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Beaufort County Community College

### BCCC offers lateral entry teaching program

While statewide teaching shortages have public universities scrambling to graduate more qualified instructors, Beaufort County Community College's new lateral entry program is helping to meet the demand.

A teaching license from East Carolina University can now be attained without ever setting foot on the Greenville campus, according to Margaret P. Holder, coordinator of lateral entry teachers for ECU. "Over the next decade, North Carolina is going to need 22,500 new teachers," Holder told the Washington Daily News. "Next year, the state will need 10,000 new teachers. We are not graduating nearly enough. It has become a profession that people are not investing in."

In light of the state's teacher shortage, public universities have begun working with community colleges to make entering the teaching profession more appealing, according to Holder, who has been initiating the outreach program in Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Bertie, Carteret, Craven and Dare counties since May 1. Those people who have a bachelor's degree and would like to become teachers can take a course of study for so-called lateral entry designed by ECU that will allow them to meet state licensure requirements for a teaching certificate.

Holder will design the necessary course of study around an individual's schedule with classes available on the BCCC campus or via the Internet. "Last year, there were 24 lateral entry teachers in Beaufort County," she told the Daily News.

"I find out what these 24 teachers need as far as course work and contract through ECU so they can take that course work at BCCC." Holder also serves as a mentor to the new teachers once they obtain their teaching certificates, providing them with support at the school site.

Anyone interested in the lateral entry program can contact Holder at 940-6386 or may visit her office in room 121A in Building 3 Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information about other opportunities for teachers, interested persons can contact Caroline Hardee at 940-6368 or by email at carolineh@email.beaufortccc.edu.

### Beddard raises more than \$700 from 24-hour walk

Nearly 24 hours and 50 miles after beginning an historic walk, Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at Beaufort County Community College, raised just more than \$700 for cancer research in the Beaufort County Relay for Life and helped the BCCC Relay-for-Life team exceed its fundraising goal.

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By pledging to walk the duration of the Relay for Life, Beddard helped the BCCC Seagulls raise more than \$3,600 for the Beaufort County Chapter of the

American Cancer Society during the 24-hour walk-a-thon held on the track at Washington High School in May.

"My wife says it wasn't one of my saner moments when I decided to do this," Beddard said in an interview looking back on the walk.

Over the years, Beddard and his family had helped raise money for heart disease research and for organizations involved in diabetes research - two health problems that have affected his family. But it was the cancer illness and death of several of his friends and colleagues that prompted Beddard to get involved in raising money for cancer research.

"I was motivated by my friends and colleagues who were ill or had died from cancer," he said. "And I was inspired by the creativity of the college's team leader, Julie Ellis. I wanted to do something a little different that would prompt people to give money who had not given money before."

Taking a five minute break each hour to eat a snack, drink some water and change his shoes and socks, Beddard started walking at 6 p.m. on a Friday and despite his lack of sleep and the threat of bad weather, he reached his goal of 50 miles.

On Saturday morning, after it was reported that there was a bad storm heading towards the high school, the wind picked up, blowing tents and tables around. Due to the inclement weather, the relay was halted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, but Beddard, continued walking.

Despite swollen, blistered feet and increasing pain, Beddard was determined to finish what he had started.

"The only one left on the course, he had reached 40 miles with 10 more miles to go - Understand four laps around the course equals one mile," reported Ellis. "Even as the cleanup crew was cleaning up the campsites, Wesley continued to walk; then he was down to five miles, with his wife, Kaye, by his side the whole time encouraging him on."

"The amazing thing was that on the last lap despite all of the pain and stress on his body, Wesley ran the last lap and finished his race at 2:45 p.m.

Saturday afternoon," she said.

"No one has ever walked 50 miles in 20 hours and 45 minutes with no sleep, little food, and little rest," she said. "He made history for Beaufort County Community College, as well as Beaufort County's Relay for Life, by helping us go beyond our goals."

Beddard credits the support he received from his wife, youngest son, Brett,



*Lou Stout, Beaufort County Relay for Life Chairman, presents Wesley Beddard with a commemorative T-shirt marking his historic walk to raise money for cancer research.*

Ellis and the other BCCC team members who cheered his completion of every lap and every mile, in helping him complete the event.

He said the most difficult part of the long-distance walk was the toll it took on his feet. "My feet were so swollen that I could not take my shoes off or change socks for the last few hours," he said. "Every one of my toes were blistered and my feet hurt so bad I could not tell if any of the rest of my body was hurting."

After completing his walk, Beddard went home, took a shower, had a nice meal, went to bed about 9 p.m. and was up the next morning in time to attend church.

Beddard doesn't know if he will attempt the feat again next year.

"I'd just like to see more people from the college involved," he said. "I want the college team to have plenty of walkers."



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## First SECU Scholarships to BCCC announced

Two students in Beaufort County Community College's nursing school are among the first recipients of a two-year scholarship funded by the State Employees Credit Union Foundation. Rebecca Jordan of Washington and Jennifer Manning of Ayden are the first BCCC students to receive the scholarship. Both are students in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program.

The foundation will provide 116 two-year scholarships – two for each of the 58 community college statewide - valued at up to \$5,000 each.

Jordan, 29, is a graduate of Washington High School and serves as assistant register of deeds for Beaufort County. The daughter of Peggy Edwards of Washington, Jordan and her husband, Robert, have one daughter, Britany Nichole. Jordan plans to obtain her bachelor and master's degrees after graduating from BCCC and hopes to teach nursing.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen," she said. "This gift will go a long way towards helping me reach my goal of becoming a registered nurse."

Manning, 25, is a graduate of Ayden-Grifton High School. The daughter of Terry and Cheryl Manning of Ayden, Manning works as a nursing assistant at Pitt Memorial Hospital. She plans to work as a registered nurse after graduating from BCCC.

"I want to thank the SECU Foundation very much," she said. "These funds will help me reach my goal of becoming a registered nurse."

The SECU Foundation is the charitable, non-profit arm of the State Employees' Credit Union established to identify and address community issues that are beyond the normal scope of SECU itself. Its mission is to promote local community development primarily through projects in the areas of education, health and human services. Foundation projects are initiated through local SECU branch advisory boards and approved by the Foundation Board.

The State Employees' Credit Union is the world's second-largest credit union with 1.1 million members and \$12 billion in assets. To learn more about this or the numerous other scholarships available at BCCC, interested persons can contact the Financial Aid office at 940-6219.



*Rebecca Jordan*



*Jennifer Manning*

## Meyer to head BCCC Faculty Senate

Judith Luna Meyer, an instructor in the Arts and Sciences Division at Beaufort County Community College, has been chosen to lead the BCCC Faculty Senate during the 2005-06 Academic Year. Three others elected to Faculty Senate offices join her: Bryan Oesterreich, vice president; Laura Gipson, secretary, and Ted Clayton, treasurer. Meyer succeeds Debra Baker, instructor in BCCC's Business Division, who served two years as president of the Faculty Senate.



Meyer is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She received her master's degree in clinical psychology from East Carolina University. She has also completed additional graduate work in Sociology at ECU. She is a psychology and sociology instructor at BCCC.

Meyer served as staff psychologist at Tideland Mental Health Center and consulting psychologist at Partners Psychiatric Center before joining the full-time faculty at BCCC in 1989. She and her husband, Dan, live in Washington.

Oesterreich earned his GED from Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington in 1992. He then earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of North Carolina at

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Wilmington in 1997, graduating magna cum laude, and a master's degree in English from UNC-Wilmington in 1999, graduating summa cum laude.

Oesterreich joined the faculty at BCCC in 2000 teaching American literature, creative writing, first-year composition, professional research and reporting and public speaking. In 2000 he also joined the adjunct faculty at East Carolina University, teaching English composition.

Gipson has served as an instructor in BCCC's Information Systems Curriculum since August 2000. She earned an associate's degree in computer programming from Pitt Community College in 1975, a bachelor's degree in information processing from East Carolina University in 1992 and a master's degree from ECU in adult education in 1995. She has also done additional work at the doctoral level at N.C. State University in training and development, focusing on using technology in the classroom.

Clayton is lead instructor in BCCC's welding program and was recently named Faculty Member of the Year. He graduated from John A. Wilkinson High School in Belhaven in 1983 and later earned an associate's degree in welding technology from BCCC. He joined BCCC's faculty as a part-time welding instructor in 1996 and joined the faculty full time in 1998.

The following faculty members were chosen to head standing committees: Dixon Boyles, Instructional Affairs; Lori McNeil, Student Affairs, and Surry Everett, Faculty Affairs.

## Hodges graduates from leadership program

Betsey Lee Hodges, director of Occupational Extension for Beaufort County Community College, was among 34 recent graduates of the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program.

Developed 16 years ago to provide leadership training to faculty and staff from community colleges statewide as well as from the system office, the program seeks to develop leaders at all levels through broad-based professional development. Participants for the 2004-2005 program were selected through a competitive application process last September. Since then, they attended workshops and seminars throughout the state covering topics such as diversity, conflict resolution and leading through change.

The participants, representing 34 North Carolina community colleges graduated at a luncheon ceremony on Friday, April 29, 2005 at Johnston Community College in Smithfield. For more information about the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program, interest persons can contact Dawn McAvoy, NCCCLP Co-Director at 252-335-0821, ext. 2255 or visit the program's website at [www.nccclp.org](http://www.nccclp.org).

## Upcoming Events

July 5 – Holiday

July 6-9 – Student/Faculty vacation

July 12-22 – RAP (phone) Registration for Fall semester

July 19 - New Student Advising Day.

July 19-21 – Student Advising Center open for new students in room 927 of Building 9. For more information contact the Admissions Office at 252-940-6237.

August 4 - Deadline for payment of fees for Fall semester.

August 5 – Exams.

August 15 and 16 - Late registration for students for the Fall Semester.

August 16 – Fall semester classes begin.

September 28 – College Night, 6:30 to 8 p.m., multi-purpose room and conference rooms, Building 10. For more information, contact 940-6233.

October 7 – Annual BCCC Foundation Golf Tournament. For more information, contact 940-6218.

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 via Groupwise to Betty Gray.

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