

# CAMPUS

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Beaufort County Community College

### Linnen, Peed earn Academic Excellence Award

Two Beaufort County Community College students, Kristin Ruth Linnen of Washington and Carrie G. Peed of Chocowinity, will receive the Academic Excellence Award at a ceremony held in Raleigh, on April 27. The Academic Excellence Awards are offered annually to recognize and promote scholarship among the more than 750,000 students in the N.C. Community College System.

Nominations for the award are based on a grade point average of 3.5 or better and a student's involvement on campus and in the community. Instructors within their academic divisions nominated the students. Two students from each of the state's community colleges are honored annually.

Linnen is a pre-nursing student pursuing an associate's degree and Medical Laboratory Technician degree from BCCC. Peed is seeking a degree in Internet Technology from BCCC.

Linnen has completed 57 semester hours at BCCC with a perfect grade point average of 4.0. A graduate of Washington High School, she hopes to work in the medical field after completing her studies at BCCC. The daughter of Daniel Morlock and Sonya Nixon of Washington, she is married to Michael Linnen and has one child, Hunter.

"Kristin Linnen is one of the brightest students I have ever taught," said Dixon Boyles, chairman of BCCC's Arts and Sciences Division. "As her instructor in two courses, I was consistently amazed at the quality of her writing. . .Her transcript will reveal that she has been equally successful in all of her classes."

A graduate of Chocowinity High School, Carrie Peed has worked as a receptionist, graphic designer and part-time instructor at BCCC, most recently operating CCPLACE Auctions, an online auction service.

She is a member of Gamma Beta Phi honor society at BCCC, secretary of the BCCC Student Government Association, treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Organization at Chocowinity Primary School and a member of the Haw Branch Church of Christ, among



Carrie G. Peed



Kristin Ruth Linnen

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## Clayton is graduation speaker

Award-winning welding instructor Ted Clayton has been chosen to deliver the graduation address at the 38th graduation ceremony for Beaufort County Community College. The ceremony is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, May 12 at Washington High School.

Earlier this year, Clayton received the 2005 R.J. Reynolds Excellence in Teaching Award, out of more than 5,400 eligible community college faculty statewide. Given by the North Carolina Community College System, the Excellence in Teaching Award is an annual award given to a faculty member at one of the state's 58 community colleges.

Clayton has worked to improve the welding curriculum at BCCC – he designed six certificate options in welding – from basic welding to more advanced certificates. All of these courses fold into a welding diploma and eventually lead to an associate's degree in welding technology.

He recently developed a non-ferrous welding fabrication lab on the BCCC campus, the only instruction lab of this type in the state and has worked to obtain grant money to buy equipment for the program.

Clayton has also developed close relationships with local employers as well as the Naval Air Depot at the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point to incorporate co-operative work-study opportunities for college welding students. He has also worked with area industries and economic development groups on several projects to increase welding opportunities in the region. Clayton helped design and equip a welding training lab at the Beaufort County Skills Center; he designed an eight-week training program on-site for a local manufacturer, and he developed an equitable, seven-step salary plan for welders for a local industry that resulted in a 10 to 15 percent salary increase for its workers.

Clayton began teaching for BCCC as a part time instructor in 1996 and joined the faculty as a full time instructor in January 1998. Clayton brings a wealth of industry experience to his position.

He worked in welding supervision for five years, machining/structural work for three years and assembly for one year, while employed at NAACO Materials Handling Group Inc., in Greenville. He also worked as a welder for Flanders Filters for three years. Clayton is a 10-year member of the American Welding Society and has been recognized by that organization as a Certified Welding Inspector and as a Certified Welding Educator.



Ted Clayton

Clayton was raised in Hyde County and graduated from John A. Wilkinson High School in Belhaven in 1983. He earned his Associate in Applied Science degree in welding from Beaufort County Community College. He has also studied at NC State University, Lenoir Community College, Pitt Community College and the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio.

The Claytons have one son, Teddy O'Neil Clayton. In his spare time, Clayton serves as assistant wrestling coach at Washington High School. He and his son enjoy riding horses, all-terrain vehicles, and dirt bikes.

## BCCC Students on the Move

### *Criminal Justice students visit prisons*

BCCC Criminal Justice students are experiencing North Carolina's criminal justice system first-hand with two field trips to area prisons. The CJC 140 Corrections night class recently visited the new Maury Prison scheduled to open in late March. It was an opportunity to view a maximum-security prison from the inside out before inmates arrived to be housed. Students did observe some inmates working under the close supervision of correctional officers.

The new technology and state of the art design of the prison were of great interest to the students, according to Dr. Renee' Douglas, instructor. The corrections day class is scheduled to visit the Craven Correctional Institution near Vanceboro on April 10. They will tour the prison, meet with some of the inmates, have a presentation by the superintendent, and get a first-hand look at the classification system used to assign inmates to facilities in the state.

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## Spanish Club members immersed in language.

BCCC Spanish students and faculty spent Spring Break in Mexico as part of a Spanish Language Immersion Trip sponsored by the college's Spanish Club. Under the leadership of BCCC Spanish Instructor Lori McNiel, trip participants had the opportunity to experience Mexican culture and meet native Spanish speakers. The trip was funded, in part, by a December Fundraising Fiesta. McNiel said the trip was a success and plans to schedule similar activities in the future.



*BCCC students enjoyed themselves on a recent trip to Mexico.*

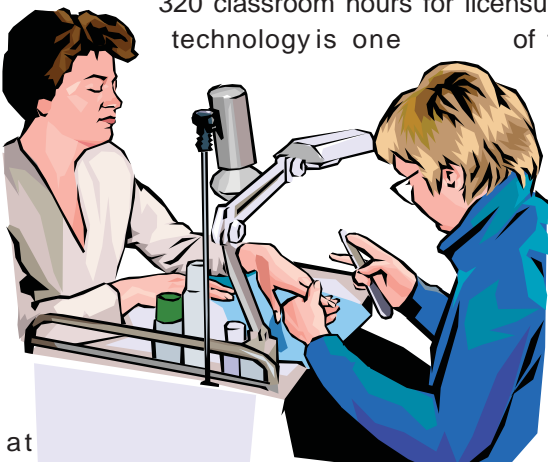
## Nails technology class offered

Beaufort County Community College will offer a nails technology class this summer in its new cosmetology building. The class will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning May 17 and ending August 3 in Building 11 on the BCCC campus. Registration for the class will begin April 6 with late registration scheduled for May 16. Class size is limited so early registration is advised. Students will receive instruction in the proper care of the natural nail, manicures and care of the hand, pedicures and care of the feet, nail art and artificial enhancement. The cost of the class is about \$399 including registration, textbook and a nails technology kit. N.C. State Board of Cosmetic Arts requires

320 classroom hours for licensure examination application. "Nails technology is one of the fastest growing markets in

the beauty industry," according to BCCC cosmetology instructor Donna Adams, instructor for the course. "BCCC is excited to be able to offer this program."

For more information about the nails technology course, interested persons can contact Adams at the Cosmetology School at 940-6406 or by email [email.beaufortccc.edu](mailto:email.beaufortccc.edu).



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## Hey! That's my photograph!



Brooke Woolard, a BCCC college transfer student is shown admiring her photo hanging in the Caswell Building, headquarters for the system office in Raleigh. Woolard's photo was chosen as part of an exhibit of works by community college faculty, staff, students and alumni statewide by President Martin Lancaster. A reception was held at the Caswell Building to recognize the artists and their work.

## Forty-seven inducted into Gamma Beta Phi

Forty-seven BCCC students were inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi Honor and Society in a ceremony held on the BCCC campus Friday, March 24.

Those inducted include Hope Ann Albritton, Keri Lee Ange, Dorothy Boyd, Kyle Burbage, Mary Elizabeth Burbage, Gwen Burley, Adria Cahoon, Rachele Chambers Carlisle, Jeanette Clark, Molly Cooper-Coggins, Courtney Coward, Alberto T. Donagustin, Roberto T. Donagustin, Robert Dunn Jr., Peggy Edwards, Theresa Edwards, Kenneth Floyd, Leanne Burbage Godley, Travis Harbrige, Telisa Ann Harris, Trisha Harvey, Sheri Lynne Heath, Amanda Hudson, Susan Hudson, Deborah S. Ivey, B.J. Johnson, Anne R. Jones, Betty Langley, Stephanie Reneé Manning, Amanda Dawn Morgan, Amanda Woolard Norman, Bobby R. Parker, Nicole Clayton Prince, Donté Raynor, Charnita Moore Ricks, Patricia Ann Satterwaite, Katherine Schietinger, Jackie Silverthorne, Lisa Whitley Smith, Teresa M. Smith, Sharon Ann Thomas, Rebecca High Tingen, J.D. Toler, Susan Weathersbee, Christin Williams, Elizabeth S. Wilson and Brooke Woolard.

With national headquarters in Murphreesboro, Tenn., Gamma Beta Phi is an honor and service organization which has the following objectives: to recognize and encourage educational excellence; to promote the development of leadership ability and character in its members, and to foster, disseminate, and improve education through appropriate service projects. Membership is by invitation only.

To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled, must have completed at least 13 semester hours of college work and must have a 3.3 grade point average, among other membership criteria.

Recent Gamma Beta Phi service projects at BCCC have included a landscaping project for the Beaufort County Child Development Center, Relay for Life, campus Blood Drive and co-sponsorship of the annual BCCC Job Fair.

Advisors for the society are Mandy Jones, allied health admissions coordinator, and Bryan Oesterreich, English instructor. Becky Spain, student activities coordinator serves as associate advisor.

During the ceremony, BCCC Dean of Instruction, Wesley Beddard welcomed members and their guests. The Pledge of Membership was led by Carol Sheppard, GBP secretary. GBP Vice-President Mary Furbee congratulated and presented each inductee with a certificate while Carol Sheppard and Treasurer Amy Gurneé led the Roll Call of New Members. A reception for new members and their guests followed the ceremony.



## Classroom to work is focus of upcoming Job Fair

Helping students transition from the classroom to the work force is the focus of the annual Job Fair to be held at Beaufort County Community College on Tuesday, April 11. This event is co-sponsored by the BCCC Career Center, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society and the Beaufort County JobLink Center.

BCCC's Job Fair 2006 for BCCC students, graduates and job seekers in the school's four-county service area of Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington counties – will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Building 10 on the college campus.

Job Fair 2006 is designed to help up-coming graduates make the transition from school to work, according to Rhunell Boyd, Career Center coordinator. It is open to BCCC graduates, students and job seekers in BCCC's four-county service area of Beaufort, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell counties.

Last year, more than 250 students and job seekers met with 37 employers at BCCC's Job Fair to discuss regional job openings. For more information about the upcoming Job Fair, contact Rhunell Boyd, coordinator of BCCC's Cooperative Education/Career Center, at 940-6353.

## PBL prepares for competition

Members of Phi Beta Lambda's Tau Kappa Chapter at BCCC recently prepared for competition in the State Leadership Conference to be held April 6 through 8 in Raleigh. The group has selected a community service project scheduled to be presented at the conference by Rosa Edwards, Diane M. Jackson, and Barbara A. Stanley. Crystal Coward and Diane M. Jackson are preparing a multimedia presentation, chosen at an earlier competition, to vie for honors at the state conference. The theme of this multimedia presentation is "Identity Theft."

Phi Beta Lambda is a fraternal organization sponsored and supported by the Business Division at BCCC. The goal of the organization is to promote professionalism and integrity in business. Pictured below, preparing for the conference, are, left to right, top row are Debra Baker, PBL adviser; Rosa Edwards, president, and Barbara Stanley, reporter/historian; left to right, bottom row are Diane M. Jackson, vice president/parliamentarian; and Crystal Coward, PBL member.



## Third Annual Cut-Throat Croquet Tournament is set



*Howard Tanner shows his winning form at last year's tournament.*

The Third Annual Cut-Throat Croquet Tournament to benefit the Beaufort County Community College Foundation and the Historic Bath State Historic Site is scheduled for Sunday, May 21. The event is sponsored by Southern Bank, based in Belhaven.

This year's tournament will raise funds to continue the Dorothy and John Tankard Scholarship for a Bath or Belhaven student attending BCCC and for enhancing the Palmer - Marsh house in Historic Bath, to which they were so dedicated.

It will be held in conjunction with Bath Fest, a day-long series of activities that will also include historic homes tours, living history demonstrations, as well as a crafts show all within walking distance of the tournament.

Throughout the day, the crack of mallets against croquet balls will resound throughout the town, against the backdrop of Bath Creek and the pristine white picket fences surrounding the Bonner House.

The registration fee for the tournament is \$35 for each player. The fee includes at least two rounds of croquet and a picnic lunch. Those who enjoy watching intense competition but

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other activities. Peed, who has a grade point average of 4.0, also serves as a BCCC Ambassador.

“She is, without a doubt, one of the best technology students enrolled in the Internet Technologies and Network Administration and Support curriculums,” said Laura Gipson, information systems instructor. “Additionally, she has many other attributes including exceptional writing and communication skills and she is very creative.”

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shy away from participation can watch the tournament free of charge. Those spectators who would like to join in the picnic lunch and beverages can register for \$15 each. Croquet novices need not be deterred from play. Coaches will be on hand to guide them throughout each match.

All players must register between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. They will begin play as soon as a group of four has gathered until a maximum of 60 players have begun to play. During breaks in play, participants may enjoy their picnic lunch behind the Bonner House, have a cool beverage and visit with friends or tour the historic homes at Bath.

Participants can register in advance by calling 252-940-6218 or may register on site between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Standard white croquet dress is requested but not required. A treasure chest of a mysterious “booty” awaits the tournament winner.

### Campaign Posters – A Reminder!

As the 2006 campaign season heats up, it is important to remember that campaign posters or other materials for candidates and political parties are not to be displayed on the Beaufort County Community College campus. Any campaign signs or other campaign materials posted on bulletin boards or on public display should be removed. This policy does not apply to campaign materials for candidates for BCCC student government office or for office in any of the campus-based clubs or organizations.

## Upcoming Events

April 3-7 – Summer Term Telephone Registration.

April 4 - Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, noon, room 935 in Building 9. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.

April 6 – New Student Advising Day, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

April 11 – Job Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., multi-purpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Rhunell Boyd at 940-6353.

April 17 – Easter Monday Holiday.

April 24 - Graduate Recognition, 3:00 to 5:00 pm, multi-purpose room in building 10. For more information call Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

April 25 - Disruptive Students and Due Process Lunch and Learn, noon to 1 p.m. board room, Building 10. For more information, contact Marcia Norwood at 940-6218.

April 26 – Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., multi-purpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Bea Dillon at 940-6375 or 946-6309.

May 5-10 – Exams.

May 11 – Service Awards Banquet.

May 11 – Graduation rehearsal, 7 p.m. Washington High School.

May 12 – Graduation, 8 p.m. Washington High School.

May 17 – Summer Session Late Registration.

May 18 – Summer Session Begins.

May 29 – Memorial Day Holiday.

Students, faculty and staff - publicize your campus-based fundraiser and or other event in this column monthly. Contact the public relations staff no later than the 20th of the month in order to list your event in the next edition of Campus Connections. Please email your announcements to Betty Gray.