCCC is collaborating with local manufacturers across the region to present this week-long series of events," Tansey said. "I hope that prospective students and others interested in the new world of manufacturing will take the opportunity to learn how BCCC can prepare them for some of the emerging ca-

reers in manufacturing."

The schedule of events at BCCC for Advanced Manufacturing Week is as follows:

- **Monday, April 7** — Tours by eighth grade students of BCCC Industrial Technology programs including Automotive, Electrical, Heavy Equipment and Transport Technology, Mechanical Engineering and Machining and Welding Technology programs.
— Advanced Manufacturing Week Kick-off Dinner sponsored by PAS, 6:30 P.M., Multi-purpose Room, Building 10.
- **Tuesday, April 8** — Career Fair, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., in the Multi-purpose Room of Building 10.
— Tours by area high school students of BCCC Industrial Technology programs including Automotive, Electrical, Heavy Equipment and Transport Technology, Mechanical Engineering and Machining and Welding Technology programs.
— Advanced Manufacturing Open House, 5 to 6:30 P.M.



A new three-dimensional printer, pictured above, will be on display to students and other campus visitors during Advanced Manufacturing Week at BCCC.



BCCC's Mechanical Engineering Technology Program will be one of those featured during Advanced Manufacturing Week at BCCC.

— Tour of PAS, 6:30 P.M..

- **Wednesday, April 9** — Continued tours by eighth grade students of BCCC Industrial Technology programs.
- **Thursday, April 10** — Free Day at BCCC, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., will give prospective students the chance to attend any or all of 12 classes free of charge as well as meet with admissions, career, counseling and financial aid representatives.
- **Friday, April 11** — Tour of iDX.

Programs at BCCC have been updated to prepare students for emerging manufacturing 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 up-to-date information about Advanced Manufacturing Week at BCCC, visit the BCCC website or contact Darwin Richards, project coordinator for the N.C. Advanced Manufacturing Alliance, at 252-940-6239 or by email at darwinr@beaufortccc.edu or Juanita Gardner, N.C. Advanced Manufacturing Alliance recruiter, at 252-6490 or by email at juanitag@beaufortccc.edu.

BCCC offers a free look at college life April 10

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

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

On Thursday, 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.

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

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

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



Advanced Manufacturing Week Events

A complete schedule of classes and a registration form are available on the BCCC website.

Participants can register to attend as many of these classes during the day as they would like – the only requirements are 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 one that interests you.
- Complete the registration form to let BCCC know what classes and sessions you would like to attend.
- 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, financial aid or session at that time.

For more information about Free Day, contact Betty Gray, public relations coordinator, at 940-6387 or by email at bettyg@beaufortccc.edu

Career Fair set for April 8

Beaufort County Community College students, graduates and job seekers will have the chance to talk with area employers at the annual BCCC Career Fair 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Tuesday, April 8, in the Multi-purpose Room of Building 10 on the BCCC campus.

The event is not only designed to bring business and industry leaders under one roof with job seekers but to provide career-related advice to those job-seekers.

It is sponsored by the BCCC Career Center with the assistance of Washington Young Professionals.

This year's Career Fair will have a new look that will give participants the chance to spend more time with potential employers in a relaxed environment, according to Sandria McFadden, Career Center director.

There will also be an area where attendees can get help preparing resumes, complete job applications and learn about programs available at BCCC that can help participants train for careers.

"After studying similar events in other regions of the state, we decided to re-invent the Career Fair to make it more meaningful to job-seekers and employers," McFadden said.

In 2013, some 300 job seekers attended and made contact with some 25 employers.

Attendance at the Career Fair is free and open to BCCC graduates, students and job seekers in BCCC's four-county service area of Beaufort, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell counties and others in eastern North Carolina.

Among the employers and agencies expected to participate in the fair are The Art Institutes, Care-o-World, Flanders Filters Inc., Maxim Healthcare Services, N.C. BioNetwork, N.C. Department of Correction and N.C. Wesleyan College, Spinrite Yarns, Suddenlink and Vidant Medical Center.

Visit the Career Center web page at www.beaufortccc.edu/stdserve/career/career.htm for an up-to-date list and a link to participating employers.

For more information about the upcoming Career Fair, interested persons can contact McFadden at 940-6353 or by email at SandyMcF@beaufortccc.edu.

Black History Month is celebrated at BCCC

ABC, or Avoid Bad Company, is one of the acronyms that East Carolina University Football Coach Ruffin McNeill has helped him succeed in life, McNeill told a crowd of about 60 people at a celebration of black history held on the Beaufort County Community College campus on Thursday, Feb. 27.

McNeill told the group that an individual's environment - the people around that individual - plays a significant role in success or failure.

"If the environment is right, everything else will fall into place," he said.

"Surround yourself with people who want you to be successful," he said. "A real friend will not get mad at you for your wanting to do right."



He told the group that mentors are very important in life.

"They're here to guide you," he said. "At 55 years old, I still have mentors."

He also praised the event's sponsoring organization, Men of Success, for their achievements on the BCCC campus.

"Y'all keep doing what



you're doing," he said.

The evening's theme, "Breaking Every Chain," was demonstrated visually in a dance by C.J., pictured above, left.

Students from Southside High School, pictured at right, performed readings from famous speeches throughout African-American history and led the group in singing.

Light refreshments were served following the ceremony.

For more photos of the Black History Month celebration, visit the BCCC Facebook page.



Salazar shares his story at event

Columbia, N.C., resident, Daniel Garza Salazar, a student at Beaufort County Community College knows what it takes to succeed.

A native of Durango, Mexico, Garza Salazar came to the United States, settling in Dare County with his parents when he was three years old and moved to Tyrrell County when he was seven.

While now enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, Garza Salazar said he can apply his experiences as an initially undocumented United States resident to the experiences of other minorities in the state and nation who have overcome great odds.

That's why Garza Salazar was chosen to be a featured speaker at BCCC's Black History Month Celebration.

He said overcoming the obstacles in his path has made him stronger.

"Every obstacle in your path is, in fact, a stepping stone that can lead you to a more successful future," he told the group.

Garza Salazar said that although the theme of the celebration, Breaking Every Chain, refers to the chains of slavery, he will discuss the metaphorical side of breaking the chain.

Garza Salazar, 18, entered Columbia Early College High School in the ninth grade and at the end of this semester, will be the first student to successfully complete the fifth year. In his early years in the school, Garza Salazar and his fellow students attended class in Columbia via the Internet and through videoconferences but recently, Garza Salazar, has traveled from his home in Columbia to the community college two days a week.

For his efforts, Garza Salazar was recently cited as one of "BCCC's Best," being noted, in particular, for his motivation.

Garza Salazar credits his mother for inspiring him to work hard and overcome barriers in his path.

Garza Salazar is scheduled to graduate from high school this year and continue his studies at BCCC. He would also like to attend a four-year college or university and study public policy in the hopes of helping to influence the nation's policy as it relates to Hispanics and other minorities.

Students learn about crime scenes

Northside High School students in Crystal Watts' criminal justice class in investigative principles learned about crime scene procedures recently during a mock exercise.

Bootman Woods, lying on the floor, played the role of a crime victim while his fellow students took measurements to create an accurate sketch of the scene – some of the same skills they would use in a law enforcement job.

The criminal justice classes are offered through BCCC to junior and senior students at Northside High School through Career and College Promise. The program gives students the chance to earn college credits while still in high school.

Pictured, along with Woods, are, left to right, Alex Ramirez, Autumn Hamman and Davina Mazique.

For more information about Career and College Promise classes available to high school juniors and seniors through BCCC, contact Lisa Hill, director of high school programs, at 252-940-6497 or by email at lisah@beaufortccc.edu.



Mattamuskeet Early College students visit BCCC

Students from Mattamuskeet Early College High School recently visited Beaufort County Community College to get a tour of the campus, where many of them will attend classes for the first time in the fall.



Led by School Liaison Steve Jones and BCCC Ambassador Kenyetta Lynch, the students received an orientation in the library and toured programs of interest to them including Allied Health, Automobile Technology and Cosmetology programs. They also met with Admissions Director Daniel Wilson and were briefed about an Agri-Business Technology Program proposed for BCCC. To date, most of the students in the program have attended classes, including a college student success course taught by Jones, in Hyde County.

Pictured left, front row, left to right, are Lynch, and high school students Melanie McCabe, Jesus Mares, Dominique Burrus and Monica Chappell; back row, left to right, Jones, and high school students Tirzo Beltran, Dustin Eaton, Marissa Spencer, Malayaka Howard and Kayla Byrd.

Education leaders gather at BCCC

Education leaders from Washington and Tyrrell counties met at Beaufort County Community College recently for an update on new programs at the college. The purpose of the meeting was to continue to build stronger relationships with the counties served by BCCC and to discuss improvements in providing curriculum and continuing education classes for the region's residents. Pictured, right to left, are Dr. Barbara Tansey, BCCC president; Rev. Russell Wilkins, chairman of the Washington County Board of Education; Fannie Williams, assistant superintendent of Washington County Schools; Dr. Michael J. Dunsmore, superintendent of Tyrrell County Schools; Lee Scripture, chairman of the Tyrrell County Board of Education; Crystal Ange, BCCC vice president of academics; Chet Jarman, BCCC vice president of continuing education; Lisa Hill, BCCC director of high school programs, and Marshall Hall, BCCC coordinator of audio-visual services. Superintendent of Beaufort County Schools Don Phipps is not pictured.



Visit to Jakarta college offers insights: Tansey

A visit last month to a community college in Jakarta, Indonesia, provided valuable insights into college operations that can be of use to Beaufort County Community College, according to BCCC President Barbara Tansey.

Dr. Tansey was one of three community college leaders from across the country chosen to serve on a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges team to review accreditation for Lone Star Community College's campus in the Indonesian capital. The community college is operated in conjunction with the Universitas Siswa Bangsa Internasional and its Educational Pathway Program is the only one of its kind in the country.

About a month before going on the visit, funded by the Putera Sampoerna Foundation, Dr. Tansey was asked to review reports concerning the college's finances, its student services operations and its facilities.

The purpose of the site visit was to ensure the accuracy of the reports and to discuss with college leaders any changes that need to be made as part of the accreditation process.

The mission of SACS is to assure the educational quality and improve the effectiveness of its member institutions.

"It's an honor to be chosen to go on a SACS accreditation visit," Dr. Tansey said.

This is the second overseas SACS accreditation visit on which Dr. Tansey has served. Before coming to BCCC, Dr. Tansey participated in a SACS site visit to a college in Vietnam.

The Jakarta visit was particularly timely, she said, because BCCC is currently preparing for its five-year review by SACS. A report from BCCC to the agency is due in September.

Dr. Tansey is pictured above with members of the site visit team and students, faculty and staff of the Jakarta college.



Upcoming Events

March 4 — True Colors, professional development, noon, auditorium, Building 8.

March 4 — Gamma Beta Phi, noon, Room 928, Building 9.

March 5 — Planning Council, 9 A.M., Board Room, Building 10.

March 5 — Read Day/No Classes.

March 6-7 — Student/Faculty vacation.

March 10 — Health and Fitness Science Information Session, noon, Room 102, Building 2.

March 11 — Student Government Association Blood Drive, 8:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., Multi-purpose Room, Building 10.

March 12 — Health and Fitness Science Information Session, noon, Room 102, Building 2.

March 17 — BCANS meeting.

March 20 — BCCC Board of Trustees Retreat, 9 A.M., Board Room, Building 10.

March 20 — Gamma Beta Phi Induction Ceremony, 6 P.M., auditorium, Building 8.

March 21 — Student Government Association dance.

March 24 — Allied Health Programs Information Session for Medical Laboratory Technology, 5:30 P.M., Room 1204/06, Building 12.

March 25 — Registration for Summer Term begins.

March 25 — Student Government Association, noon, Student Lounge, Building 9.

March 26 — Learn Your College, Student Services, professional development, noon, Room 937, Building 9.

March 29 — Spring Fling Dance, 7 to 11 P.M., Hawaiian/Casual Dress. Tickets are two for \$5 or \$3 each.

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.