

# CAMPUS

## Connections



Beaufort County Community College

### Opportunities abound for women in law enforcement



Hyde County native Aleta Spruill wanted a challenging career that would allow her to work outside. Beaufort County native Tommi Bridgeman wanted to attend classes at night so she could stay home during the day with her young son. Both chose to study law enforcement at Beaufort County Community College and graduated from the school's Basic Law Enforcement Training Program in 1997.

Today, Spruill works for the Hyde County Sheriff's Department as its first female road deputy. Bridgeman, the first female uniformed deputy with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department, is an investigator with the department. Both women had married and started families by the time they chose a career in law enforcement.

"I was looking for something challenging, something that would keep me outside more," said Spruill of her career choice. A 1991 graduate of Mattamuskeet High School, Spruill, 30, married and began her family shortly after her high school graduation. She held a variety of jobs – working as a nursing assistant, in home day care and for a local hotel - but soon discovered that she did not have the disposition for a job that kept her inside or behind a desk all day. She found what she was looking for in law enforcement.

A native of Washington, Bridgeman, 29, once dreamed of becoming a lawyer. But like Spruill, Bridgeman married and started a family shortly after graduating from Northside High School in 1993. She decided to return to school in 1997 and entered the BLET program at Beaufort County Community College. It wasn't a passion for law enforcement that led Bridgeman to her current career but the availability of night classes and the length of the program. She could attend school at night while her husband, Gentry, cared for their son.

"I didn't really have any immediate plans," said Bridgeman. "It was all about my son. I began asking myself, 'What could I do to make things easier for him?'" She found the answer to her question in law enforcement.

Nationwide, women accounted for about 11 percent of law certified enforcement officers in 2002, the most recent year for which statistics are available, according to a Federal Bureau of Investigation report, "Crime in the United States."

Benjamin Morris, director of the Basic Law Enforcement Training program at Beaufort County Community College, hopes more women would consider a career in law enforcement. "I think it would be very positive to have more women represented in law enforcement as a whole," Morris said. "Women are just as capable of performing law enforcement duties as men and with today's rules, especially those governing the handling of suspects, it's helpful for an agency to have female officers."

For more information about Beaufort County Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training, or BLET, program, contact Ben Morris at 252-940-6374 or Pauline Godley, BCCC Business Division, at 252-940-6232 for an application packet.

Tommi Bridgeman is pictured above.

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## Ayers chosen for Rankin Scholarship

A Beaufort County Community College student is one of 56 students nationwide to receive a college scholarship honoring the first woman to serve in the United State Congress.

Tina Ayers of Chocowinity, a student in BCCC's General College curriculum, has been selected to receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the Jeannette Rankin Foundation through its North Carolina Circle of Support. She is one of two North Carolina women to receive the scholarship and the first BCCC student to receive the award. The other North Carolina recipient is from Winston-Salem.

"I am delighted to receive this scholarship," said Ayers. "My family is on a very tight budget and this scholarship will give us a little breathing room."

The Jeannette Rankin Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for, and awarding grants to, low-income women, age 35 and older. Each award recipient has a vision of how education will benefit herself, her family, and her community, according to the Rankin Foundation. It was founded following the death of and named for Jeannette Rankin, a fierce defender of women's rights, democracy, and peace, who was the first woman to be elected to the United States Congress in 1917. In 1958, then Senator John F. Kennedy called her "one of the most fearless people in American history."

A Circle of Support is a group of individuals who choose to help women who are changing their lives through education. Circles raise funds for a JRF grant and then work together to select the recipient of their award.



Tina Ayers

## 20 cited for service to BCCC

Two Beaufort County Community College employees were recently cited for 30 years of service each to the college. Those recognized were Doris King, BCCC registrar, and John T. House, director of Student Support Services at the college.

The two were among some 20 employees recognized for their years of serve at the annual Service Awards Banquet held recently at the college.

House, of Washington, began his career at BCCC in 1974 as an instructional advisory specialist after graduating from North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In addition to his degree from N.C. A & T, House has completed work at East Carolina University in adult community education and education at community junior and technical colleges.

King earned her bachelor's degree in education from Elizabeth City State University and her master's degree in education from East Carolina University. After working as a teacher, King began her career at BCCC in the admissions office. She was named registrar in 1978. In 2000, King was recognized by her peers as BCCC Staff person of the year.

Others recognized for their service include the following: 25 years – Lloyd Smith; 20 years - Gary Burbage, Kay Walker Hauser; 15 years – Pauline Godley; 10 years – Norma Crutchfield, Dianne Evans, Amy Gilreath, Tracey Johnson, Hal Swindell, Grace Ann Whitley, Carol Williard, Bobby Williams; 5 years – Jo Baker, Chet Jarman, Judy Jennette, Sandra McFadden, George Norfleet, William Romance Slade and Trustee Jack Wallace.



Doris King and John House were recognized at the employee appreciation luncheon for completing more than 30 years of service to BCCC.

## College for Kids 2004 attracts 92 students

Some 92 youngsters in the first through eighth grades participated in BCCC's popular College for Kids program held May 31 through July 1. The young people participated in nine classes in subjects ranging from art and drawing to digital photography. College for Kids is an annual event sponsored by BCCC's Division of Continuing Education. To read more about College for Kids events, log onto BCCC's Website at [www.beaufortccc.edu](http://www.beaufortccc.edu).

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## Laptop lending program begins at BCCC library

Students in Beaufort County Community College's Early Childhood Associate Degree program will benefit from a Laptop Lending Library funded by a grant from Bank of America, school officials announced this week.

BCCC has received an \$11,648 grant from the Bank of America-funded program, Laptops for Learners, which will allow seven early childhood associate students at the college to participate in classes via the Internet.

The grant was awarded to the college through the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children, also known as Smart Start. Through access to a laptop from the laptop lending library, BCCC will provide online students enrolled in the Early Childhood Associate program technical support and increased opportunities to successfully complete their degree.

For more information about BCCC's early childhood education classes, interested persons can contact Jane McCotter, early childhood lead instructor, at 940-6365. Information about Distance Learning classes is available at BCCC's Website at [www.beaufortccc.edu](http://www.beaufortccc.edu).



*Penny Sermons and Dr. David McLawhorn accept a grant from Lisa Woolard (center) to purchase laptop computers for the Early Childhood program at BCCC.*

## Care packages en route to Iraq

Care packages containing food and personal care items are en route to five Washington-based members of the North Carolina National Guard now stationed in Iraq thanks to efforts of Basic Skills students at Beaufort County Community College.

The students and staff were inspired to collect the items because the two soldiers with the National Guard – David Ward Tyndall and Chris Cherry – have helped arrange Basic Skills classes at the armory and have supported the program in other ways throughout the years, according to Penelope Radcliffe, Basic Skills recruiter at BCCC. Tyndall and Cherry are stationed in Iraq as part of the 230<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, she said.

Students brought non-perishable microwave food such as popcorn, canned spaghetti and the like, as well as baby wipes and hard candy that were placed in a collection box. The items collected were packed for mailing to Tyndall, Cherry and other Washington-based soldiers SPC Chris Cartellone, SPC Carl V. Huynh and PFC Woodrow Allen Asby.



*Penelope Radcliffe, Basic Skills recruiter, displays items collected by students and instructors at BCCC for distribution to Washington-based National Guard members on duty in Iraq.*

## Open House for high school learners is set

High school students interested in jump-starting their college careers and their parents are invited to attend an Open House at Beaufort County Community College Monday, August 2. It will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Building 10 on the BCCC campus beginning at 7 p.m.

The Open House will provide students with an introduction to courses offered by BCCC to high school students through its Huskins Bill and Dual Enrollment programs. And it will give students enrolled in or those considering taking classes at BCCC the opportunity to learn what to expect from the experience and to ensure that they are properly registered for their classes.

"Anyone who wants more information or is planning to take courses offered through these programs is invited to attend these sessions," said Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at the college. "We also invite parents of prospective students to attend and learn more about these programs."



*James "Jimbo" Shriver displays the trophy he won at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Denver. He is surrounded from left to right by BCCC's PBL President Rosa Edwards, Vice President Tabitha Fulford, and Advisor Debra Baker.*

## **BCCC student excels in nationwide competition**

Beaufort County Community College student James Shriver received second place honors in a nationwide competition held July 9-12 at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Denver. Shriver, known as "Jimbo," was cited for his work in the PBL "Sales Presentation" competitive event. His presentation, "Old Fashioned Toys," included products such as the "Snap Stick" and the "Whoovie Stick." Competitors representing 18 states vied for honors in Denver in this category. Also attending the conference were PBL President Rosa Edwards and Vice President Tabitha Fulford.

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. The BCCC Foundation assisted the group in obtaining the funds needed to attend the convention. Those interested in more information about PBL can contact Baker at 252-940-6229.



## **Oesterreich strikes again!**

BCCC's Faculty Member of the Year, Bryan Oesterreich, had another story published in the August edition of Our State magazine. His story was about downtown Washington. Oesterreich, and several of his students have been featured writers for this prestigious magazine.

## **Swindell reappointed to IACLEA**

### **Swindell reappointed to International Task Force**

Hal Swindell, chief of police at Beaufort County Community College has been reappointed to serve as chairman of the International Task Force for Two Year Institutions of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA). IACLEA is the international professional association that sets the standards for all police and security departments at both two-and four-year institutions throughout the United States and abroad. It also provides broad-based networking and training for all institution members and non-members. During his first year, Swindell and his committee spearheaded a broad based needs assessment and survey that polled two-year institutions throughout the United States.



## **Beaufort County Community College Police**

# **CRIME STATISTICS**

The following information is required to be published annually by October 1<sup>st</sup> for the three previous calendar years in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998. The U.S Department of Education is responsible for overseeing all regulatory and compliance issues included in the act. All institutions of higher learning both public and private that participate in any federal student aid programs are required to provide the following statistics to the entire campus community. Additional compliance and statistical information is available on the web at [www.beaufortccc.edu](http://www.beaufortccc.edu) or [www.securityoncampus.org/](http://www.securityoncampus.org/) or [www.ope.ed.gov/security/](http://www.ope.ed.gov/security/)

Information regarding registered sex offenders is available on the web at: [www.beaufortcountycrimestoppers.com](http://www.beaufortcountycrimestoppers.com) or <http://sbi.jus.state.nc.us/DOJHAHT/SOR/Default.htm>

In accordance with the act, the following statistics are provided for your information:

<b>OFFENSE REPORTED</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
HOMICIDE- Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter/ Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES- Forcible/Non-Forcible	0	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT / SIMPLE ASSAULT	1	0	0
BURGLARY- (Breaking/Entering/Larceny)	0	1	0
LARCENY	26	21	31
HATE CRIMES	0	0	0
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0	0
ARSON	0	0	0

<b>ARRESTS/ DISCIPLINARY REFERRALS</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS- ARRESTS	0	0	0
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS- REFERRALS	0	0	1
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS- ARRESTS	0	0	0
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS- REFERRALS	0	0	0
WEAPONS POSSESSION- ARRESTS	0	0	0
WEAPONS POSSESSIONS- REFERRALS	0	0	0

## BCCC helps Creswell teacher down career path



Kerry "Juice" Baldwin

Kerry L. Baldwin did not plan on a teaching career when he enrolled at Beaufort County Community College 12 years ago. The Chapel Hill, N.C., native studied electronic engineering and computer programming, earning two associate's degrees from BCCC. He figured he would have the best shot at getting a good job with those degrees, because few black men were enrolled in the programs. But an opening with the Washington County Schools led Baldwin down an unexpected path in his life.

After spending his early years hanging out on the streets in New York City and his twenties in the military, Baldwin today spends his days in Creswell and Plymouth where he teaches computer and network engineering. And along the way, he has defied expectations.

"You've just got to know what you want and go after it," he tells his students during a recent classroom discussion at Creswell High School.

Baldwin says that he likes his students to experience the business side of life. "You never can say what you can and what you can't do until you try." "From right here, you don't know where you'll go," Baldwin said.

Those words, although given as advice to his students, could apply equally as well to Baldwin's own life. Although he was born in North Carolina, Baldwin moved to New York when he was just three months old when his father and mother, Buck and Matilda Baldwin, both ministers, moved north. His father worked for the Scarsdale, N.Y., Sanitation Department and played semi-professional baseball in Harlem and his mother worked at a local hospital.

Read more about BCCC graduate Kerry Baldwin online at [www.beaufortccc.edu](http://www.beaufortccc.edu).

### Upcoming Events

**Ongoing through August 17** – Summer term daytime operating hours are in effect.

**August 2** – Open House for high school students participating in Dual Enrollment and Huskins Bill classes to be held at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Building 10.

**August 5** – Exams

**August 11-13** – Training session for BCCC students participating in Americorps Project Heart.

**August 16** – Late Registration for Fall Semester

**August 17** – Fall Semester begins

**September 6** – Labor Day Holiday

**September 7** – Gamma Beta Phi membership meeting. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.

**September 20** – College Night, 6:30 to 8 p.m., in the multipurpose room of Building 10. For more information, contact Gary Burbage at 940-6233.

**September 24** – BCCC Foundation Golf Tournament

**October 1** – BCCC Student Government Association will sponsor a non-partisan "Get-Out-The-Vote event. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

**October 1** – Gamma Beta Phi membership meeting. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.

**October 7** – BCCC Foundation fundraiser

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to list your event in the next edition of Campus Connections. Please email your announcements via Groupwise to Betty Gray at [betty@beaufortccc.edu](mailto:betty@beaufortccc.edu).**