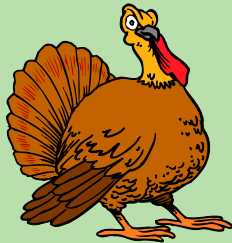


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BCCC receives \$2.2 million grant

Students at Beaufort County Community College, including many who are dislocated workers, will benefit from a \$2.2 million jobs grant that will pay for technology upgrades and new equipment for industry-related programs at the college, BCCC President David McLawhorn announced this week.

"BCCC is very excited about the chance to improve the campus learning environment, particularly for those students who are seeking new careers," McLawhorn said. "There are many job opportunities in eastern North Carolina for those with the appropriate skills and this grant will help our students learn the skills they need for those jobs."

The funds will help BCCC build programs that meet the needs of local industries and improve Internet and technology-based learning, McLawhorn said.

The grant includes the following: \$771,319 to improve technology at BCCC, including

improvements in the campus wireless network; \$564,192 to create "intelligent classrooms" linked to online teacher resources across the campus; \$370,000 for a robotic welder and other equipment for the college's welding programs; \$76,000 in equipment for BCCC's electrical and electronic engineering technology programs, and \$65,708 for an emergent technology laboratory that will give students exposure to the latest in work-related technology as it is developed, McLawhorn said.

The goal of the technological improvements at BCCC is "to enable a student who is training for a new career - and not familiar with today's technology - to graduate with the skills to work in a new economy in jobs that require a knowledge of that technology," he said.

The BCCC grant is one of nearly \$19 million in grants awarded to 10 community

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The Electronics and Electrical Engineering programs at Beaufort County Community College are two of the programs that will benefit from new equipment purchases funded by a \$2.2 million grant jobs grant awarded to BCCC earlier this year.

Still time to signup for Rembrandt & Rockettes trip!

There's still time to register for the Nov. 12 and 13 trip offered by the Beaufort County Community College Foundation to the Triangle to see an exhibit of works by Rembrandt at the North Carolina Museum of Art and a performance by the famous Radio City Music Hall's Rockettes at the Durham Performing Arts Center.

The trip will also include a four-hour shopping excursion to the Tanger Outlet Mall in Mebane as well as first class accommodations at the Washington Duke Inn in Durham.

The cost of the trip, open to all BCCC students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the college, is \$361 per person, double occupancy, and \$435 per person, single occupancy. It is limited to 22 participants. The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 28.

The price of the trip includes tours of two exhibits and lunch at the N.C. Museum of Art, a trip to Tanger Outlet Mall in Mebane, one night at the Washington Duke Inn in Durham, breakfast and dinner Sunday and tickets to the Christmas Spectacular at DPAC as well as transportation, tips and taxes.

The trip will leave the parking lot at BCCC by 7:30 a.m. Nov. 12 and arrive at the art museum about 10 a.m. Once there, the group will be met by a docent and tour the museum's collection of 17th Century Dutch and Flemish paintings. Following the tour, the group will have lunch in the museum's Iris Restaurant.

After lunch, the group will tour the museum's "Rembrandt in America" exhibit, the largest collection of Rembrandt paintings ever presented in an American exhibition and the first major exhibition to explore in depth the history of collecting Rembrandt paintings in America. The NCMA is the only East Coast venue for this exceptional show that features works of art from across the United States.

After leaving the Museum of Art, participants will be driven to the Washington Duke Inn on the campus of Duke University an AAA Four Diamond Award-winning luxury hotel. At this point, luggage will be unloaded and participants may choose from a number of different activities: shopping at the new Tanger Outlet Mall in Mebane, a visit to the Sarah P. Duke Gardens, a stroll around the Duke University campus, or just relaxing in the room.

For those remaining on the bus, the new Tanger Outlet Mall in Mebane will be the next stop. The mall also features a food court where tour participants may dine-on-their-own. The bus will return the shoppers to the hotel by 9 p.m.

On Sunday morning participants can enjoy breakfast buffet until 10 a.m. in the hotel's Vista Restaurant. After breakfast, the bus will provide a ride to Duke Chapel at 10:30 a.m. for those wishing to attend the 11 a.m. church service.

Between noon and 12:30 p.m., the bus will gather up all participants at the hotel and the chapel, and go to DPAC for a 1 p.m. performance of the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" featuring the world-famous Radio City Rockettes.

After the show, the bus will take participants for dinner to Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant at Durham's South Square Mall for a family style meal. Dinner at Maggiano's, the winner of the 2011 Open Table – Diners' Choice, will feature two appetizers, two salads, four main course dishes, and two desserts.

By 5 p.m. the bus will reload and return to Beaufort County around 7 p.m.

For more information, or to register, please contact Marcia Norwood at 252-940-6218 or Judy Jennette at 940-6326. Information is also available on the BCCC website at www.beaufort.ccc.edu.

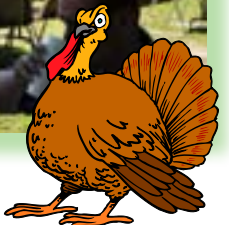
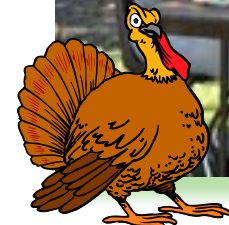


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Fall Fest draws crowd!



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colleges across North Carolina for job training and workforce development announced earlier this month by U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis.

BCCC joined with community colleges in Buncombe, Craven, Cumberland, Davidson, Edgecombe, Haywood, Nash, Robeson and Surry to create the N.C. Advanced Manufacturing Alliance, which is responsible for implementing programs funded by the grant.

The alliance, headed by officials at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, includes area industries, work force development boards and Apple Inc.

The alliance has targeted for help those workers who have been affected by jobs lost in recent years as North Carolina-based industries have moved their operations to other countries.

The alliance estimates that some 5,730 workers in 17 counties served by the 10 community colleges have lost their jobs during a three-year period from 2007 to 2010 as industries have moved to China, Mexico, Canada, Honduras, Brazil and the United Arab Emirates.

Community colleges in the alliance plan to assess, train and certify the skills of some 2,300 students whose jobs have been lost.

Two Beaufort County industries - Carver Machine Works and Potash Corp - Aurora - have pledged to work with BCCC to provide resources, internships and jobs, as they become available, to students who complete job training through the program.

They are among some 35 business and industries that have agreed to participate in the program.

Catherine Gouge joins BCCC science faculty

Catherine A. Gouge, a native North Carolinian and a fan of formula one racing and fast cars, has joined the Beaufort County Community College science faculty this year, teaching anatomy and physiology and microbiology classes.

“We are pleased to have Catherine join us as a full-time instructor,” said BCCC Dean of Instruction Wesley Beddard. “Catherine served as a temporary instructor last year to help BCCC meet the student demand for anatomy and physiology classes. She loves the course material and the energy and enthusiasm she brings to the course work makes her classes very popular on our campus.”

Gouge traces her love of racecars to her childhood near Charlotte and a distant relative who was among the first drivers on the NASCAR racing circuit. She traces her love of science to her mother who worked as a nurse for 25 years and her ambitious goals to her father.

“It was a natural fit for me,” she said.

Gouge graduated from Sun Valley High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from East Carolina University in Greenville in 2007. She holds a master’s degree in molecular biology from ECU and is pursuing a master’s degree in public health from the Brody School of Medicine.



Catherine Gouge is a new anatomy and physiology and microbiology instructor at Beaufort County Community College this fall.

Before joining the BCCC faculty full time, Gouge served as a graduate teaching assistant in the ECU Department of Biology, overseeing students’ laboratory work in Anatomy and Physiology I and II and Graduate Histology and lecturing on the anatomy of multiple vertebrates in Comparative Anatomy and Comparative Anatomy Lab, among other duties.

She has also served as a graduate research assistant in the ECU Department of Biology and as an anatomy and physiology and biology instructor at BCCC, where she loves working one-on-one with students. “I have enjoyed my students and experiences at Beaufort immensely and look forward to helping many more student’s achieve their career goals.”

In addition to her teaching duties at BCCC, Gouge also works at the Epidemiology and Outcomes Research Unit at the East Carolina Heart Institute where she is currently working alongside her mentor performing retrospective analyses on data collected over the past twenty years in The Society of Thoracic Surgeons database hoping to identify ways to improve patient outcomes after surgery.

Her other experience includes an internship with Chirazyme Inc. in Greenville and work as an undergraduate research

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Ambrose receives Wells Fargo Scholarship

William Ambrose, an automotive systems technology student at Beaufort County Community College has been chosen to receive the Wells Fargo Scholarship to attend college this fall.

Ambrose of Washington, is a graduate of Bath High School. The son of Carlton and Betty Ambrose of Pinetown, he has one child, Taylor Ambrose. After completing his studies at BCCC, Ambrose plans to pursue a career in the automotive field or start his own business.

“I would like to thank Mr. William Taylor and Wells Fargo for this award. This scholarship will be a big help to me in completing my associate degree in automotive technology,” he said. “This is a real blessing.”

Pictured at right, William Taylor, with Wells Fargo in Washington, congratulates scholarship recipient Ambrose.

For more information on establishing a scholarship, contact the BCCC Foundation at 940-6326. To learn more about the numerous scholarships available at BCCC, visit the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



BCCC’s practical nursing grads receive pins

Twenty-one practical nursing class graduates at Beaufort County Community College received their nursing school pins in a ceremony on July 14, 2011.

Pictured at right in the front row are, left to right, Jeremy Eckenrode, Mirada Hudson, Erin Giles, Barbara Jackson, Cortina Jenkins, Traci Bryant, Shena Davis, Shamicka Davenport, Holly Braddy, and Tonya Boyd.; second row, Jessica Roscoe, Tina Sutton, Jennifer Wilaby, Nan Wynn, Iness Samwinda, Mindy Sadler, Sytrania O’Neal, Robyn Rogerson, Betsy Pardon, Melissa Nichols, and Amber Rombold.



The recent practical nursing graduates are qualified to take the state licensure examination.

Upon successful completion of the exam, the new LPNs will be able to work in long-term care facilities, acute-care settings and doctors’ offices.

For more information about the practical nursing program at BCCC, contact Carolyn Lee at 940-6318 or visit the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

BCCC faculty, staff featured at conferences

Beaufort County Community College faculty and staff members have been featured speakers at statewide conferences this fall, highlighting some of the innovations in teaching and technology on the BCCC campus.

English Instructor Bryan Oesterreich and Academic Support Center Coordinator James Casey were featured speakers at a conference of community college instructors held in Durham in October. The two presented information about the publication, “Life on the Pamlico,” a compilation of oral history interviews and stories and using those interviews and a similar publication as an alternate way of teaching Cultural Studies.

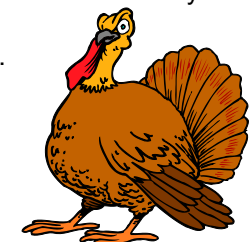


Also in October Penny Sermons, director of the BCCC Learning Resources Center and Distance Learning, and Tricia Woolard, BCCC coordinator of media and graphics, were featured speakers at the North Carolina Library Association Conference in Hickory. The two presented a session on using mobile devices for library and distance learning services.



Pictured at right, are, left to right, Oesterreich and Casey as they make their presentation on “Life on the Pamlico” in Durham.

Pictured above, left, are a few of the mobile devices presented by Sermons and Woolard at the library conference in Hickory.



BCANS elects officers, plans 2011-2012 year

The Beaufort County Community College Association of Nursing Students has elected officers for 2011-2012 and is planning projects for the upcoming year.

Chosen to lead the organization was Michelle Leggett, who serves as president of the organization. Leggett, of Jamesville, is a student in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program. She is a 1986 graduate of Williamston High School. Leggett will be joined by Adam Higgins, vice president; Christy Ward, secretary; Sherri Griffin, treasurer; Stephanie Simmons, project coordinator; Lauren Bystrack, historian, and Buffy Gibbs, reporter.

"Being an active member of BCANS helps nursing students build a sense of professionalism," said Sherry Glover, BCCC nursing instructor and BCANS advisor. "It gives students a sense of belonging and the opportunity to make a difference in the community while they are in nursing school."

BCANS is a local chapter of the National Student Nurses' Association and was first organized in 1993. The mission of the NSNA is to organize, represent and mentor students preparing for initial licensure as registered nurses, as well as those enrolled in baccalaureate completion programs; to convey the standards and ethics of the nursing profession; to promote development of the skills that students will need as responsible and accountable members of the nursing profession; to advocate for high quality health care; to advocate for and contribute to advances in nursing education, and to develop nursing students who are prepared to lead the profession in the future.



The Beaufort County Community College Association of Nursing Students has elected officers for the 2011-2012 academic year. Pictured above, front row, left to right, are Michelle Leggett, president; Adam Higgins, vice president, and Christy Ward, secretary; back row, left to right, are Sherri Griffin, treasurer; Stephanie Simmons, projects coordinator, and Lauren Bystrack, historian. Not pictured, Buffy Gibbs, reporter.

Careers N Uniforms draws crowd

The second Careers N Uniforms event held at BCCC in October drew a crowd of participants that talked with representatives of jobs whose workers wear uniforms. The event brought representatives of the N.C. Highway Patrol, local law enforcement agencies, fire and rescue services, military and industrial technology together to highlight careers and job opportunities for those who want to wear a uniform. This event was sponsored by the BCCC Career Center and was free and open to BCCC graduates, students and job seekers in BCCC's four-county service area of Beaufort, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell counties. The theme for this year's Career 'N' Uniforms was "Careers Without Boundaries." Pictured, at right, a participant talks with a representative of the Durham Police Department at the recent Careers N. Uniforms.



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assistant in the ECU Department of Chemistry.

Gouge is a member of Who's Who in American Educators, Sigma Xi, the Golden Key International Honor Society and the American Heart Association. From 2007 to 2010, she served as co-founder and vice president of the Rural Healthcare Volunteer Society, which helped to re-establish a clinic in Hobgood.

One of her goals this year for Beaufort is to create a Health & Wellness group for students, faculty, and staff. In her spare time, she enjoys kick-boxing and running.

So lace up your running shoes and give Catherine Gouge a call!

News from the BCCC Writing Center

Van Sickle joins BCCC Writing Center staff

New Bern native, Terri Van Sickle has joined the Beaufort County Community College Writing Center staff as lead tutor, succeeding Kaidi Stroud who accepted a post with the Beaufort County Schools, writing center Director Jonathan Elmore announced recently.

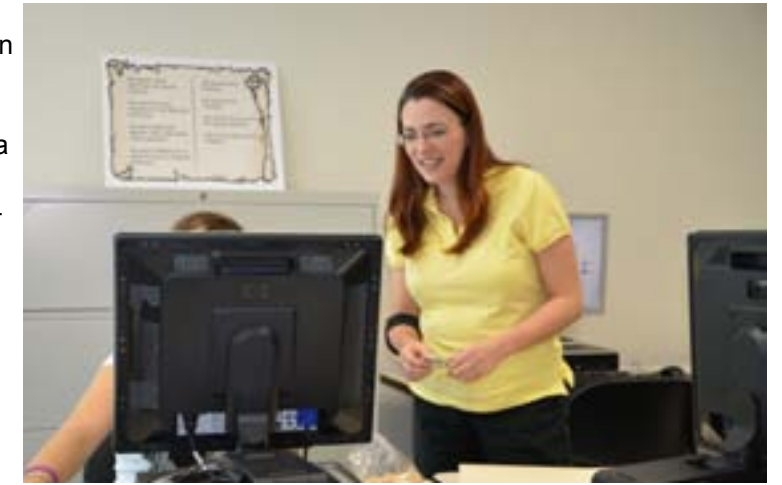
Van Sickle is a graduate of West Craven High School, where she later taught. She is an alumna of East Carolina University and the University of Georgia. Van Sickle also serves as a teacher consultant with ECU's Tar River Writing Project, where she provides workshops for teachers interested in writing across the curriculum.

Van Sickle "brings extensive teaching experience to the job, having taught in North Carolina public schools and community colleges and in Georgia for 11 years," Dr. Elmore said.

Elmore also announced fall hours for the center as follows: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

During Spring 2011 Semester, the writing center conducted almost 500 individual sessions, Elmore said.

"After a very successful first year, the writing center tutors are excited about working one-on-one with students to help them build their writing skills," Elmore said.



New lead tutor Terri Van Sickle helps a student with a writing project in the BCCC Writing Center.

Writing Across the Curriculum Update

The Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) committee is gearing up this year as it continues to advance the writing across the curriculum goals for BCCC.

The following faculty members are increasingly incorporating the writing goals of the QEP into their courses: Ben Morris, Bryan Oesterreich, Cristina Hale, Ed Mann, Cheryl Scott, Mike Davis, Terri Van Sickle, Paula Hopper, Cynthia King, Jay Sullivan, Teresa Crozier, Donna Dunn, Caroline Hardee and Vickie Fennell.

The hard work of these instructors is providing the first hard data necessary to study the effectiveness of BCCC's Writing Across the Curriculum initiative.

Did you know?

The BCCC Writing Center conducted nearly five hundred individual sessions last spring.

Why not invite a BCCC Writing Center representative into your classroom for a quick presentation?

Call ext. 6445 to schedule a time.

Criminal Justice students tour courthouse

BCCC students in Cynthia King's criminal justice classes recently visited the Beaufort County courthouse to watch a trial and tour the building. Pictured at right, Beaufort County Clerk of Court Marty Paramore speaks to members of the class about the jobs and duties of those who work in the clerk's office and oversee the county's court operations.



Art works sought for community college exhibit

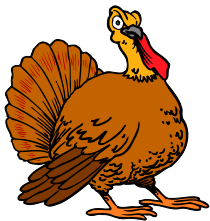
The N.C. Community College System is seeking works of art created by current and former community college students, faculty and staff for the 2012 N.C. Community Colleges Art Exhibition.

All media suitable for use in a public office building are welcome, including, but not limited to paintings, drawings, graphic design, computer design and animation, photography, pottery, stained glass, weaving, woodcarving, metalwork and sculpture. The works of art will be displayed in public spaces on all six floors of the Caswell Building in Raleigh, home to the community college system office, and the spaces are well-suited to large-scale work.

Each college may select up to four piece of art for inclusion in the 2012 exhibit. To enter, artists must submit a signed exhibition art entry form and

up to two digital photographs of each work. The deadline for entry submissions to be in Raleigh is Dec. 2.

For more information on submitting items for the show, contact Judy Jennette, BCCC Foundation and public information director, at 252-940-6326 or by email at judyj@beaufortccc.edu.



Pictured above three artists with ties to Beaufort County Community College display their works that were chosen for the N.C. Community Colleges 2011 Art Exhibition. They are, left to right, Jerry Bradley, Diane Lee and Kay G. Woolard.

Upcoming Events

- November 1—Registration begins for returning students who have not filed for graduation, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. for Spring Semester.**
 - November 2 —Registration continues for returning students and New Student Orientation followed by registration for students attending an orientation session, 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. for Spring Semester.**
 - November 3—Continued registration for new and returning students, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.**
 - November 4—Continued registration for new and returning student, 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**
 - November 8—Veteran's Day veteran appreciation, time and location to be announced.**
 - November 8— Gamma Beta Phi meeting, 12:15 p.m., Room 935, Building 9.**
 - November 8—Faculty Senate meets.**
 - November 11—Veteran's Day Holiday.**
 - November 15—BCANS meeting, noon, Room 127, Building 3.**
 - November 22—Student Government Association meeting, noon, Student Lounge, Building 9.**
 - November 23—Student and faculty vacation.**
 - November 24-25—Thanksgiving Holiday.**
 - November 29— Discover Your Future Information Sessions for Practical Nursing, Medical Lab Technology and Associate Degree Nursing students, noon, Room 927, Building 9.**
 - 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 20—BCCC faculty, staff Christmas party.**
- 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.*

