

# CAMPUS

## Connections



Beaufort County Community College

### BCCC Confers Degrees, Certificates, and Diplomas



*Doris Hoffman of Washington graduated with honors from Beaufort County Community College with an Associate in Applied Science degree in the Information Systems program on May 14.*

Beaufort County Community College conferred 172 degree, diploma and certificate awards to its graduating students as well as 13 General Educational Development (GED) certificates at its thirty-seventh graduation ceremony held on May 14, in the auditorium of Washington High School.

The Rev. Robert B. Cayton, keynote speaker at the ceremony, told graduates and their families about the components of faith and how they apply to a successful student. First he discussed the ability to dream and congratulated the students on following their dreams to graduation and encouraged them to keep dreaming.

He then addressed the ability to believe, and commended the graduates' parents, spouses, children, friends, and employers for believing in their ability to succeed. Cayton also encouraged the students to never stop believing in their ability to succeed.

Lastly, Reverend Cayton spoke about the ability to act. He praised the graduates for making the sacrifices necessary to attend school and see it through to the

successful completion of a degree program. He also challenged the students to continue their commitment to action as they move to the next phase of their lives.

Participating graduates were treated to music performed by Doug Cutler. The event was called to order by BCCC President Dr. David McLawhorn. BCCC Trustee, Mitch St. Clair, gave the invocation and Debra Baker, president of the BCCC Faculty Senate, introduced the guest speaker.

Cayton is chairman of the Beaufort County Community College Board of Trustees. Cayton lives in the Edward community near Aurora and serves as a senior minister at Reelsboro Christian Church and Concord Christian Church. Cayton is also a member of the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners.

Cayton earned bachelor's degrees in religion and history from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) in 1973 and a master's of divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest in 1977. He did his post-graduate work at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary from

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On a recent Wednesday afternoon, Barbara Nicole Midgett, “Nickie” to her friends, stuck a toothpick in a small piece of cauliflower and offered it to a group of reluctant four-year-olds at a Washington day care center. “Who wants to try this cauliflower?” she asked as she knelt down to join the group at their small table. The cauliflower was just one of the offerings at a tasting of healthy foods prepared by Midgett, a student at Beaufort County Community College, and other interns working for the past semester with the Interdisciplinary Rural Health Training Program. The visit was part of a community service project developed by the program’s interns to try to prevent obesity by teaching good eating habits to children at an early age. Earlier in the day, the group of interns visited the Beaufort County Home where they had met with one of the home’s residents as part of a case study intended to help improve the quality of care for the resident.

During the hour-long meeting, the interns, visiting university faculty and Beaufort County Home staff discussed ways to do this. As a future social worker, Midgett expressed concern about the availability of transportation for the patient and access to a social worker from the county Department of Social Services.

The day’s activities were typical for the IRHTP interns who have spent the last semester focusing on preventing obesity and effectively treating diabetes in the region. Midgett, the first BCCC student to participate in an internship with the program, completed her internship in early May. In an interview after finishing the program, she said the variety of experiences she encountered through the IRHTP have prepared her well for a career in social work. “We always did something new,” she said. “I feel like I’ve learned more overall about the different agencies in the community than anything I could have done. “This internship presented me with a range of things that I could choose to do as a social worker,” she said. The IRHTP is a 10-year-old project of ECU’s Brody School of Medicine and other health and social services agencies in Beaufort and six other eastern North Carolina counties. Its goal is to recruit and retain health care professionals in rural areas. Recruits include nursing, medical, pharmacy, nutrition students and other health science-related students who, over the course of a semester, learn how to provide cost-effective health care to people living in rural areas.

Bonita Harriett, Beaufort County coordinator for the IRHTP, said the internship with BCCC has been a success this semester. And, she said, the IRHTP plans to recruit students in a variety of allied health fields for future internships, including one in the upcoming fall semester. “This was a pilot study for the spring and we hope that other disciplines, such as nursing, would entertain the opportunity during the next academic year,” she said. “Having a community college student participate in the Interdisciplinary Rural Health Training Program has opened the door for future communication and collaboration between the university and the community college system. “Nickie has gained insight both personally and professionally through her exposure to other health science students outside of her disciplines,” Harriett said. “This experience has allowed Nickie to see health care through the eyes of other health professionals.



*BCCC student “Nickie” Midgett, standing, prepares a variety of healthy foods for a group of four-year-olds at a Washington day care center. For the past semester, Midgett has been part of a team focussed on improving eating habits among young children.*

“As a future professional, she will be open to diversity, become a more effective communicator and problem solver and build skills needed to ‘think outside the box’ to meet future challenges in providing direct client services,” she said.

**To learn more about the Health services curriculum and the IRHTP internship, interested applicants can contact admission at BCCC at 252-946-6194 or can visit the college’s website at**

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## Graduate overcomes obstacles with humor, determination

Teri Dee Satterthwaite made history when she received her associate's degree in human services technology from Beaufort County Community College on Friday. Not only did Satterthwaite and her sister, Santana Gray, also a human services technology graduate, become the first in their family to earn a college degree, but Satterthwaite also became the first blind person to earn a degree from the college. "I am just so proud of her," said Sue Brookshire, director of retention services, one of the first people on campus to meet Satterthwaite. "Her determination and stick-to-it-ness have been a real inspiration to all of us." Satterthwaite, of Belhaven, reckons that she has faced adversity three times in her life. At first, she says, she cried. Then, with determination and a sense of humor, she picked herself up "dealt with it and got over it." That attitude helped



Teri Dee Satterthwaite

Satterthwaite, at age 12, overcome the death of her mother, Hazel, and subsequent move from her native Brooklyn, N.Y. to Belhaven to live with her father, John Satterthwaite, and step-mother, Patricia. It helped the 38-year-old mother of two overcome the loss of her sight 12 years ago. And it has helped Satterthwaite meet the challenges of college for the last three years. Satterthwaite, a 1983 graduate of John A. Wilkinson High School, had not planned on going back to school, but a friend who was enrolling in BCCC's cosmetology program asked Satterthwaite to come with her to the campus. Satterthwaite took the placement test and decided to enroll in office systems technology program. But after she sat in on a class taught by Gregg Allinson, then an instructor in the college's human services technology program, she decided to change her major. "I liked the aspect of helping individuals," she said. "I've been helped for the last 12 years since I lost my sight and I like the thought of being able to help others and getting paid for it." The middle of three children, Satterthwaite was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. after her parents, both Beaufort County natives, moved north and had their family. After her parents separated, Satterthwaite continued to live with her mother while her father moved back south. But after her mother died, Satterthwaite moved to Belhaven to live with her father. After high school, Satterthwaite held a variety of jobs - working in tobacco, in manufacturing jobs at National Spinning and Hamilton Beach in Washington and in food service. Over the years, she gradually noticed that when she would get up to go to work, she would often have trouble focussing her eyes. But in August 1992, her life changed. At the time, she was working at Sea Safari in Belhaven picking crabs. One morning she went to and complained about how foggy the room seemed. Her co-workers encouraged her to go to the doctor, which she did. She was diagnosed with fluid build up in her optic nerves. But by the time the condition was detected, doctors said it was too late to save her sight. An operation at the eye clinic at Duke University allowed some of the fluid to drain and stabilized the problem, leaving her with some sense of light and dark and the ability to sense large shapes. But her ability to read and distinguish faces and other details was lost forever. When Satterthwaite enrolled at BCCC in 2001, it was her third attempt to continue her education. After high school, she enrolled at Pitt Community College but never attended classes. The birth of her first child in 1985 delayed her education. She came to BCCC in 1987 to seek a degree in accounting but dropped out and had her second child.

To read more of Teri Dee Satterthwaite's courageous story, visit BCCC's News and Events page at [www.beaufortccc.edu](http://www.beaufortccc.edu).

## New BCCC associate nursing degree graduates pinned

In a ceremony whose roots date back over 100 years, the 2004 associate degree nursing class at Beaufort County Community College received their nursing school pins Friday, May 14, on the BCCC campus. Twenty-eight graduates of the nursing school program participated in the traditional rite-of passage taking place at nursing schools across the country this spring. This was the largest graduating class of ADN students since the beginning of the program at BCCC. This year's class also featured eight men, the largest number ever in one graduating class. The Katie Paul Award for Bedside Clinical Skills went to Eric Roberson. The Leadership Award was presented to Vanessa Amarocho and the Outstanding Student Award was given to Trip Bliley. Pinning ceremonies in their currently recognizable form began in 1893 with the first Associate Degree Nursing Program pinning at BCCC taking place in 1973. The pin is awarded to the nurse to recognize the achievement of entering the profession and to signify a nursing school graduate's affiliation with a specific nursing school. The BCCC nursing school pin has scalloped edges and a burgundy band emblazoned with the words "Beaufort Community College, Washington, NC." Inside the band is a seal containing the word "Nursing" and a white crest with a signature design.



*BCCC ADN Class of 2004*

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## Two BCCC students earn Academic Excellence Award

Two Beaufort County Community College students received the Academic Excellence Award this week at a ceremony at state community college headquarters in Raleigh. Receiving the award were Vanessa Amorocho of Washington and Andrea Nicole Starkie of Chocowinity. 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 were honored at an awards luncheon on May 7 in Raleigh. Amorocho, 32, is a student in BCCC's associate degree in nursing program. She is scheduled to graduate later this month. Starkie is enrolled in BCCC's college transfer program. She is scheduled to receive her associate's degree later this month. Each has a 4.0 grade point average. Read more about BCCC's Academic Excellence Award winners at the BCCC website.



*Pictured from left to right are Vanessa Amorocho, Wesley Beddard and Andrea Starkie.*

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1994 to 1995 and received a doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, Ga., in 2001.

Following Cayton's remarks, he and BCCC's Dean of Instruction Wesley Beddard conferred the degrees, diplomas, and certificates. The highlight of the presentation came when Teri Satterthwaite received her diploma. Satterthwaite is the first blind student to earn a degree from BCCC, and her sheer determination to succeed spurred a standing ovation as she walked across the stage.

The graduates included:

### **Beaufort County**

Graduates from Washington were Vanessa Amorocho, Lucy Barnes, Brandon Barnette, Ashlee Beacham, Casey Beacham, Jamie Bell, Stephanie Bell, Leighanne Berger, Leo Bliley III, Brenda Blount, Cassandra Brown, Matthew Brown, Wilda Brown, Katrina Burbage, Jacob Carroll, Brandon Cherry, Joseph Clark, Allison Colaire, Greta Compton, Vera Conner, Christopher Craddock, Charles Cullop, Jr., Kathy Ebron, Jeffrey Edwards, Carol Everette, Kejuana Goddard, Elona Gray, Eva Gray, Niyoko Greene, Belinda Gurganus, Michael Harrell, Lauren Harris, Tiffanie Haywood, Latricia Hodges, Doris Hofmann, Helen Hudson, Keishona Hughey, Elizabeth Jarvis, Reatha Johnson, Kristie Keech, Richard Langley, Sr., Lauren Lanning, Alicia Lewis, Aimee Locke, James Mabe, Barbara Midgett, Roland Modlin, Jr., Keith Moore, Jacqueline Murphy, Tara Nobles, Michelle Parrett, Tammy Pittman, Whitney Quiring, Cynthia Rodriguez, Darnnell Ross, Sr., Cynthia Seighman, Stacy Seiler, Amy Shean, Candace Sherrod, James Shiver, Tina Shore, Michael Sikes, Natasha Simmons, Donna Smith, Thad Spiewak, William Swain, Steve Tyson, Rebecca Waters, Cheryl Whitley, Almetha Wiggins, Marcus Williams, Stephanie Williams, Denise Woolard, Sabrina Woolard-Morris, and Gena Worsley.

Washington residents that received GED certificates included: Sean Bennett, Jessica Hardy, Tyrell Holliday, Nikitia Keyes, Paula Templeman, Sheree Williams, and Naquana Wilson.

The graduate from Aurora was Dimetris Moore.

Graduates from Bath included: Troy Cordon, Maria McNiel, and Veronica Respass.

Graduates from Belhaven included: James Conner, Jr., James Credle, Jake Dillon, Katherine Fritzler, Santana Gray, Patricia Harris, Beaurina Holland, Freddie Hopkins, Erick Jennings, Kimberly Jones, Teri Satterthwaite, and Jessica Selby.

Graduates from Blounts Creek included: Carla Hodges, Lisa Johnson, LisaThompson, and Julia Whealton. Blounts Creek resident receiving a GED certificate was Carolina Goff.

Graduates from Chocowinity included: Diana Baker, Ronnie Baker, Jr., Mary Ball, Ethel Blough, Michael Carraway, Kewan Gerald, Brittany Kennedy, James Keyes, Ebonia Langley, Wendy Leys, Benny Mackey, Jr., Leslie Manning, Lashanda Miller, Loneita Peele, Fred Poore, Jr., Larry Quidley, Jr., Regina Simpkins, Ruth Sutton, and Shannon Wainwright. Chocowinity residents that received GED certificates included: Moisha Hawkins, Andrew Moore, Jr., and Christina Roop.

Graduates from Pantego included: Arlene Dunbar, Nola Dunbar, Christopher Lyle, Connie Midgette, Kacey Midgette, Gregory Stacks, and Arthur Vanderaa III.

Graduates from Pinetown included: Angel Harrison, Delilah Harvey, Gary Windley, Jr. and Melissa Young.

### **Bertie County**

Graduates from Windsor included: Donna Lewis-Pierce and Shanda Smallwood.

### **Burke County**

The graduate from Morganton was Alicia Snodgrass.

### **Craven County**

The graduate from Havelock was Amanda Hudspeth.

### **Hyde County**

Graduates from Scranton included: Maria Randalls and Trisha Williams.

### **Martin County**

Graduates from Jamesville included: James Davis, Melissa Gardner, and Rona James. The graduate from Robersonville was Jeffrey Mitchell. Graduates from Williamston included: Tonette Arnold, Shondell Clark, Suzanne Goff, Carla Hardy, Kimberly Hill, Eric Roberson, Lindsey Triaga, Devon Wilkins, Chad Williams, Lynn Windham, and Toni Woolard. Williamston resident who received a GED certificate was Konja Williams.

### **Pitt County**

Graduates from Greenville included: Stephanie Bullock, Ullandra Canady, Wanda Patrick, Ashley Rowe, Rachel Spencer, Christy Stallings, Tomerio Tate, and Geri Wright. Graduates from Grimesland included: Juanita Copeland and Velda Shedrick. The graduate from Winterville is Amy Fredette.

### **Washington County**

Graduates from Plymouth included: Daniel Allen, Heather Askew, Tiger Dowd, Matthew Howard, Vintonya Hyman, Maria Johnson, Kimberly Moulden, Bradley Sawyer, Heather Tompkins, Michelle Wallace, and Brice Williams, Jr. Plymouth resident that received a GED certificate was Reuben Matthews. Graduates from Roper included: Amber Spruill and Ashley Ward.

## Sermons named to library advisory committee

Penny Sermons, director of the Learning Resources Center at Beaufort County Community College, was recently appointed to the State Library of North Carolina's Advisory Committee on the Library Services and Technology Act, or LSTA. Sermons was appointed to a three-year term that will begin August 1, 2004 and end on August 30, 2007. Her appointment was announced by State librarian Sandra M. Cooper. The nine-member LSTA Advisory Committee provides leadership for the federal library program in North Carolina. The committee advises the state librarian on LSTA need plans, priorities and policies; annual plans and funding priorities, and evaluation of the LSTA program.

Committee members are leaders in the library community and represent a variety of libraries and library users. Enacted by Congress in September 1996, the LSTA promotes access to information resources provided by all types of libraries, in part, by providing funding to help libraries make technological improvements.

Sermons, of Washington, has served as director of BCCC's Learning Resources Center since 1998. She served as librarian for the college from 1986 to 1998 and as librarian for Martin Community College from 1980 to 1986. She earned a bachelor's degree from East Carolina University in history and a master's degree in library science from ECU. She is an active member of several professional organization and serves as secretary for the Historic Bath Commission.

## Employers were looking for workers at BCCC's annual job fair

There was good news at Beaufort County Community College's 2004 Job Fair for college students entering the local work force this spring. Area businesses have job openings and business recruiters were looking for qualified workers at the job fair. "In past years we haven't had any job openings and our participation has been more informational," said Janet Woolard, vice president of human resources for FirstSouth Bank. "But this year we do have several openings and I am hoping that we will find qualified applicants at the job fair." Woolard said the Washington-based thrift currently has openings for full and part-time positions including openings for tellers and loan and mortgage processing officers. BCCC's Job Fair 2004 for BCCC students, graduates and job seekers in the school's four-county service area was held April 21 in the multi-purpose room of Building 10. Even those employers that did not have many job openings said they gain from participation in the annual job fair. "The job fair serves a two-fold purpose. It educates the community and the work force about who we are and what we do," said Myra Beasley, manager of corporate services for Tideland EMC. "And it educates us about the kinds of programs the school offers its students." At the time of the fair, Beaufort County-based Tideland Electric Membership Corp. had only one job opening – for a worker on Ocracoke Island. But the company hopes its participation in the job fair will spark interest among potential workers who will apply when a job opening occurs. For Beaufort County Hospital, which recruits 95 percent of its employees locally, the annual job fair has been a particularly successful way of recruiting recent graduates in a variety of medical positions. "We consider graduates from Beaufort County Community College to be our target audience," said hospital Human Resources Manager Penny Leggett. "We would love to have people fill out some applications at the job fair."



BCCC graduate and former Ambassador, Crystal Oden represented her employer, First South Bank, at the annual Job Fair on April 21.

## Phi Beta Lambda seeks future business leaders

Future businessmen and women who would like to hone their skills while contributing to the community are invited to check out membership in Phi Beta Lambda for the upcoming academic year.

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 2004-2005 membership year will begin July 1, 2004.

"If you are someone who is interested in becoming an effective business leader, willing to donate your time and energy to making your community a better place to live, enjoy meeting new people and facing new challenges, Phi Beta Lambda is the place for you," said Debra C. Baker, BCCC Phi Beta Lambda advisor. "All you need to join is to have a strong sense of commitment, dedication, and a positive attitude."

Phi Beta Lambda has continued to be active during the summer, according to Baker.

After returning from the State Conference in held in Raleigh in April, the members of PBL started working hard to plan activities for the summer semester including plans for fund raising.

The group is currently selling raffle tickets to raise money to send delegates to the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Denver during July. First place in the drawing will receive a computer donated by Ben Morris, BLET instructor, with software and hardware updated by Durwood Weston. Second price in the drawing is a basket full of "must have" items for the summer.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available from Rosa Edwards at [rosaed08@yahoo.com](mailto:rosaed08@yahoo.com), Diane Jackson at [still\\_no1\\_princess\\_doll@yahoo.com](mailto:still_no1_princess_doll@yahoo.com), Tabitha Fulford at [teafulford@yahoo.com](mailto:teafulford@yahoo.com), or Jenny Wood at [chiquita62381@yahoo.com](mailto:chiquita62381@yahoo.com).

Tickets will be on sale until June 4. The winners will be announced and listed on the bulletin board in Building 2.

To donate to Phi Beta Lambda or for information about becoming a member, interested persons should contact Baker at 940-6229 or [debrab@email.beaufort.cc.nc.us](mailto:debrab@email.beaufort.cc.nc.us), or Rosa Edwards, PBL president at 252-799-6690 or the email address listed above.

## Hackney employees receive leadership training at BCCC

Seventeen current and future supervisors at Hackney Division of SVC recently completed an eight-week seminar developed by Beaufort County Community College to improve leadership skills among its front-line supervisory staff.

The course, taught on the BCCC campus over a 20-hour period from March 3 to April 21, was titled

"Leadership in Changing Times." It included topics such as interviewing skills, motivating employees, decision-making, communications skills, delegating authority effectively and becoming a team player. Instructors for the seminar were Jack Pyburn, industry liaison at BCCC, and Shields Harvey, retired businessman and member of BCCC's Board of Trustees. Seminar graduates received certificates from Hackney President Mike Tucker on the last day of class. Pam Pippin, human resources manager at Hackney and a member of the class, said the course served a two-fold purpose – to refine the leadership skills of the company's current supervisors and to develop leadership skills among the company's upcoming supervisors. "The course was very useful to what these employees are doing today and what they will be doing in the future,"

she said. BCCC routinely develops employee training programs for local business and industry that can be customized to the particular needs of any group of participants, Pyburn said. For more information, interested businesses and industries can contact Pyburn at 252-940-6311.



## Basic Skills students collect items for soldiers in Iraq

Basic Skills students at Beaufort County Community College are collecting items to send to two Washington-based members of the North Carolina National Guard who are now stationed in Iraq. The students and staff were inspired to collect the items because the two soldiers – 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. They are stationed in Iraq as part of the 230<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, she said. “As the ‘Race for Literacy’ theme continues, I would like our classes to be involved in a race of our own,” said Radcliffe. “As a community service project, we could help support our troops by racing some items to them as an act of kindness.” Students are encouraged to bring non-perishable microwave food such as popcorn, canned spaghetti and the like, as well as baby wipes and hard candy to be placed in a collection box in room 816 of Building 8 on the BCCC campus. “Although these request seem so minor, Sgt. Tyndall stated that the explosives in the road are so bad that unless a convoy goes into town, supplies are limited,” she said. Items will be collected until July 1 and mailed to the soldiers. To participate in the “Race for Iraq” supply drive, interested persons can contact Radcliffe at 252-940-6325.

### Upcoming Events

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

**June 18 and 19** – The Cosmetology School will offer Glamour Shots as a fund raiser to enable students to attend a trade show in Orlando. The cost is \$25, which includes hair style, makeup and an 8 x 10 photograph. Interested persons can register at the cosmetology school. Contact Eunice Williams at 940-6276.

**July 1** – Deadline to submit items for the “Race for Iraq” supply collection. For more information, contact Penelope Radcliffe at 940-6325.

**July 5** – Holiday

**July 6-9** – Student/Faculty vacation

**July 12** – New student advising day

**July 13-23** – RAP Registration for Fall Semester

**August 5** – Exams

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

**August 17** – Fall Semester begins

**September 6** – Labor Day Holiday

**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.

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 20<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.