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McFadden, Smith cited for service

Their peers recently recognized two Beaufort County Community College employees – Brown McFadden and Bill Smith – for their service to the college.

McFadden, BCCC's network administrator, was named Staff Member of the Year by a campus committee. Smith, BCCC's lead science instructor, was named Faculty Member of the Year by a BCCC campus committee.

A native of Rock Hill, S.C., McFadden, earned a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering in 1976 from Clemson University and a master's in business administration from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., in 1988.

McFadden has nearly 40 years' experience in the computer field and 20 years' experience in computer network and telecommunications. McFadden is currently certifying as a Certified Government Chief Information Officer with the University of North Carolina School of Government in Chapel Hill and has recently completed that certification.

McFadden is active in civic organizations and church activities in the community. He is a Mason and a member of Orr Lodge 104 A.F. and A.M., serving 10 years as the group's secretary. He is also a scout leader with Troop 21 of the Boy Scouts of America. McFadden is a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church where he serves as treasurer and served as chairman of the Administrative Board from 1997 to 2000, among other posts. McFadden and his wife, Sandria, director of BCCC's Career Center, live in Washington.

As network administrator, McFadden is responsible for overseeing BCCC's computer network, servers and telecommunications needs. As a result of his service to the college, BCCC is able to provide computer labs, online and hybrid courses and web-enhanced and video conferencing courses. This year, he installed digital signage in several departments and trained employees on its use. He also teaches part-time for the Cisco Networking Program at BCCC in an effort to stay in touch with student and faculty needs. In the coming year, McFadden will play a pivotal role in implementing technology improvements at the college that have been funded by a \$2.2 million grant

from the U.S. Department of Labor.



BCCC's Network Administrator Brown McFadden, pictured above, has been named Staff Member of the Year.



BCCC's Lead Science Instructor Bill Smith, Pictured above with Dr. Jennifer Sullivan, lab instructor, and chemistry student Adriana Herina, was named Faculty Member of the Year.

Career and College Promise courses are set

Area high school students will have the chance to take a variety of college courses tuition-free under a new program recently unveiled by Beaufort County Community College.

Enrollment is currently under way for high school juniors and seniors who want to earn credit for college courses while they are still in high school through the Career and College Promise, according to Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at BCCC. Courses through the Career and College Promise Program are available to high school juniors and seniors from public, private and home schools.

The goal of the new program is to allow eligible high school students to speed the completion of college certificates, diplomas and degrees that lead to a four-year college or university or provide entry-level job skills tuition free while the students are still in high school, he said.

That could mean a savings of as much as \$24,308 towards a four-year degree at a public university for college-bound high school graduates and could mean a better-paying job for high school graduates headed toward careers, Beddard said.

"This is an exciting opportunity for local high school juniors and seniors," he said. "BCCC is pleased to announce the start of this new program."

For many years, BCCC offered college classes to high school students through various programs created by the state legislature. Recently, these were organized as the Beaufort College Academy.

But in 2009 state lawmakers eliminated funding that enabled BCCC and other community colleges to offer most general education courses other than math and science.

This prevented students from enrolling in many of the most popular courses – such as art, economics, English, history, physical education and psychology – for high school students, according to Beddard.

During its 2011 session, the state legislature appropriated funds for the Career and College Promise Program. The major difference between the previous community college programs for high school students and the Career and College Promise is that high school students must apply and be admitted into a specific "educational pathway" in order to take courses at a community college, Beddard said.

And students may only take courses that are included in their specific pathway. BCCC will offer three such pathways for students: Core 44 College Transfer Pathway, Career and Technical Education Pathway and Cooperative and Innovative High School Pathway for Early College High School students.

These three options are similar to the previous offerings through the Beaufort College Academy.

Each pathway has various eligibility requirements including a weighted grade point average of 3.0 on high school courses and students must be a high school junior or senior to enroll.

Registration for the Core 44 College Transfer Pathway is currently under way and will continue through Wednesday, Nov. 30. New students who can enroll at the start of Spring 2012 semester on Thursday, Jan. 5, may take any courses scheduled for the Spring semester that are on their pathways. BCCC will also offer three late-start classes for students who cannot start classes before Monday, Jan. 23.

Career and Technical Education Pathways currently offered for students include cosmetology and welding. BCCC is developing additional technical pathways for students to pursue beginning with the Fall 2012 semester.

For specific eligibility requirements or to apply, prospective students should contact Crystal Ange, dean of student services at BCCC, at 252-940-6216. Information about the Career and College Promise Program is also available on the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



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"It is an honor to be recognized by your peers," McFadden said. "This award is not something that is given lightly and I appreciate the fact that my fellow BCCC staff members thought enough of me to give me this honor."

Smith, a native of Asheville, has taught over 2,000 high school and community college students in his 38-year career as an educator. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in physical organic chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"I was thrilled to receive this award," he said. "BCCC has excellent instructors and staff and to be singled out among these people is quite an honor. It's also nice to know that someone thinks you're doing a good job."

Smith began his teaching career at Southern Wayne High School and, since then, has taught at high schools and five community colleges, including North Florida Junior College, Blue Ridge Technical and Community College and Carteret, Lenoir and Beaufort County community colleges. He has also had two years' experience as a chemist with then-Texasgulf and five years as a process engineer with E.I DuPont, which, Smith said, has helped him prepare students for the job market.

Smith has taught science at BCCC for 15 years and has served as lead science instructor for six years. In addition to his duties teaching first and second semester college transfer chemistry and chemistry classes for nursing students, Smith supervises all anatomy and physiology, biology, biotechnology, chemistry and physics instruction at the college. He has also worked to coordinate chemistry lab and classroom, developed Internet-assisted chemistry courses and regularly photographs and places on the Internet many laboratory experiments for students to preview before they come to the lab.

As a high school teacher, Smith was chosen to attend the DuPont Honors Workshop for Teachers in Wilmington, Del. Since starting work at BCCC, he has attended five Chautauqua Summer Conferences throughout the nation and regularly participates in professional development activities including the Great Teacher Retreat. Smith lives in Washington with his wife, Judy.

Staff association canned food drive ends Dec. 14

The Beaufort County Staff Association is conducting a canned food drive as part of its Christmas "Building Relationships" campaign. Faculty and staff in each of the buildings on campus are encouraged to collect canned food and use the items to build a Christmas-related theme. The display in each building will be judged and the winner will have bragging rights for the year. All canned food will be donated to Zion Shelter and Kitchen. The judging of the displays will take place Wednesday, Dec. 14. Canned food will be picked up and delivered to the shelter by members of the staff association. For more information, contact Sandy McFadden at 940-6314 or by email at sandymcf@beaufortccc.edu.



Veterans are honored at SGA-sponsored event



BCCC on Tuesday, Nov. 8, honored its students, faculty and staff and their family members who served in the nation's armed forces with its annual Veterans' Day Coffee sponsored by the Student Government Association. The event featured photos and memorabilia from students, faculty and staff members' days in service. It also featured displays and demonstrations by active members of the nation's military. Pictured at left, Romance Stade, left, maintenance supply clerk for BCCC, shares his memories of his service in the U.S. Navy, with Timothy Tuck, second from left, BCCC maintenance mechanic, at the coffee. Pictured above, students visit a display brought by the U.S. Army that featured robotics and dog-assisted training.

Bridgers is BCCC's new SSS transition counselor

As the daughter of a community college counselor and a nurse, Phylicia Bridgers knew from an early age that she wanted to work in a "helping career" like her parents.

And since October, the Greenville native has been doing just that as the new transition counselor for Student Support Services at Beaufort County Community College. Student Support Services, or SSS, is a federal program designed to help qualifying students with a range of academic and support services.

The program provides tutorial services, academic counseling, college transfer help, skills development workshops, access to technology and cultural enrichment opportunities. Student Support Services are now offered at 938 colleges and universities nationwide, according to federal statistics.

In her new post, Bridgers helps SSS students transition to a four-year university, provides cultural enrichment opportunities, college-related workshops and arranges for private tutoring for those who need it.

She succeeds Kimberly Jackson who was recently named a counselor at the college.

"BCCC is delighted to have Phylicia Bridgers as a transition counselor with Student Support Services."

A graduate of Farmville Central High School, Bridgers earned a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2008 and a master's degree in counseling from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro in 2011.

From 2005 to 2007, Bridgers served as an assistant in the Undergraduate Student Office in UNC-G's Office of Disability Services. From 2008 to 2010, she served as a graduate administrative assistant in N.C. A&T's School of Education and, in 2010, as an intern at the Presbyterian Counseling Center in Greensboro.

Before joining the BCCC staff, Bridgers was a counseling intern at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown.

As a fifth grade student, Bridgers said she wanted to be a psychologist but after taking a few courses, she discovered that career wasn't for her, so she opted for counseling instead.

Bridgers said she was inspired to work with community college students by her father, Michael, who worked as a disabilities counselor at Pitt Community College for 31 years before his retirement.

She particularly enjoys the diversity of the student body that she serves. "I enjoy the variety of students who attend community colleges," she said. "You just never know who's going to walk through your door."

In her spare time, Bridgers serves as the chief executive officer for a non-profit corporation in Greensboro, Finding Your Heart, Inc., which works through churches and community groups in the Triad to help build confidence and self-esteem among the region's young people.

She also volunteers at Grace Fellowship in Hamilton, where her father serves as minister and enjoys spending time with her family.



Phylicia Bridgers is BCCC's new SSS transition counselor.

Fall activities at BCCC



Blood drive a success!

Pictured left, Debra Clemmons, the custodian for Building 10 on the BCCC campus, donates blood during the Student Government Association-sponsored visit by the American Red Cross Bloodmobile in October. BCCC students, faculty and staff donated 76 pints of blood at the event.



Club Day invites participation!



Club Day, sponsored by the Student Government Association, gave students, faculty and staff the chance to learn all about the campus-based clubs at BCCC. It also gave folks the chance to celebrate Halloween with a costume contest. Pictured above, right, Gary Burbage, BCCC admissions and recruitment director, gets his blood pressure checked by a member of BCANS as Sue Brookshire, Retention Services director, waits her turn. Pictured above are costume contest winners Britni Wierman, Elizabeth Williams and LaJana Roberson with Theresa Edwards, student activities coordinator. Pictured at right are Club Waves members, Sharon Bright, standing, and Keshie O'Neil, seated.

Criminal Justice Students prepare for court

Criminal justice students at Beaufort County Community College recently got help from a professional in their preparations for a mock trial project.

Local lawyer Watsi Sutton visited students in Cynthia King's Court Procedures and Evidence Class recently to help them with their project. Pictured above, second from left, Sutton works with students.



Several golf tourney winners have BCCC roots

Several winners in the BCCC Foundation's 18th annual Beaufort County Community College Foundation Golf Tournament have connections to Beaufort County Community College.

Among the winners were Ernie Glover, a winner in the Blue Flight and son of BCCC nursing instructor Sherry Glover; Red Flight winners Charlie Rasmussen, husband of BCCC Foundation Board member Radell Rasmussen, and Yeates Spruill, husband of Customized Training Coordinator Lauren Spruill; Purple Flight winner and BCCC President David McLawhorn and Gold Flight winner and BCCC Foundation Director Judy Jennette.

The tournament, held Friday, Oct. 21, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club, is the largest fundraising event held by the BCCC Foundation.

Potash Corp - Aurora, formerly PCS Phosphate, is the primary sponsor of the tournament. Other co-sponsors of the tournament include Lee Chevrolet-Buick, East Carolina Bank, First South Bank, CenturyLink, P & G Manufacturing Inc., Tideland EMC, Carver Machine Works, Flanders Filters, TriCounty Telephone, Wells Fargo Bank, JFK Architecture, and Park Boat Company.

Pictured above are Red Flight winners, left to right, Rasmussen, Spruill, Jarent Warren and Paul Manning.



Upcoming Events

- December 6—BCCC Christmas Social, noon to 1:30 p.m., Student Lounge, Building 9.**
- December 6—Gamma Beta Phi meeting, 12:15 p.m., Room 935, Building 9.**
- December 6—BCCC Board of Trustees Christmas Social.**
- December 13—Makeup day for Aug. 30 classes missed due to Hurricane Irene.**
- December 14—Makeup day for Aug. 31 classes missed due to Hurricane Irene.**
- December 15-20—Exams.**
- December 20—Faculty, staff Christmas luncheon.**
- December 21-January 3—Student/Faculty Vacation and Christmas Holiday.**
- December 21-January 2—Staff Vacation and Christmas Holiday.**
- January 4—Late Registration for Spring Semester 2012.**
- January 5—First day of class for Spring Semester 2012.**
- January 10—Gamma Beta Phi meeting, 12:15 p.m., Room 935, Building 9.**
- January 16—Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.**
- January 17—BCANS meeting, noon, Room 127, Building 3.**
- January 17—Faculty Senate meets.**
- January 24—Student Government Association meeting, noon, Student Lounge, Building 9.**
- February 7—Gamma Beta Phi meeting, 12:15 p.m., Room 935, Building 9.**
- February 7—BCCC Board of Trustees, dinner, 6 p.m., meeting, 6:30 p.m. Board Room, Building 10.**
- February 14—Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day.**



Students, faculty and staff 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. For instant news updates, check out the BCCC News Blog at <http://bcccnewsblog.blogspot.com>. BCCC is also now on Twitter at twitter.com/beaufortccc.