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Beaufort County Community College



BCCC leads effort to preserve local history

Dozens of old photographs and previously unpublished historical records will be available to the public via the Internet this spring thanks to a federal grant awarded to the Beaufort County Community College Learning Resources Center, Historic Bath and the George H. and Laura E. Brown Public Library. The three agencies are developing a searchable website that will initially contain a collection of 600 items – such as maps, unpublished research reports, photographs, colonial and maritime records and objects in special or rare collections – that are significant to the region.

Project organizers plan to launch the website with the bulk of material from Historic Bath along with the opening of the Bath tricentennial celebration on March 8. And they hope to continue to add items to the online collection in future years.

“This is really the push of the future,” said Patricia Samford, director of Historic Bath. “Having information like this online available at your fingertips has made historic research less expensive, easier and available to more people.”

The project is funded by \$47,922 grant from the federal Library Services and Technology Act, or LSTA, the only federal program devoted entirely to funding library services. LSTA provides block grants to state libraries based on population, targeting programs that use technology for information sharing between libraries and community agencies.

The grant, to be matched by \$6,446 in local funds, will be used to develop CIRCA NC East (Community Images Researchable by Computer Access) as a website to contain the digital collection. It is one of 153 grants totaling more than \$4 million awarded to North Carolina libraries this year through the LSTA.

Money from the grant will be used to buy computers, scanners, digital cameras and other equipment for BCCC, Brown Library and Historic Bath Site to allow staff members to scan materials to be posted to the website and to allow public access to the site, when developed.

“The primary goal of CIRCA NC East is to unite and make available via the Internet the special collections of two libraries and a state historic site, a first for this area,” said Penny Sermons, director of BCCC’s Learning Resource Center. “This project will make it possible to combine reference materials into one easily accessible site creating a ‘critical mass’ of resources that complement each other.”

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Eight scholarship recipients at Beaufort County Community College met their benefactor recently when Doris Wallace Eakes visited the campus to meet the winners of the 2004-2005 Wallace/Eakes Scholarship. The recipients are Maria Teresa Baluis, Amanda Helms, Dawn Linnen, Myrtle Fonville Linton, Jenny Pinkham, Amanda C. Wallace, Angela P. Winstead and Susan Renee Woolard.

Four of the students – Baluis, Linnen, Wallace and Woolard – are seeking degrees from BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program. Two – Helms and Linton – are students in BCCC's Licensed Practical Nursing program. Pinkham is studying computer programming and Winstead is seeking an associate in science degree.

Baluis, 27, of Wilson, graduated from the School of the Holy Spirit high school in Quezon City, Philippines and earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Far Eastern University in Manila in 2000. She served as a volunteer in the physical therapy department at Beaufort County Hospital from September 2002 to December 2003. She is the daughter of Claro R. and Maria Teresita Baluis of Quezon City. She hopes to work in a hospital after graduation from BCCC.

Helms, 22, of Washington, graduated from Bertie High School. A sales associate at Goody's, Helms is the daughter of William and Mary Douglas of Windsor and is married to James Helms. She hopes to work in a local nursing home after graduating from BCCC.

Linnen, 22, of Washington, is a graduate of James B. Hunt Jr. High School in Wilson. She is the daughter of Ken and Ann Harris of Washington. She hopes to work in an area hospital after graduating from BCCC.

Linton, 50, of Plymouth, is a graduate of Pantego High School. She has three sons, Vincent T., Ryan L. and Marlon J. Linton. She hopes to work in a hospital after graduating from BCCC and wants to continue her studies to and earn an associate's degree in nursing.

Pinkham, 26, of Washington, is the daughter of Johnny and Anita Pinkham of Washington and has one daughter, Courtney. She graduated from Washington High School and holds a degree in human resources development. She hopes to pursue a career designing computer software after completing her studies at BCCC.

Wallace, 27, of Washington, is the daughter of Donald Cutler of Washington and Gloria Chandler of Chocowinity. She and her husband, Mark, have one child. A graduate of Northside High School, Wallace holds a degree in medical office technician from BCCC and works as a billing and insurance specialist with Eastern Radiologists Inc. in Greenville. She hopes to pursue a career in nursing after graduating from BCCC.

Winstead, 20, of Bath, is the daughter of Chuck and Sandy Prewitt of Forest



Mrs. Doris Eakes (center) met the 2004-05 Wallace/Eakes Scholarship recipients on November 11.

City and is married to Justin Winstead. A graduate of Northside High School, she is pursuing an associate in science degree from BCCC, hopes to transfer to East Carolina University and teach high school math after completing her studies. She is a math tutor at BCCC.

A 1993 graduate of Northside High School, Woolard, 29, of Washington, hopes to graduate from BCCC in 2005. She works as an ophthalmic assistant at Washington Eye Clinic and is the daughter of Talmadge and Mary Lou Woolard and David and Ann Ross of Washington. In 2001 she served as a volunteer on a medical missionary trip to Haiti. Since 2001, she has also studied at BCCC to obtain a Community Spanish Facilitator Certificate. She hopes to obtain a bachelor's degree in nursing after graduating from BCCC.

Eakes, a Pinetown native who now lives in Kure Beach, established the annual scholarship on January 11, 2001 as part of a multimillion dollar Charitable Lead Trust and Charitable Remainder Trust in memory of her father, Carmer H. Wallace, and her husband, Joe Eakes.

Five nursing and three trade scholarships are funded each year by the trust with each scholarship paying for a student's tuition and books for two semesters.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to meet these talented students, to get to know them better and learn more about their plans for the future," Mrs. Eakes said after the luncheon. "I am also delighted to have

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the opportunity to encourage others to make a similar commitment to the future of the community.”

“Don’t ever lose track of your dreams,” she told the students. “You’ll get there if you try hard enough.”

Eakes studied nursing for a short time but was forced to leave the program after she married. After her husband left the armed forces, the couple opened a nursing home which, over the years, grew to a chain of 22 nursing homes.

The students met Mrs. Eakes at a luncheon held on the community college campus where they talked about their plans for the future. Mrs. Eakes presented each student with a gift and challenged each to “pay it forward.”

BCCC student receives NCCFA scholarship

A Beaufort County Community College student is one of three students statewide to receive a scholarship awarded by the North Carolina Community College Faculty Association. Tina W. Ayers of Chocowinity, a student in BCCC’s General College curriculum, has been selected to receive the \$1,000 scholarship from the NCCCFCA. The awards were announced at an association luncheon recently held in Greensboro. Ayers, 36, graduated from North Pitt High School in 1986. She plans to apply to BCCC’s nursing program next year and hopes, eventually, to get a job working with mothers and children. Judith Meyer, BCCC psychology and sociology instructor, nominated Ayers for the scholarship. The mission of the NCCCFCA is to promote excellence throughout the North Carolina Community College System. Organized in 1998 at a meeting of the North Carolina Community College Instructors Conference in Greensboro, the NCCCFCA awards three scholarships each year to community college students who are nominated by a NCCCFCA faculty member. One student in each of the three regions in North Carolina - west, central, and east – is awarded the scholarship, disbursed in two installments of \$500 each by the financial aid office of the respective college.



Tina Ayers with Judith Meyer

BCCC unveils new campus theater and music room

Beaufort County Community College recently unveiled its new campus theater and music room at two open houses for students, faculty and staff of the college.

Designers of the system and instructors at the college say the upgraded system will lead to improved learning for students in media-driven courses. And they hope the system will lead to expanded curriculum offerings in film, music and other media-driven fields.

“Instructors and administrators are getting the idea that we can do more and this theater and music room may have something to do with that,” said Tim Mattimoe, lead instructor in social and behavioral sciences at BCCC.

Built at a cost of about \$20,000 with federal and state funds, the new system includes a ceiling-mounted projector, acoustical panels, a surround-sound system with speakers and specialized projector screen, audio-visual equipment for a variety of media and an equipment storage rack. BCCC maintenance members and audio-visual staff installed the

new system in an existing classroom. It will allow instructors to play music and show films in several formats as part of their coursework.

“This system will serve us well,” said Doug Stalls, coordinator of audio-visual and electronic distance learning at BCCC. “This gives us good quality at a reasonable price.”

Mattimoe said he has already seen a difference in the quality of the films and music available through the new system that he has presented in his Introduction to Film class.

“Movies were not made to be seen on television,” he said. “And this is even truer with black and white films.”

Television’s small-screen format requires the actual picture shown in many movies to be broken up in segments in

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a technique known as pan and scan, cutting many wide-screen vistas and switching from actor to actor in some scenes. With the new system, students can better understand what a director had in mind in creating a film.

"I've been using technology in my teaching for 25 years and I've never had anything like this," Mattimoe said. "This is a top-of-the line system."

During the Open House, Stalls gave participants an overview of the system and play music and film clips using all the formats available to users.

For more information about BCCC's upcoming Introduction to Film classes, visit BCCC's website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

Community professionals enrich course at BCCC

Students in the abnormal psychology course at Beaufort County Community College this semester are becoming acquainted with mental health professionals from varied settings thanks to volunteer speakers who are visiting the class to talk about their work. Instructor Judith Luna Meyer has invited a psychologist, a psychotherapist, a social worker, an addiction specialist and other mental health professionals to meet with the class and talk about their career paths, training and the latest developments in their fields. After class, the speakers are invited to join the students in the Campus Café for informal discussions. Among the area professionals who are scheduled to visit the class are Cynthia Spencer, R.N.C., Beaufort County branch director at Tideland Mental Health Center; Donna Walsh, PhD., professional coach and career counselor; Zeb Taylor, executive director of the Roanoke Developmental Center; Barbara Glatthorn, a licensed clinical social worker at Pamlico Counseling Center; Sharon Garrett, certified clinical addiction specialist, certified clinical supervisor and behavioral health services director at Metropolitan Health Services; Michael Doughtie, therapeutic services director at Life, Inc., and Rhonda Cardinale, staff psychologist at Tideland Mental Health Center. "Many of our students are interested in human services careers," said Meyer. "And the information they receive from our guests is valuable to them in making their career choices and setting goals." For more information about psychology classes at BCCC or careers in the human services, interested persons can visit BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



Barbara Glatthorn, licensed clinical social worker at Pamlico Counseling Center, above, left, recently talked with, left to right, Kimberly Cunin, Pamela Jefferson, Shanita Dickens and other abnormal psychology students at BCCC about her career path and social work.

Huskins Bill teacher is honored

Deanie Dunbar, who teaches two classes for Beaufort County Community College at Mattamuskeet High School, was recently named Outstanding English Teacher of the Year by the North Carolina English Teachers' Association. Dunbar has taught high school English at Mattamuskeet School since 1975. She teaches Expository Writing, or ENG 111, and Success and Study Skills, or ACA 115, for BCCC through the Huskins Bill program and has taught evening and Basic Skills classes for the college. Dunbar has been an active member of the school improvement team at Mattamuskeet High School and has held extra writing workshops for her students. She is a past president of the N.C. English Teachers' Association and has produced biannual issues of "North Carolina English Teachers' Notes" for that group. "I have yet to run out of drams and hopes that make me stay one more year," she told the Washington Daily News. "I am always sure that we can make the next year better than the one that we have just finished."

Where the jobs are

Some 500 high school juniors from eastern North Carolina turned their attention towards their futures recently as they learned about different career paths they can follow after they graduate from high school. They learned that jobs are available in eastern North Carolina to well-trained workers in many fields. And, in many cases, the students listened.

“I learned a lot,” said Donchettia Woolard, a junior at Washington High School. “I was particularly interested in welding and network technology because I learned that I could earn good money doing that work.” Plymouth High School Junior Delisa Belcher said she was particularly interested in learning



more about careers in nursing and cosmetology after her visit to Beaufort County Community College at part of the school's annual Career Fair. “I had thought about a career in business, but seeing these programs made me change my mind,” she said.

In addition to students from Plymouth and Washington high schools, students from Pungo Christian Academy, Terra Ceia Christian School and Columbia, Mattamuskeet, Northside, and Southside high schools participated in the event. The groups began their visits with an orientation and then broke into smaller groups for tours of various buildings and educational programs on campus.

Demonstrations within different BCCC divisions and information about careers available to program graduates were provided throughout the tour. Often, the news was good for future job seekers. Mark Carawan, lead instructor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at BCCC, talked with the visiting students about electrical and electronics careers during the Career Fair. “There are jobs available in this area in electrical and electronic engineering,” Carawan told group after group of visiting students.

After learning about BCCC's various programs, the students had lunch and were given the opportunity to talk with faculty concerning programs and careers of interest. The Career Fair is an important tool in teaching local high school students how to plan for their future and explore a variety of post-secondary education options, according to Rhunell Boyd, director of BCCC's Career Center.

Plymouth High School Counselor Carroll Hurdle said the event was a valuable way to expose students to careers and technologies that they may not have seen before. “This should encourage them to go to school to pursue well-paying careers,” he said. “I wish all of our students could see what is available here.”

Red Cross Blood Mobile visits BCCC campus

Doug Stalls was one of many Beaufort County Community College employees who celebrated Halloween by giving blood, to the Red Cross that is. BCCC students, faculty and staff “gave the gift of life” during a visit to the campus by the Red Cross Blood Mobile in October. Because of the solid support the Red Cross receives at BCCC blood drives, the agency brought a special piece of equipment that would allow donors who met a specific set of criteria to double their red cell donation with just one visit. BCCC's Student Government Association sponsored the blood drive.



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“Each agency brings a unique historic perspective to the project, Sermons said.

The Brown Library is known for its collection of documents and artifacts pertaining to the early history of Washington along with genealogical material significant to North Carolina’s early families. About 200 items from the John Wilkinson History Room, particularly those focusing on shipping and other waterfront activities in Washington, have been identified for inclusion on the website, according to Julie Hicks, head librarian.

Historic Bath will be a primary source for materials such as unpublished reports on historic structures, photographs of Bath and Historic Bath collections, Samford said.

BCCC will supply copies of 23 years of “Life on the Pamlico,” a collection of oral histories published three times a year by college students, Sermons said.

When the website is completed, researchers will be able to obtain information as varied as a copy of the will of Hull Anderson, the first and only black shipbuilder in Washington; photographs of furniture from the Palmer-Marsh and Bonner houses in Bath; a first-hand account of the visit to Bath by Edna when she was researching her novel, “Showboat;” news accounts about the discovery nearly 20 years ago of the federal gunboat Pickett off of the Washington waterfront.

Currently, to access historic materials such as these in the collections housed at BCCC, Bath and the Brown Library, researchers must travel to the site and handle fragile historical material or write the agency and wait for a response.

A prototype of the website containing items submitted by the three participants is currently available online at circanceast.beaufortccc.edu.

Fountain employees receive leadership training at BCCC



Thirty-three supervisors and lead men at Fountain Powerboats Inc recently completed a seven-week seminar developed by Beaufort County Community College to improve leadership skills among its front-line supervisory staff. The course, taught in two sections on the BCCC campus over a 14-hour period from September 7 to October 21, was titled “Principles of Supervision.” It included topics such as fundamental skills of managing and communicating with people, communicating with your boss, interviewing techniques, delegating effectively, dealing with difficult people, motivating people and coaching employees. The instructor for the seminar was Jack Pyburn, industry liaison at BCCC. Seminar graduates received certificates from Jack Clark, chief operating officer, and Carol Price, human resources manager, at a luncheon hosted by Fountain Powerboats on the last day of class. Through its Occupational Extension Program, BCCC routinely develops courses that enable people to maintain professional license or certification requirements and develops employee training programs for local business and industry that can be customized to the particular needs of any group of participants, Pyburn said. For more information, interested businesses and industries can contact Pyburn at 252-940-6311.

American Enterprise Day celebrated

Five of the region’s outstanding businessmen and women told the stories behind their successful careers in business and industry on November 15, as part of the celebration of American Enterprise Day at BCCC. It was sponsored by BCCC’s Tau Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda and is part of a nationwide observance of National Enterprise Day. Highlighting the evening were remarks from J. Shields Harvey, Henry “Buster” Humphreys, Letitia Kelly, Sally Love and Bobby Roberson. Harvey is a 39-year veteran of the vending and food service industry and serves on the BCCC Board of Trustees. Humphreys, retired president of National Spinning, is a member of the BCCC Board of Trustees and numerous other boards and commissions. Kelly is a teacher and owner of newly-established Visions of N.C., a local home health service agency. Love is the owner of Sunflower Books in Washington. Roberson is a planner for the City of Washington and teaches real estate at BCCC. In the late 1970s, then President Jimmy Carter designated November 15 as American Enterprise Day as a means of recognizing the importance of free enterprise in the United States. It is celebrated by Phi Beta Lambda and Future Business Leaders of America chapters nationwide and is an annual event on the BCCC campus.

BCCC Developmental educators speak and are cited at conference

Six members of BCCC's Division of Developmental Education were featured speakers at the recent annual North Carolina Association for Education Conference in Boone. And two of the staff members, Dell Smith Enecks and James Casey, were cited by the organization for achievements during the year. Staff members Emily Albera, Jackie Keen, Donna Parker, Peggy Pilson, Enecks and Casey presented a session on the ACA 115 Success and Study Skills course at the conference held October 28. Entitled, "Creating a Master Student in the Classroom and Beyond," the presentation focused on the informal learning community fostered in this course at BCCC and the application of the course content and strategies in all disciplines and in the workplace. Other topics highlighted during the session included the ACA 115 orientation, grading system, use of community guest speakers, the service learning component of the course, topics and guidelines for team presentations and the concept of the "master student." Video clips showcased three BCCC "master students" – Libby Everrette, JoLinda Cooper and Donald Moore. During the two-day conference, Enecks was honored, along with other past presidents of NCADE, for her contribution to the organization. Casey was cited for receiving his master's degree from Appalachian State University.

Laptop lending debuts at BCCC library

Library patrons at Beaufort County Community College can enter the wireless age thanks to a bank of 24 laptop computers now available for on-site use.

The computers, purchased grant from the Rural Internet Access Authority's e-NC Initiative, are available for use in the library free of charge to students and other library patrons 16 years and older, who have a BCCC library card and sign a laptop lending agreement.

The Dell laptops use an 802.11b wireless protocol that allow users to perform word processing functions, print research papers and access the Internet from the computer anywhere in the library.

Initial responses from BCCC students who have used the laptops indicate that it will be a very popular program on campus.

"You can go anywhere in the library and get as much information as if you were in the computer lab," said BCCC student Maggie Ross. "These computers will be an asset to students as well as people in the community." BCCC student Mary Godley agreed. "I can spread out and focus on my work with the laptop computer and it's more comfortable working on the couch in the library than at one of the work stations."

Penny Sermons, director of BCCC's Learning Resources Center, said the laptops are not only convenient for students and other library patrons but also teach users valuable computer skills. "This exposes BCCC students to wireless or mobile technology so that they can have the same experience as any university students will have," she said. "This technology also prepares them for job's that require technology skills."

E-NC Initiative is a grassroots effort to connect all North Carolinians to the Internet and a better future. In 2003, the agency awarded BCCC a \$265,000 grant to purchase its Mobile Computer Lab and create the bank of laptop computers for students and staff available at BCCC's on-campus library. Chris Craddock, BCCC distance learning technician, is responsible for the technical support of the MCL and laptop bank.

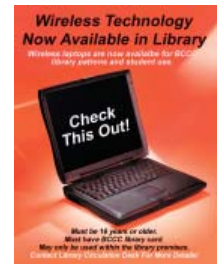
To learn more about the laptop lending bank or the Mobile Computer Lab, contact the library's circulation desk at 940-6282 or visit BCCC's website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

Club Spotlight

SGA collects toys for Operation Christmas Child

The Student Government Association is helping children in need have a better Christmas this year by collecting toys for Operation Christmas Child. Sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. In 2003, the organization collected over 6.6 million shoe box gifts worldwide and distributed them to children

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in some 95 countries. An estimated 7 million suffering children in some 95 countries on six continents will receive personal, gift-filled shoe boxes through this kids-helping-kids project. For many of these children, the shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received. SGA members met November 18 and 19 to wrap the boxes and toys collected across the BCCC campus. The SGA is also participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program by sponsoring two to four children and is establishing an emergency fund to help BCCC students with needs at Christmas.

Gamma Beta Phi helps BCDC

Members of BCCC's Gamma Beta Phi chapter recently spent their Saturday morning working on a community project at Beaufort County Developmental Center. BCDC's Child Development Center on Respass Street in Washington had undergone expansion and renovations in recent months and needed some final touches put on their playground, according to BCDC Children's Services Manager, Elena Cameron. Ms. Cameron was a guest speaker at the October GBP member's meeting where she discussed the services offered at BCDC.

As a club project for "Make A Difference Day," Gamma Beta Phi members voted to help the agency with this effort. Gamma Beta Phi vice-president, Jimie Lynn Woolard coordinated the project and several members participated including: Mark Waters, Stacey Leland, Tina Ayers, Doris Dellinger, Mary Furbee, Teresa Selby, Myrtle Linton, Tonya Snell, and Malaasha Williams. Gamma Beta Phi is an honor and service organization for students who excel in scholarship, service, and character. BCDC is the largest private nonprofit organization in Beaufort County. BCDC provides services



including transportation, group homes and apartments, child development services, supported employment, an adult day vocational program, and CAP/Medicaid services to over 300 citizens with Developmental Disabilities

BCDC has developed a broad array of services to meet the educational, residential and vocational needs of citizens with disabilities. Other vital supports, including a child development center and countywide transportation services have been created to assist the families of these citizens.

Upcoming Events

Ongoing - Cosmetology students are selling \$35 gift for a day at their spa - including a facial, manicure, pedicure, paraffin hand dip and hair style - to raise money for a field trip to the Chicago Midwest Trade Show. For more information, contact any cosmetology student or Eunice Williams at 940-6276.

December 4 - BCCC students participate in Washington Christmas parade.

December 5 - BCCC students participate in Bath Christmas parade.

December 6 - Christmas Social for Evening Students, 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room of Building 10. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

December 7 - Christmas Social for Day Students, 12 noon, Multipurpose Room, Building 10. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

December 7 - BCCC Board of Trustees/BCCC Foundation Christmas social. Multi-purpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Judy Tice at 940-6202.

December 13-16 - Exams.

December 16 - Faculty/Staff Christmas party, 12 to 1:30 p.m., Multi-purpose room, Building 10.

December 18 - January 3 - Vacation. Campus closed.

January 4 - Registration session for Washington County, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Windows on the World.

January 5 - Late registration for Spring Semester.

January 5 - Registration session for Hyde County, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Mattamuskeet School NCIH classroom.

January 6 - Semester begins.

January 11 - Gamma Beta Phi called Business Meeting. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.

January 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

January 18 - Phi Beta Lambda membership meeting. For more information, contact Debra Baker at 940-6229.

January 20 - Phi Beta Lambda Tax Workshop. For more information, contact Debra Baker at 940-6229.

Students, faculty and staff: Publicize your campus-based fundraiser and other events in this column monthly. Contact the public relations staff no later than the 15th of the month in order to list your event in the next month's edition of Campus Connections. Please email your announcements to Betty Gray.