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Beaufort County Community College

Nursing school expansion approved



Kent Dickerson is pictured above, conducting a class for BCCC nursing students.

Beaufort County Community College has announced plans to expand its Associate Degree Nursing program by nearly 50 percent in the next 12 months in an effort to boost health care in the region.

BCCC's ADN program will increase from a maximum of 42 students to 60 students in January 2007, according to Laura Bliley, director of BCCC's nursing school.

"We're very excited about this," Bliley said. "The nursing program is a very competitive program and because of that, there are people who are qualified for admission to the program who haven't been able to get

in. Hopefully, this will decrease that number."

BCCC plans to expand its ADN program by admitting a class of 42 students in August 2006 and an additional class of 18 students in January 2007. Those admitted in August will be scheduled to graduate in May 2009 and those admitted in January will be scheduled to graduate in August 2009.

The expansion of the BCCC nursing program is made possible, in part, by the recent opening of the Public Service Building. The new building now houses BCCC's Early Childhood and Human Services Technology programs that had been housed, along with the nursing programs, in the Katie Paul Building.

Renovations are underway to totally dedicate the Katie Paul Building, also known as Building 2, to nursing. Those renovations are scheduled to be completed in April.

BCCC also plans to hire two master's-prepared nursing school faculty members and has applied for grants to help fund the new positions with the help of Pitt Memorial and Beaufort County hospitals.

The nursing school expansion is an attempt to not only help address a growing shortage of nurses in the region, but to help meet the demand of students in the area who want to become nurses, Bliley said.

Typically, more than 500 people apply for admission each year to BCCC's Associate Degree and Practical Nursing programs. Of these about twice as many are found to be qualified to enter the programs as there are spaces available, according to school officials.

Meanwhile, health care policy makers are predicting a dramatic shortage of nurses over the next two decades as the population ages and health care needs increase and as more nurses begin to retire.

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A plan calling for more than \$28 million in construction projects over the next 10 years at Beaufort County Community College was endorsed in February by the college's board of trustees.

The plan would add more than 82,000 square feet of building space to the college campus - an increase of nearly 27 percent – and includes construction of two new buildings on the eastern edge of the campus, renovations to several existing buildings and other campus improvements – in nine phases over the next 10 years.

“This plan was designed to give guidance and direction about the course that Beaufort County Community College needs to take to meet the needs of the people in our service area,” said Robert Cayton, chairman of the BCCC Board of Trustees. “This is exactly what we need to help us make decisions that will ultimately make education more economical and address technical changes in the workplace to better serve our students.”

Officials stressed that the plan should be viewed as a living document that will help the college prioritize and better plan projects over the next decade and that the plan may need revisions over time.

Implementation of the plan will also depend on funding for the projects.

David McLawhorn, BCCC president, said the plan likely will be modified over the years and its implementation schedule will be dictated largely by the funds that are available at any given time.

“What we will be able to accomplish will depend on the need at the time and the money that is available,” he said.

The most likely scenario for most projects would be a statewide bond referendum for universities and community colleges similar to the one approved by voters in 2000.

JKF Architecture PC of Greenville developed the plan. The “Beaufort County Community College Master and Facilities Plan 2006-2016,” was developed in consultation with community college faculty, staff and trustees over the past year. It was presented to the BCCC Board of Trustees at its meeting on February 7, and was approved unanimously by the board.

The plan includes a combination of new construction to meet existing and new programming needs, the possible expansion of the campus to the east to meet the region's public safety needs, modernization of existing buildings and improvements to campus sidewalks and roadways.

The long-range plan identifies expansion of the Allied Health Division and the need for general classroom space on the campus as priority needs in the coming decade.

It also identifies expansion of continuing education courses to include pharmacy technician, physical therapy, radiology, occupational therapy, speech therapy, dental hygiene and other medical fields as a priority.

Master Plan Summary

Phase 1 – New Allied Health Building, campus lighting improvements and new entrance

Phase 2 – New Public Safety Facility – driving range, wetlands and stormwater management and new burn tower

Phase 3 – Building 3 renovations

Phase 4 – Building 1 renovations

Phase 5 – Building 5 renovations

Phase 6 – Building 8 additions and renovations

Phase 7 – New Applied Technologies Building

Phase 8 – Building 4 additions and renovations

Phase 9 – Building 2 additions and renovations



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Nine receive first Cantrell Scholarships

Nine students have been chosen to receive scholarships established by Certified Financial Planner Rod Cantrell to attend Beaufort County Community College.

Chosen for the award are Nicole Cherry Hewitt of Pinetown, Stephanie Denise James of Plymouth, Stacey Lynn Leland of Chocowinity, Leticia Padilla



Rod Cantrell and Dr. Charles Boyette of Greenville, Lana Annette Patrick of Blounts Creek, Tonya Bowen Snell of Jamesville and Kristin Ruth Linnen, Tereska Sharone Sims, and Stephanie Yvette Williams of Washington.

Two of those selected are practical nursing students and one is in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program. Others are pursuing careers in medical laboratory technology, in medical office administration, and in education.

Cantrell, a certified financial planner with Edward Jones Investments in Washington, said he chose to establish the scholarships because he wanted to give back to the community. He has seen the important role that BCCC plays in people's lives in the region and saw this as a way to help address the nursing shortage in the region.

"I felt like it was the right thing to do," he said.

"On behalf of the Beaufort County Community College Foundation, I would like to thank Rod for his generous contribution to establish these scholarships," said Foundation Director Judy Meier Jennette. "This is an excellent example of the spirit of community service which is so important to eastern North Carolina."

Cantrell, a native of Aurora, Illinois, has been employed with Edward Jones Investments for 21 years. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., and has lived in Washington since March 1985.

Cantrell is active in civic and church organizations. He is a member and

ECU's Ballard promises cooperation

East Carolina University Chancellor Steve Ballard promised closer cooperation among ECU and the community colleges in its immediate area during a visit to BCCC on February 6.

"The opportunities to move forward are huge for all the community colleges that are proximate to us," said Ballard. "(UNC President) Erskine Bowles sees the eastern area of the state to be the leader in moving forward with this."

A study, commissioned by the N.C. General Assembly in 2004, should lead to closer cooperation between the 16 constituent universities and colleges of the University of North Carolina system and the state's community colleges, he said.

Ballard, his wife, Nancy, and ECU Chief of Staff Austin Bunch met with BCCC President David McLawhorn and members of the BCCC senior staff during a campus visit. It was one of several stops on a tour of Washington and Beaufort County by the ECU group that included meetings with the Washington Noon Rotary and the Turnage Theater board of directors and an evening reception.

"We're honest partners," Ballard said. "We're interested in emerging opportunities for cooperation."

Among the ideas discussed:

- industrial students to continue their education at ECU, particularly through ECU's new engineering program;
- improving personal contacts between college admissions officers and applicants from community colleges;
- expanding lateral entry programs for those who want to become teachers;
- cooperation between ECU and BCCC foundations, and
- expanding the Partnership East program to create a program hub at BCCC to address the needs of those in the easternmost part of BCCC's service area.



Dr. McLawhorn and Chancellor Ballard.

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past president of the Washington Noon Rotary, is head coach of the varsity girls' basketball team at Terra Ceia Christian School and coaches basketball with the youth recreation league in Washington. He is a member and former elder and former deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Washington. He and his wife, Gina, have three children – Seth, Jordan, and Rachel.

"I encourage others to take a hard look at what the community college is doing to positively impact people's lives," he said. "Money donated to the BCCC Foundation is used well."

For more information on donating funds for a scholarship, contact the BCCC Foundation at 940-6326. To learn more about the numerous scholarships available at BCCC, contact the Financial Aid office at 940-6219.

Eakes essay contest open to BCCC students

BCCC students are among those eligible to enter an essay contest sponsored by BCCC Foundation benefactor Doris W. Eakes. Students are invited to submit stories, based on the theme "I do believe in miracles!" Essays must be no longer than 1,500 words and must be double-spaced with margins equal to one inch. Prizes to be awarded include \$2,500 for first prize, \$1,000 for second prize, and \$500 for third prize. Complete rules are available online at www.whisperedmessages.com.

Career fair to highlight industrial careers for women

Encouraging young women to consider careers in industrial trades and technology is the focus of a career fair scheduled for Monday, March 20, at Beaufort County Community College.

Dubbed "Girls Night Out," the career fair is free and open to all women and girls in BCCC's four-county service area from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Building 4 on the college campus. Participants will have the opportunity to explore technical careers for women in the areas of automobile repair, biotechnology, computer networking and programming, criminal justice, drafting and design, electrical and electronic engineering, law

enforcement, mechanical engineering, and welding, among others.

"The purpose of the event is to introduce women to areas in which they had not considered developing a career," said Sandria McFadden, academic coordinator for Student Support Services at BCCC. "The opportunities are there for young women in these fields. The jobs are out there and are available locally."

Event organizers cite a variety of reasons for girls and young women to consider careers in industrial trades and technology. Better pay and benefits are usually available in technical career fields than in other lines of work. Workers are usually more autonomous in technical fields, and technical workers often have the opportunity to work outdoors, to be physically fit, and work with their hands, they say.

"Our expectation is to enlighten the minds of young women about these different career paths," said Rhunell Boyd, director of BCCC's Career Center.

For more information about the event or industrial trade and technical careers for women, contact Rhunell Boyd at 940-6353 or Sandria McFadden at 940-6314.



Group observes PBL week

The Tau Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda observed Future Business Leaders of America and Phi Beta Lambda week on the BCCC campus during the week of February 12 through 17 with a variety of campus activities. They included a Valentine's Day drawing on Tuesday, February 14; honoring Advisor Debra C. Baker on Advisor Appreciation Day Wednesday, February 15; Professional Dress Day on Thursday, February 16, and Balloon Day on Friday, February 16. For more information about PBL, interested persons can contact Debra Baker at 940-6229.

NEED A JOB?

Job Fair 2006

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Building 10, Multi-Purpose Room
at

Beaufort County Community College

Sponsors

BCCC Career Center

Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society

Beaufort County Job Link Center

For more information contact:

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www.beaufortccc.edu

BCCC Works for You!

Campus United Way campaign is underway

The 2006 United Way Campaign is now underway on the BCCC campus. The United Way serves 20 agencies in Beaufort County including the Boy Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs and Options to Domestic Violence, among others. As a donor, you can designate your gift to go to any agency or group of agencies that you wish. One-time gifts are welcome and payroll deduction is available. **AS AN INCENTIVE** to participate in this year's **UNITED WAY**, Joyce Mitchell has prepared three baskets filled with "GOODIES." Any BCCC employee that contributes to this year's campaign (no matter what amount) will get their name in the drawing. Jack Pyburn, coordinator of the BCCC campaign, can be contacted at extension 6311.

Upcoming Events

- March 7** - Faculty Senate meeting with NC Community College Association Officers, noon, room 28, Building 10. For more information, contact Judith Meyer at 940-6256.
- March 7** - Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, noon, room 935 in Building 9. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.
- March 7** - Job Ready Workshop, noon to 1:30 p.m., multi-purpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Rhunell Boyd at 940-6353.
- March 13-17** - Spring Break.
- March 20** - Girls Night Out, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Building 4. For more information, contact Rhunell Boyd at 940-6242.
- March 21** - "Student Mentoring" workshop led by Manuel Dudley at 12:30 and 2:15 p.m. For more information, contact Wesley Beddard at 940-6226.
- March 24** - Gamma Beta Phi Induction Ceremony, Building 8. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.
- March 27** - Last Day to Drop/No Penalty.
- March 28** - Job Ready Workshop, noon to 1:30 p.m., multi-purpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Rhunell Boyd at 940-6353.
- March 28** - Stress Management Lunch and Learn, noon to 1 p.m., board room, Building 10. For more information, contact Marcia Norwood at 940-6218.
- April 4** - Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, noon, room 935 in Building 9. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.
- 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 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.

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.

Girls Night Out

March 20, 2006

6:00-7:30 PM, BCCC Campus, Building 4

For more information contact Rhunell Boyd at 940-6242