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Modlin, Stowe receive honors for their service

Their peers recently recognized two Beaufort County Community College employees – Lynne Modlin and Lentz Stowe – for their service to the college.

Modlin, Associate Degree Nursing instructor, was named Faculty Member of the Year and Stowe, director of Business and Industry Services, was named Staff Member of the Year, both by BCCC campus committees.

Modlin, of Jamesville, joined BCCC's faculty as an instructor in the Associate Degree Nursing Program in 2007. She graduated from Williamston High School in 1989 and earned a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University in 1994 and a master's degree in nursing education from Walden University in 2011.

She is trained in the operations of high-fidelity simulators and directs the BCCC simulation lab – each week creating interactive scenarios using BCCC's high and low fidelity mannequins. At Halloween, Modlin creates a display using the mannequins during which students are invited to identify breaks in safety or infection control.

Modlin is also the first of BCCC's nursing faculty to use Media-site to capture lectures electronically for students not only to use in reviewing materials but also to address issues involving inclement weather and classroom work.

She serves as chairman of BCCC's Instructional Calendar Committee and treasurer and chairman of the Instructional Affairs Committee of the BCCC Faculty Senate.

Modlin and her husband, Michael, have two children, Bryce and Michaela. She is a member of Cedar Branch Baptist Church where she is chairman of the Personnel Committee. In her spare time, Modlin enjoys spending time with her family and gardening.

Stowe, 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.

He was one of the first managers hired by Donnelley Marketing when they moved to Washington in 1983, and held various positions in the Washington plant before being named senior production manager of the company's plant in Elm City in 1990. In 1993 he was named Plant Manager of the Beaufort County operation.

Stowe was named the Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce's Community Leader of the Year for 2013 and his work counseling a restaurant in Creswell was cited by the North Carolina Community College System Small Business Center Network. He serves as co-chairman of BCCC's Marketing Committee and as a member of the Business Continuity Planning Committee.

Stowe and his wife, Tricia, have two daughters, Hayley and Erin. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Washington and served on the church's administrative board from 1993 to 1994 and as chairman of its Stewardship Committee from 2000 to 2002.



Lynne Modlin, at right, with student, was named 2014-2015 Faculty Member of the Year.



Lentz Stowe, pictured with Small Business Center client Neva Cashion received the 2014-2015 Staff Member of the Year honors.

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Gerard named head of Continuing Education

As a student at Chocowinity High School, Stacey Cole Gerard was inspired by her business teacher, Judy McRoy.



New Vice President of Continuing Education Stacey Gerard is pictured above in her office in Building 8. In her new role, she will direct the programs offered by the division.

But after entering East Carolina University as a North Carolina Teaching Fellow, she began to question her career choice. Her parents encouraged her to stick with it and today, she is glad she did.

"I get a lot of personal satisfaction from helping others," she said. "It just makes me feel good."

After 15 years as an educator – first as a classroom teacher and later as a school administrator and program director - Gerard has been named Vice President of Continuing Education at Beaufort County Community College. She succeeds Chet Jarman who retired earlier this year.

A native of Blounts Creek, Gerard graduated from Chocowinity High School in 1995. She earned a bachelor's degree in business education from East Carolina University graduating magna cum laude. She holds master's degrees in vocational education and school administration and has applied to enter the educational leadership doctoral program at ECU.

Gerard has experience as a teacher – at D.H. Conley and Southside High Schools and Pitt Community College – and as a

school administrator – serving as an assistant principal at Southside High School.

Before joining the BCCC administration, she served as Director of Career and Technical Education and Coordinator of the K-12 Instructional Technology Program with Beaufort County Schools. In that position, Gerard oversaw programs including Agriculture, Business, Health Science, Marketing, Technology Engineering and Design and Trade and Industrial Education.

As Vice President of Continuing Education at BCCC, Gerard will oversee the different programs of the division - high school equivalency classes, truck driver training, Small Business Center workshops, College for Kids, and knitting, cake decorating and other leisure pursuits classes, among others.

"I want the Continuing Education Division to be a shining star on our campus and in the state," she said. "I enjoyed my time working with K-12 education but I look forward to a new challenge and continuing to have a positive impact on the community."

A self-described "multi-tasker," Gerard said she will enjoy being involved in the division's many activities.

Gerard's family roots are deep in education in the community. Her brother, Dale Cole, is Principal at Southside High School; her mother, Paulette Cole is a bookkeeper at Chocowinity Middle School and a cousin, Ben Cole, is an instructor at BCCC.

Gerard and her husband, Josh, have a two-year-old son, Gavin. They live in Blounts Creek and attend Ephesus Free Will Baptist Church. In her spare time, Gerard enjoys running, gardening and traveling to the beach.

Student Parking Guidelines

Student Parking Passes are required for all students at Beaufort County Community College and are available free of charge.

To obtain a parking pass, visit the Campus Police office in Room 114 of Building 1 during day time campus operating hours. You will be required to present a valid student identification card and your vehicle registration card.

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.



Virtual welder adds new dimension to program

Before welding students at Beaufort County Community College enter the welding laboratory and begin working with actual materials, they can now hone their skills using a new virtual welder.

The virtual welder duplicates the welding processes used by students in BCCC's welding classroom just as a flight simulator duplicates the processes used by an airline pilot.

Using a virtual welder, an instructor can simulate the steps used in a welding project while students monitor the work on a video screen. When a student uses the virtual welder, their instructor can follow that work on the same video screen and evaluate the completed project by use of a digital display that evaluates a student's speed and accuracy.

"They are so close to reality, it makes the hair on my arms stand up," said Lead Welding Instructor Ted Clayton. "I am delighted to have this machine available for my students."

Clayton began using a virtual welder in summer term classes this week.



Pictured above, BCCC Lead Welding Instructor Ted Clayton uses the new virtual welding machine to demonstrate how the machine simulates actual welding.



Pictured above, a student practices welding with BCCC's new virtual welder.

The \$55,000 Lincoln electric VRTEX[®] 360 virtual welding machine is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Providing this new technology to industrial students is one of the activities targeted by the department's \$18 million Employment and Training Administration's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant awarded to a consortium of 10 community colleges in the state, including BCCC.

"By incorporating virtual reality welding into traditional welding training programs, students learn more quickly," Clayton said.

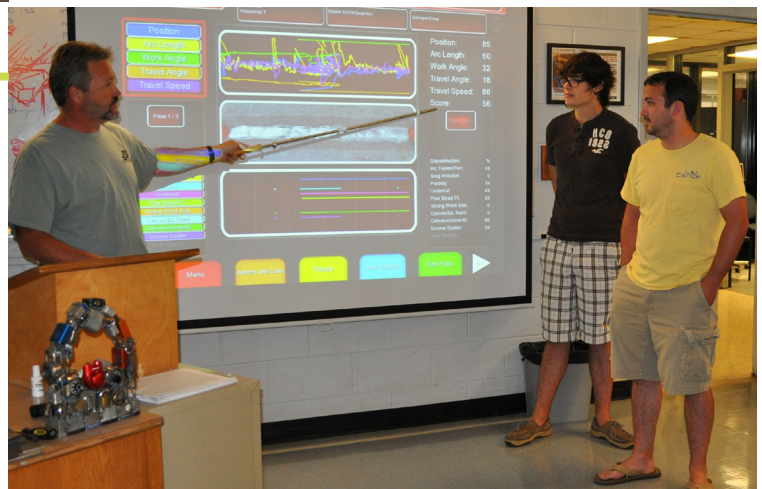
Virtual welding machines can also help colleges recruit students to their welding programs by giving those potential

students the chance to try welding in a way that is fun, exciting and engaging without endangering someone who is unfamiliar with the welding process, he said.

And by using virtual welding in part of the training, BCCC can save money on base materials, welding electrodes and other supplies and consumables, according to Clayton.

BCCC's new virtual welding machine will be on display during a campus-wide open house scheduled for later this year.

For more information about BCCC's Welding Technology Program, contact Daniel Wilson, director of Admissions and Recruitment, at 252-940-6233. Information is also available on the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



Pictured above, BCCC Lead Welding Instructor Ted Clayton uses information obtained by the virtual welding machine to evaluate the speed and accuracy of a student's virtual project.

New BCCC practical nursing graduates pinned

Twenty graduates of Beaufort County Community College's Practical Nursing program received their nursing school pins Wednesday, July 16, in a ceremony, which is a traditional rite of passage for nursing school graduates across the country.

The ceremony was held on the BCCC campus before an audience of about 250 college administrators, faculty and staff as well as family and friends of the graduates.

In her faculty address, Aino Jackson, lead Practical Nursing instructor, told the class members that they had changed from their first day as new nursing students to graduates who are confident in their skills.

"You accomplished it all and today. . . is about celebrating you and your success," she said. "From now on you are not just an individual, you are a nurse."

In student comments, Demetrice Jones, class president, thanked the instructors and family members for their support.

"After today, we will go our separate ways," she



Nursing graduates Krystal Thompson and Shaeka Little enjoy a laugh together before the ceremony with their instructor, Denise King.

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

They are Gorditra Anderson, LeAnn J. Beddard, Joy Bennett, Amy Green-Blake, Ashley Carrow, Shametria D. Daniels, Bernetta Dunbar, Meta Gilliam, Adriana Herina, Sherri Johnson, Demetrice M. Jones, Tiara C. Jordan, Quannie Lee, Shaneka Little, Erin Matthews, Joshua Piegols, Jenna Sadler, Krystal P. Thompson, Marie Wetherington and Lisa Whitley.

Three students received awards during the ceremony. Johnson was the recipient of the Academic Performance Award; Jones, the Clinical Excellence Award, and Beddard, 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.



The 2014 Practical Nursing graduates, carrying lamps in honor of Florence Nightingale, recite the Practical Nurse's Pledge at the end of the Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony July 16.

said. "Wherever life takes us and wherever we work, we will be great nurses."

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.



Nursing graduates enjoy the ceremony as they wait to receive their pins.

22nd BCCC Foundation Golf Tournament is set

The 22nd annual Beaufort County Community College Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Sept. 26, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club.

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

Tournament co-sponsors include CenturyLink, Lee Chevrolet-Buick, Park Boat Co., Tideland Electric Membership Corp., P & G Manufacturing, Wells Fargo, First South Bank, Vidant Health, John Farkas AIA and Carver Machine Works.

The tournament format will be a four-person super ball with teams pre-flighted based on each golfer's handicap. There will be one tee time with a limit of 20 teams for the session.

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

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

Team prizes will be awarded by 18-hole score in each of three flights. Three prize packages for "closest to the pin" shots will also be awarded.

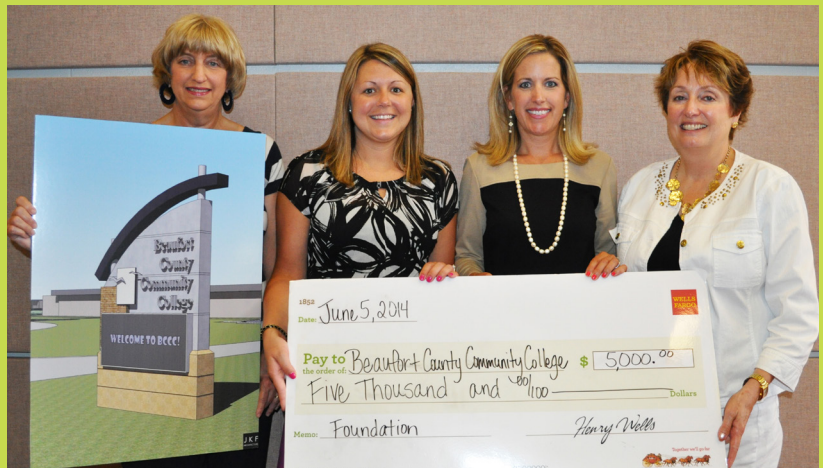


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Hole-in-one prizes sponsored by Lee Chevrolet-Buick and Park Boat Company will also be available.

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

Signing up for the Sign!



Wells Fargo recently contributed \$5,000 to the campaign mounted by the Beaufort County Community College Foundation to build a digital sign at the front of the campus along U.S. Highway 264. The sign will provide information about campus events, star students, services offered, job fairs, registrations, new programs and even warnings during severe weather or other emergencies. Founded in 1852, Wells Fargo & Co. is a nationwide, diversified financial services company that provides banking, insurance, investments, mortgage and consumer and commercial finance. Pictured, second from right, Washington Market President Kate Phelps and, second from left, Business Associate Allison Hollowell, present a check to BCCC President Barbara Tansey, right, as Foundation Director Judy Jennette displays a rendering of the proposed sign by Architect John Farkas.

Broadway is closer than you think!

Travel with the BCCC Foundation
to see five of New York's hottest musicals
at the Durham Performing Arts Center!



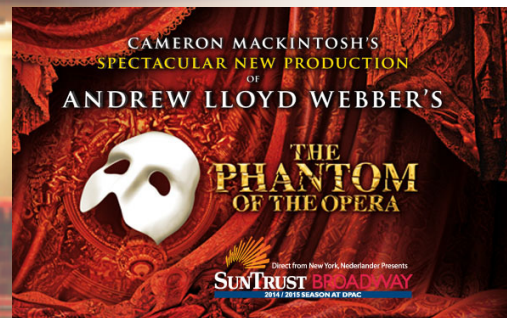
Dirty Dancing Sept. 20



MOTOWN Feb. 21



Newsies June 6



Phantom of the Opera Oct. 18



Kinky Boots March 14

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Scholarship honors local mental health advocates

The Beaufort County Mental Health Association has awarded a scholarship to a student attending Beaufort County Community College in honor of John and Geneva Morgan, long-time mental health advocates.

“John and Geneva Morgan have contributed tirelessly their time, knowledge and skills to improve the physical and mental well-being of the citizens of Beaufort County,” said Bonita Sasnett, a member of the association’s Board of Directors. “The Beaufort County Mental Health Association is proud to recognize the Morgans with this award.”

Brittany Moss of Washington, a student in BCCC’s Associate Degree Nursing Program, has been chosen for the first scholarship provided by the association.

A graduate of Washington High School, Moss plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing and work as a nurse after completing her studies at BCCC. The daughter of Winnie and Eddie Moss, she is employed at Pizza Inn as a waitress.

At BCCC, Moss is a member of Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and the Beaufort County Association of Nursing Students.

“I am honored to have been chosen to receive this scholarship that is associated with two such outstanding individuals,” she said.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually by the association to a student in his or her second year of the ADN

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John Morgan and his wife, Geneva, have been long-time advocates of mental health in the community. The Beaufort County Mental Health Association has given a scholarship in their name to a student at BCCC.

New endowment honors Dr. Tom Nicholson

Students pursuing medical fields at Beaufort County Community College will receive financial assistance in the future thanks to an endowment created in memory of a prominent Washington physician – Dr. Tom Nicholson.

The endowment will generate funds for a scholarship that will be available to students beginning in the Fall 2015 semester, according to Foundation Director Judy Meier Jennette.

It was established by Nicholson’s wife, Sue, of Bath; his children, Westray, of Greenville, Marshall, of Dunwoody, Ga., and John, of Chapel Hill, along with his family and friends.



Dr. Tom Nicholson teaches his grandson Brodie about blood pressure. Nicholson’s family and friends have established an endowment at Beaufort County Community College in his memory that will provide a scholarship for students pursuing medical fields at BCCC.

“The BCCC Foundation appreciates the generosity of Tom Nicholson’s family and friends in creating this scholarship in his memory,” said Jennette. “Sue and Tom Nicholson have been friends of the college and education for many years and this scholarship will make a significant difference in the lives of students who are interested in a career in medicine – a profession which Tom Nicholson loved very much.”

Through his involvement with Tayloe’s Hospital Pharmacy, Nicholson was among those who were instrumental in establishing the Tayloe’s Hospital Pharmacy Scholarship which has awarded almost \$100,000 to students at BCCC over the years.

Sue Nicholson has served on the BCCC Foundation Board of Directors for more than 15 years and has been an active volunteer at Foundation events.

A native of Washington, Nicholson was born in 1943 and died earlier this year.

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Scholarship, from Page 8

Program at BCCC. To be considered for the scholarship a student must live in Beaufort County, must be a full-time student and must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.

John and Geneva Morgan are life-long residents of Beaufort County.

John Morgan's work experience includes sports reporting and commentating for the Washington Daily News and local radio station. He served for over 20 years in county government at the Beaufort County Register of Deeds.



Associate Degree Nursing student Brittany Moss received the Morgan Scholarship.

Throughout his life, John Morgan has been active in civic and church affairs of the community. He served many years as a member of the Salvation Army Board of Directors and in many leadership roles at the First United Methodist Church.

Geneva Morgan worked as a nurse for over 30 years helping Dr. David T. Tayloe establish Washington Pediatrics. In that role, she is fondly remembered by many local residents.

Geneva Morgan became interested in psychiatric nursing as a nursing student when she completed a clinical rotation at a psychiatric hospital and, as a result, became active in the Beaufort County Mental Health Association at its inception over 30 years ago.

Among her activities with the association, Geneva Morgan has led the Operation Santa Claus Fund Drive, which provides Christmas cheer to residents in mental health facilities throughout the state, local hospitals and group homes in the Beaufort County areas.

As a result of John and Geneva Morgan's efforts, the Beaufort County Mental Health Association received the President's Award from the N.C. Mental Health Association for its services

to the mentally ill.

In addition, the Morgans have been honored by the N.C. Mental Health Association which named the Operation Santa Claus award in their honor.

Nicholson, from Page 8

He was a graduate of Rocky Mount High School and of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned his doctor of medicine degree in 1970 from the UNC School of Medicine and subsequently attended the University of Oklahoma where he completed an internship and residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiology.

Nicholson was a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy and head of Internal Medicine at the Port Hueneme Naval Hospital in California.

Following his military service, he returned home to Washington in 1976 to join Pamlico Internal Medicine, where he practiced medicine for 34 years and where he treated his patients like his family.

Throughout his career, Nicholson was active in many educational and professional organizations. He served as Chief of Staff at Beaufort County Hospital and was Chairman of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for many years. He was a lifetime member of the North Carolina Medical Society as well as President of both the Pamlico Albemarle Medical Society and the Seaboard Medical Society. In addition, Dr. Nicholson served as medical director of Britthaven Services in Washington for many years. He was also a devoted fan of Carolina athletics.

Training to handle emergencies

Law enforcement officers from the Beaufort County and Washington County Sheriff's Departments and members of the Beaufort County Community College police force recently participated in rapid deployment training



offered at BCCC. The officers attended classroom sessions and participated in various scenarios such as hostage rescue and active shooter training that were set up and evaluated by their instructors Christopher Harrison, BCCC chief of police; Leonard Hudson, BCCC public safety programs director, and Cliff Hales with the Washington Police Department. While BCCC has offered the training for several years, this is the first group of officers to use newly-purchased equipment that allows them to more accurately reflect real-life situations. Pictured left, class members practice a rapid deployment maneuver known as a "Rolling T" that is commonly used when responding to ongoing emergencies.

Travel with the BCCC Foundation to Ireland!

The Beaufort County Community College Foundation is sponsoring a 10-day trip to Ireland that will include a drive along one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world – the Ring of Kerry.

The fully-escorted tour, Shades of Ireland, is scheduled for April 21 to 30, 2015 and is offered by Collette through New Trends in Travel. It is co-sponsored by the Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.

A special presentation about the trip is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Washington/Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce. 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.

The cost of the trip is \$3,359 per person based on double occupancy at hotels in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney, Limerick and Kingscourt, eight breakfasts and five dinners during the trip, round-trip airfare from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, air taxes and fees and hotel transfers. Transportation to the airport in Raleigh is available for an additional charge of \$60.

A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of



The Ring of Kerry on the Irish coast is one of the stops on the BCCC Foundation trip to Ireland.

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registration. The final payment will be due by Feb. 20, 2015.

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 Trinity City Hotel in Dublin, one night at the Granville Hotel in Waterford, two nights at the Killarney Avenue Hotel in Killarney, two nights at the Absolute Hotel in Limerick and one night at Cabra Castle in Kingscourt – a highlight of the tour.

Travelers will have the chance to tour the House of Waterford Crystal and factory, kiss the Blarney Stone, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a visit to the Malonna Dairy Farm, journey to the 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher and travel to Irish Whiskey territory.

Optional trip experiences available for additional charges include a Medi-



Take a jaunting ride through the Irish countryside during the Foundation's trip to Ireland.

eval Banquet at a castle near Limerick and pub lunch and Guinness Storehouse and A Taste of Ireland at O'Connell's of Donnybrook in Dublin.



Kiss the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle!

For a complete itinerary or a tour brochure contact Judy Jennette, director, BCCC Foundation, at 252-940-6326 or by email at judyj@beaufortccc.edu. The trip deposit may be made by check or credit card. Deposit checks should be made payable to Collette and send to New Trends in Travel, Attn: Donna Burgin, 107 Egret Bay Road, Washington, N.C. 27889. To pay by credit card, contact Burgin at 252-975-1304 or 252-945-7403.

Askew is head of new agribusiness program

Veteran educator William R. Askew who grew up on a Beaufort County farm has been chosen to head the new Agribusiness Technology Program at Beaufort County Community College.

Askew, a 1989 graduate of BCCC, said he is prepared for the challenge of beginning the program, which will offer its first classes when the fall semester begins this month. Since joining the BCCC faculty, Askew has recruited students for the program, ordered textbooks, organized a laboratory and established coursework for his classes.

"I have envisioned an agricultural program here for more than 15 years," Askew said. "And as a product of the college, I know what a value it is. It is a tremendous resource for the community."

A native of Beaufort County, Askew graduated from Bath High School and enrolled in general education courses at BCCC. He transferred to East Carolina University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and Science Education. He subsequently entered N.C. State University where he studied to become certified to teach agriculture programs. In 2003, Askew earned a master's degree in agriculture education from N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University and completed additional certification in school administration from ECU in 2009.

Askew comes to BCCC after a 12-year career as a teacher at Northside High School and, most recently, after serving as an assistant principal at John Small School.

Courses in the new Agribusiness Technology Program will be offered through BCCC's Arts and Sciences Division.



William Askew, pictured above in his office in Building 3, is the new head of Beaufort County Community College's Agribusiness Technology Program. The first classes in the program begin this month.



BCCC welcomed visitors

Beaufort County Community College recently welcomed to campus students from the Purpose of God Annex Summer Program's 12 to 15-year old class. The group met with Admissions Director Daniel Wilson and took a tour of the campus led by Student Government Association President Jackson Lancaster. Pictured above are members of the class along with, front row, left, their teacher James Porter, a student at BCCC, and back row, center, Philomenia Guilford, a coach and mentor. Student groups are welcome to tour BCCC throughout the year. To arrange a tour, contact Wilson at 940-6233.

Students in the program will need two years to complete the course work, after which they receive an associate in applied science degree in agribusiness technology. An associate's degree in the program will require coursework in agricultural chemicals, soil science, animal science, plant science, animal health management, business and economics, among others. The first classes offered will be Sustainable Agriculture, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemicals.

The program will prepare graduates for a variety of jobs in agriculture such as equipment, chemical, feed and agricultural supply sales, store management, farm operations and office management of agricultural products marketing firms, according to Askew.

"Or they can go home and be better prepared to manage the family farm," he said.

Askew and his wife, Penny, met while both were students at BCCC. They have two children. He is chairman of the Beaver Dam Drainage District and a member of the Belhaven 509 A.F. and A.M. Lodge. Askew also serves as minister for the Terra Ceia Church of Christ. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening and fishing.

For more information about the Agribusiness Technology Program at BCCC, contact Askew at 252-940-6304 or by email at william@beaufortccc.edu. For information about enrolling in classes at BCCC, contact Daniel Wilson, director of Admissions, at 252-940-6233 or visit the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

BCCC alum cited by Vidant Beaufort Hospital

There's no such thing as a routine day for Vidant Beaufort Hospital Nursing Supervisor Donna Deans.

On any given day, she may be called to the bedside of a patient who is in distress, required to move nursing staff from one station to another based on patient census, address concerns of patients waiting for outpatient surgery or console the family of a patient who has died.

As she goes about the activities, Deans said she draws from her varied work experience and her studies at Beaufort County Community College to help her determine the best course of action.

Deans, who earned an associate's degree nursing from BCCC in 1980, recently received the Juanita Jackson Award for Nursing Excellence at Vidant Beaufort Hospital. The award is given at the hospital each May as part of

National Nurses Week.

"Donna has an 'up-beat' personality and genuinely cares for everyone and wants

only the best for her patients, as well as her fellow staff," reads the nomination for Deans' citation. "She is a good person, a good friend and an even better nurse! She is the epitome of what a great nurse should be. . .dependable, caring, compassionate, kind, a good listener. . .but most importantly. . .she is an excellent nurse."

A native of Beaufort County, Deans said she chose BCCC for her studies because it was convenient - she could stay at home while completing her studies - and because she was undecided about what she wanted to do with her life.

At BCCC, Deans took college transfer courses for her freshman year and, inspired by both her grandmother and a good friend, was subsequently accepted in the Associate Degree Nursing program.

There, she found inspiration from her faculty and fellow nursing students.

"The women were strong and had a lot going on," she said.

Deans began her nursing career at Beaufort County Hospital — now, Vidant Beaufort Hospital. After 12 years at the local hospital, Deans became a surgical nurse at Craven Regional Surgical Center. She continued to explore other pathways in her field through job offers, serving in several different capacities, including as a clinical nurse manager for a pain management center, an ophthalmic medical assistant, home health, a nursing manager for a plastic surgery practice and even as a OSHA/HIPAA consultant.

In 2011, she came back to Beaufort to be able to go back to a 12-hour-shift working schedule and to be more available for the newest member of her family — her grandson.

Deans recalls that when she first arrived at Beaufort County Hospital as a newly-minted nurse, she discovered that BCCC had prepared her well.

"I felt more than adequately prepared to go into the workforce after graduation," she said. "I've always felt confident in pursuing different areas of nursing and Beaufort County Community College helped me to feel that way."



Donna Deans, who earned an associate's degree nursing from BCCC in 1980, recently receive the Juanita Jackson Award for Nursing Excellence at Vidant Beaufort Hospital. Deans is a nursing supervisor at the hospital.



Donna Deans, left, receives her award from Vice President of Patient Care Services Lou Montana-Rhodes. Montana-Rhodes is also a BCCC graduate.

Job is “icing on the cake” for BCCC grad

It was a chance encounter during a class visit to the Beaufort County Courthouse that led Beaufort County Community College graduate Patricia Daniels to her job as a Deputy Clerk of Superior Court.

Since January, Daniels has been handling child support, domestic violence and small claims cases in the office of Beaufort County Clerk of Superior Court Marty Paramore – keeping records of court proceedings, executing judicial orders and other related tasks.

“I enjoy what I do. It’s exciting,” Daniels said. “I was always intrigued by the judicial process and this job is the icing on the cake.”

Daniels, of Washington, earned her associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from BCCC, completing her work towards that degree in December and returned to the college in January to pursue college transfer courses. She served as a college Ambassador for two years, representing the college in the local community.

While at BCCC, Daniels toured the Beaufort County Courthouse along with other students in Instructor Cynthia King’s Court Procedure and Evidence class. While there, Daniels and her fellow students attended a session of court, met the judge and visited with Paramore.

Paramore questioned the students about their interests and learned that most hoped to pursue a career as police officers, sheriff’s deputies or highway patrol officers. Daniels was the lone student who expressed an interest in working in the administrative side of the court system.

From that encounter, Daniels learned that there was an opening in the Clerk of Court’s office and was encouraged to apply. Some months and several interviews later, she got the job and began work in January.

She said she enjoys working with members of the community, trying to help them address their court-related issues and enjoys her co-workers.

Daniels also said her studies at BCCC helped prepare



Daniels, seventh from left, toured the Beaufort County Courthouse with her fellow Court Procedure and Evidence students. A conversation with Clerk of Court Marty Paramore led to Daniels’ new job. Daniels is also pictured second from left with other 2013-2014 BCCC ambassadors.

her well for the job.

“I had a general idea of how the court system works,” she said. “But I did receive training for this particular job.”

Daniels plans to continue her criminal justice studies. She began classes in June through N.C. Wesleyan College taking most of her classes via the Internet. She will, however, return to BCCC for one class offered by N.C. Wesleyan through an agreement with the community college.



Patricia Daniels, pictured above, a 2014 graduate of Beaufort County Community College, serves as a Deputy Clerk of Superior Court in Beaufort County.



Friends' welding project finds welcome at BCCC

Classic car enthusiasts Larry Berger and Paul Varcoe aren't typical students in the Welding Technology Program at Beaufort County Community College.

Nonetheless, they have found a welcome from Lead Instructor Ted Clayton and their fellow students as the two develop the welding skills needed to help them restore a 1965 Plymouth Fury III station wagon, which now sits in the BCCC welding shop.

The project began several months ago when Varcoe helped Berger search the Internet for an antique car to restore.

Varcoe, 69, became interested in antique and classic cars many years ago and has restored several – including classic Corvettes and a 1937 Cadillac LaSalle.

"It's a labor of love," said Varcoe. "You do it because you enjoy it. Some people fish. Some people golf. Some people enjoy cars."

After moving to Beaufort County from Connecticut, he met Berger, 66, who moved to the area from Baltimore, Md., and lives in Blounts Creek. Berger watched Varcoe work on his cars and decided he wanted to tackle a project of his own.

The two found the station wagon and decided to bring it back to its former glory as a joint project.

They wanted to do some of the metal work themselves but lacked the necessary welding skills.

That's when they contacted Clayton who was enthusiastic about helping Varcoe and Berger with their project.

After some discussion with the two friends, Clayton suggested that the two enroll in BCCC for the current summer term and audit the class. That way, the two could hone their welding skills without having to worry about a grade.

While in class, Varcoe and Berger would talk with Clayton about the work they wanted to do on the car.



Berger and Varcoe take a break in front of the car they are working to restore.

first-hand what they can do with the welding skills they are learning in class, according to Clayton.

So far, the two friends have installed a new floor and have begun working on the side panels of the car. They hope to have most of the welding work finished by the end of the summer term in July and hope to have the car road ready in the coming months.

BCCC President Barbara Tansey said Berger and Varcoe are good examples of the ways BCCC hopes to reach out to those retired residents of its four-county service area who want to continue learning but are not interested in being graded for their work.



Friends Larry Berger and Paul Varcoe work on the side panel of a 1965 Plymouth Fury III that Berger bought to restore. They are auditing a welding class at BCCC.

Clayton's response: "Bring the car in and you can learn to weld while working on it."

Clayton makes study materials available to the two and spends time helping them with their project just as he does other students in his class.

"I'm willing to teach them everything they want me to teach them," Clayton said.

It's also a good way for his traditional welding students to see



As one of their first welding projects, Berger and Varcoe restored the floor of the trunk.

Entrepreneurship training now available online

More than 20 courses to help potential and existing business owners are now available online and free of charge through Beaufort County Community College.

The courses cover topics such as online selling, finance basics, forecasting sales, setting prices, social media marketing, hiring staff, customer relations and managing inventory, among others, that are designed to give entrepreneurs “a good introduction to the topics,” said Lentz Stowe, director of BCCC’s Business and Industry Services.

The courses are offered by BCCC through a partnership with Hewlett Packard and the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship.

BCCC was one of several community colleges asked to pilot the courses.

They will be of particular interest to those potential and existing business owners who live at a distance from BCCC but would like more information about particular business-related topics, Stowe said.

“The beauty of this is that anyone can take these classes anywhere, at any time that is convenient for them,” he said. “And they can take all of the courses or only the ones that interest them.”

The courses also contain supporting materials such as Microsoft Excel spreadsheets or Word templates that entrepreneurs can download to help them manage cash flow, their employees or other activities, he said.

The online courses are an addition to the existing counseling services and workshops already offered free of charge by BCCC’s Small Business Center.

The BCCC Small Business Center is one of 58 across North Carolina that in 2012-2013 provided entrepreneurship seminars and/or counseling to more than 50,000 individuals, resulting in 528 business start-ups and 2,967 jobs created or retained.

To access the courses, visit the N.C. Small Business Center website at <https://www.ncsbc.net>.

The courses are offered continuously on the website in sessions that last about one month. Those who register will also be linked to a network of entrepreneurs and trainers throughout the world and have access to discussion boards, profiles and mentors.

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 Dudley, 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

Aug. 6 – BCCC Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 P.M. Board Room, Building 10. Committees will meet consecutively beginning at 5 P.M.

Aug. 7 – First day of classes for Beaufort Early College High School.

Aug. 13 – Faculty Work Day.

Aug. 13 – Mandatory Lock-Down Training for Faculty and Staff, 1 p.m., auditorium, Building 8. For more information, contact Chief of Police Chris Harrison at 940-6444.

Aug. 14 – Late Registration for Fall Semester, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Aug. 15 – First day of classes for Fall Semester.

Aug. 15 – Student Government Association’s Welcome Back Bash, 10 A.M., Building 9.

Aug. 26 – Student Government Association Meeting, noon, Building 9, Student Lounge.

Aug. 26 – BCCC Foundation Trip to Ireland Informational Meeting, 6 P.M., Washington/ Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce.

Sept. 1 – Labor Day Holiday.

Sept. 16 – Free Day at BCCC.

Sept. 17 – TRiO/Student Support Services Community Resource Day, Student Lounge, Building 9.

Sept. 18 – Rock for Human Rights, noon, outside, Building 5.

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