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Beaufort County Community College

### Industrial jobs not all gone BCCC programs meets demand for welders



*Brian Ettore is a quality control supervisor for Flanders CSC Filters in Bath. He graduated from the BCCC welding technology program in 2001.*

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Beaufort County Community College is turning out welders hand over fist but not fast enough for local industries. Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at BCCC, says he is proud of the welding program and of his dedicated welding instructor, Ted Clayton. The welding program is part of the Industrial Tehnology Division which also includes electronics, drafting, mechanical engineering and machine shop and automotive. "Very few community colleges our size have the number of industrial technology programs and the number of students in those programs that we do," Beddard told the Washington Daily News in an April 4, 2004 article by Eugene Tinklepaugh. "There's almost no school in the entire state that turns out as many welders

as we do. We're one of the largest welding programs in the state, even though we're one of the smallest community colleges in the state."

Additionally, Beddard told Tinklepaugh, "We have an awful lot of students interested in (the program), and we are placing an awful lot of people in jobs in the area. Among the companies that have hired welders from BCCC's program are Flanders Filters, P&G Manufacturing, Camfil Far, Nacco Materials Handling, Pungo Machine Shop, C.S. Lewis Construction, Hatteras Yachts, Eastern Omni, Hackney Division of SVC, New Course Steel, Brown & Wood, Smith & Welding and the Naval Air Depot at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. BCCC offers a two-year associate's degree in welding technologies and various short-term certificate programs. Clayton centers his program around the needs and standards required in the industry. Students become certified in a particular area of welding and can land a job requiring that skill at the same time they attend BCCC night classes to work toward another certificate. After accumulating several certificates, students get closer to earning a diploma. With a few more courses, they can earn a degree. This method of working towards a degree in small steps is "unbelievably popular," Beddard said. BCCC also works with area high school students who come to the campus for the last period of the day to take welding courses, which also count towards their college degree. Clayton recruits from Southside, Northside and Washington high schools. The college also maintains a partnership with Mattamuskeet High School near Swan Quarter that keeps a welding instructor at the high school. For more information about BCCC's welding program, contact Ted Clayton, lead instructor of BCCC's welding program, at 940-6224 or the admissions office at 940-6233.

## Cayton is BCCC graduation speaker

The Rev. Dr. Robert B. Cayton, chairman of the Beaufort County Community College Board of Trustees, will deliver the commencement address at the 35<sup>th</sup> graduation for Beaufort County Community College. Cayton, of Aurora, who serves as senior minister at Reelsboro Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Concord Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the keynote speaker for the ceremony set for 8 p.m. Friday, May 14, in the auditorium at Washington High School. A 1969 graduate of Aurora High School, Cayton earned bachelor's degrees in religion and history from Atlantic Christian College in 1973 and a master's of divinity from Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest in 1977. Cayton did post-graduate work at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1994 to 1995 and received a doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, Ga., in 2001. Cayton has been involved in education and counseling throughout his career. From 1986 to 1990, Cayton worked as a social studies teacher at Pungo Christian Academy in Belhaven and from 1990 to 1992, he served as headmaster at the school. He has also been involved in youth and adult counseling in various capacities since 1978.



*BCCC Trustee Rev. Dr. Robert B. Cayton*

Cayton is a member of the Aurora/Richland Township Chamber of Commerce, the Aurora/Richland Township Fire and Rescue Tax Board, the Southern Albemarle Association, the Beaufort County Grange and the Aurora Lions Club, among many other civic and professional organizations. Cayton was recently named to the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners to fill the vacancy on the board created by the death of Frank Bonner. Cayton is in the first year of a two-year term as chairman of the BCCC Board of Trustees. Admission to the BCCC graduation ceremony is by ticket only available from members of the 2004 graduating class. Tickets are also available for faculty and staff who would like to attend.

## BCCC and Small Business Center to host Small Business Expo

Beaufort County Community College and its Small Business Center will host the first-of-its-kind Small Business Expo on Saturday, May 15. The expo is intended to bring small business owners or potential business owners together with organizations and companies that provide services essential to both starting a new business and contributing to the long term success of small businesses in Beaufort County. "We hope to spur small business development and opportunities for small business owners and employees in the area," said Lentz Stowe, director of BCCC's Small Business Center. Service providers scheduled to attend include local banks and other lending sources, credit counselors, law firms, accounting firms, advertising firms and non-profit agencies that support small business. The expo will be held in Building 10, the Public Service Building, on the BCCC campus beginning at 9 a.m. Besides the Small Business Center, sponsors of the event include the Beaufort County Program for the Rural Carolinas and the Beaufort County Chambers of Commerce. For more information about the Small Business Expo interested persons can contact Stowe at 940-6306 or Bianca Gentile, director of the Beaufort County Program for the Rural Carolinas, at 252-946-5862.

## Students learn about careers at BCCC's Career Day

Students from Plymouth High School were among about 150 juniors from three area high schools who attended the annual Career Day held recently on the campus of Beaufort County Community College. The event was originally scheduled for the fall but was postponed due to Hurricane Isabelle. During the campus visit, students were given information about various career pathways at BCCC and visited classrooms on campus. At the end of the visit, students were treated to lunch in the multipurpose room of the school's Public Safety Building. Organizers said the event is designed to give students a brief introduction to careers available in eastern North Carolina and an overview of the course of study needed to pursue that career. One student said, "The visit to the BCCC campus gave me the opportunity to learn more about the campus and careers available in the area."



*Terri Bergevin lines up high school students to begin a tour of the BCCC.*

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## BCCC helped open doors for award-winning writer

As a writer and reporter over the last 15 years, Washington native W. Russell Woolard has walked nearly a mile to work through knee-deep water, had a front-row seat at some of the nation's most prestigious sporting events, been mistaken for a U.S. senator, visited the basement communications center of the Pentagon and written about the aftermath of September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

An impressive list for someone who describes himself as a "born news junkie."

Woolard gives credit for his career to a life-long fascination with the news, to a fateful birthday and to teachers at Washington High School and Beaufort County Community College who helped him find an outlet for his talent.

Born on October 28, 1962, the day the Cuban Missile Crises ended, Woolard was a child during the turbulent 60s and took an early interest in current



*BCCC graduate Russell Woolard is pictured above accepting an award for his writing in 2003.*

events. Woolard says he "read the Washington Daily News every day and started taking "Time" magazine at home when I was 11." "But I didn't have the slightest idea what I could do with all of that," he said in an interview via the Internet. That is until he entered Washington High School, and began writing for the student newspaper, "The Pamlicoan," under the tutelage of James Ferrell, mentor to many successful reporters.

**Read more about BCCC alumnus Russell Woolard at [www.beaufortccc.edu](http://www.beaufortccc.edu). Click on "Student Stories**

certified resource specialist in BCCC's Basic Skills Program, said the students in the program chose to hold a science fair this year after hearing about similar programs at other community colleges. "A lot of this has been self-directed," she said.

By participating in the science fair, students not only learned science but also improved their writing and math skills through production of the exhibits and research papers, Weston said.

Read more about the first GED/Basic Skills Science Fair at the BCCC Website.

## One-act plays raise over \$675 for BCCC scholarships

A recent presentation of three one-act plays raised over \$675 for scholarships to Beaufort County Community College and they hope to make the fundraiser a regular event, organizers announced this week. College officials hope to offer the first scholarship from the funds raised in the fall to a student who has earned a General Educational Development, or GED, and is interested in returning to BCCC to enroll in a curriculum program. It will be the first time that the BCCC Foundation will be able to offer a scholarship targeted to a GED graduate.

BCCC Foundation Chairman Charles O. Boyette said the college foundation appreciates the efforts of the cast and crew to stage the event and thanked the community for supporting it. "The foundation is delighted with the success of the production in raising money for this new scholarship," Boyette said. "We are looking forward to helping one of BCCC's GED graduates, a growing segment of our campus population, in continuing his or her studies." For more information on establishing a scholarship or donating money to the BCCC foundation, 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.

## Students explore the human body at first BCCC science fair

As she talked, Eula Latham of Washington, a student at Beaufort County Community College, removed a piece of pink construction paper cut out in the shape of a stomach from one side of her display from the other. She was describing the workings of the human digestive system, the topic of her project at the first-of-its-kind Basic Skills/GED Science Fair held on the college campus earlier this week. Her display featured an outline of a human body with parts of the digestive system attached with removable tape. As she described how each body part aided in the digestion process, her daughter, Sharon Goddard, who had driven from Smithfield, N.C., to attend the event, watched her mother. "I'm very proud of her and the work that she has done," Goddard said. A crowd of nearly 50 students and their guests attended the science fair where adult learners explored some aspect of the human body, including human diseases, a series of nearly a dozen displays and research papers coordinated with the display. And as in science fairs across the country, the students were on hand to explain their research. Laurie Weston, GED instructor and



*Alice Boyd stands beside her exhibit, on renal failure.*

## BCCC's Tau Kappa chapter of PBL stands out at state convention

Congratulations to the eight hard-working BCCC students who competed in a number of contests during the North Carolina Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference held in Raleigh, April 15-17.

James (Jimbo) G. Shiver won 1st place in the "Sales Presentation Event".

Rosa Edwards won 2nd place in the "Job Interview" event and was awarded a "\$650.00 NCPBL Scholarships" provided by the NCPBL Foundation.

Diane Jackson was also awarded an NCPBL scholarship. Hence, BCCC students received two of the three available scholarships.

Tabitha Fulford placed 3rd in the "Word Processing" event.

Ullandra Canady placed 8th in the "Business Communication" event.

BCCC's Parliamentary Procedure team

comprised of Rosa Edwards, Tabitha Fulford, Diane Jackson, and Ullandra Canady, placed 3rd in the State.

Tabitha Fulford, Rosa Edwards, and Cynthia Seighman placed 4th for writing about the American Enterprise Celebration held last November 15.

Diane Jackson, Veronica Respass, and Melody Montgomery placed 8th in the state for their essay on the PBL's community service project; decorating the vacant storefront windows in downtown Washington since November 2003.

Tabitha Fulford and Diane Jackson were inducted into NCPBL's Who's Who.

The students also attended a Leadership Development Seminar. Congratulations to our hardworking and successful PBL students!

For more information about joining PBL, a fraternal organization dedicated to the development of business leadership, call Debra Baker at 940-6229. Read more about the state PBL convention at [www.beaufortccc.edu](http://www.beaufortccc.edu). Click on "News and Events."



## Upcoming Events

**May 7, 10, and 11** – Exams

**May 8** – Small Business Expo. For more information, contact Lentz Stowe at 940-6306.

**May 12** – BCCC Employee Appreciation Luncheon

**May 14** – Graduation

**May 19** – Summer term late registration

**May 20** – Summer term begins

**May 31** – First College for Kids session begins.

**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

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.