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Beaufort County Community College

PCS Phosphate and BCCC President fund scholarships



BCCC Foundation President Dr. Charles Boyette (far left) From left to right of Dr. Boyette are CEO Richard Atwood, Public Information Officer Pam Shadle and Mining Engineer Jerry Waters.

More local students will be able to afford a college education in coming years thanks in part to three new scholarships unveiled at Beaufort County Community College October 7. The announcement came at the end of a "Fundraising" event sponsored by Edward Jones on Main Street and Seiler, Zachman and Associates, CPA's for the BCCC Foundation.

Beaufort County's largest employer will provide scholarships for two students to attend Beaufort County Community College, beginning in January 2005. PCS Phosphate of Aurora will donate \$2,200 a year to provide two scholarships to continuing or new students at BCCC, the first of three scholarship programs announced by Dr. Charles O. Boyette, president of the BCCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Nearly 100 business, education and civic leaders gathered to learn more about BCCC and its foundation, which, with some \$600,000 in assets, provides more than 100 scholarships to BCCC students each year.

"What you do does make a difference," Boyette told the audience. "Our job here has only begun for our students in the service area. Our needs are great and have not yet been met."

Officials with PCS Phosphate said the establishment of the two scholarships is part of the company's continued commitment to improving educational opportunities in the community.

"Education of our students in Beaufort County is a priority," said Pam Shadle, PCS Phosphate public affairs manager. "It's part of our corporate philosophy of supporting the community in which we live."

Boyette also announced the creation of the BCCC Presidents Endowment. Created by BCCC President David McLawhorn, who, with his wife, pledged to contribute \$1,500 a year over the next five years to the fund, the Presidents Endowment will provide an avenue for both past and present presidents of the college to support the foundation.

"The McLawhorns believe in leadership by example," Boyette said in announcing the endowment.

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Students in BCCC's Environmental Biology 140 class and Instructor Mike Bell recently visited the Cool Springs Environmental Education Center near New Bern. Operated by Weyerhaeuser Co., the center provides examples of different habitats, flora and fauna that are native to North Carolina. During the trip, students participated in a three-mile hike and information session led by Jeff Hall, biologist and education center director. "The trip increased the group's understanding of the inter-relatedness of various ecosystems and the importance of preserving habitats for wildlife and future generations," said Bell. Those students participating in the trip included Erin Danko, Crystal Hopkin, Michelyn Alligood, Jill Allender, Gail Ambrose, Tabitha Halsey, Gina Woolard, Scott Warren and Andrea Starkie.



BCCC Cosmetology students learn secret to beautiful skin

Softening and moisturizing the skin is the goal of a new technique being taught to students in the cosmetology school at Beaufort County Community College this fall, known as a Paraffin Spa Dip. Students learn to apply a paraffin wax substance to the face, hands and feet to soften and infuse moisture in the skin.

Pictured right, Linda Everett, treasurer of Club Waves, BCCC's cosmetology club, receives a Paraffin Spa treatment on her face from Nakeshia Smith, seated, center. Observing the technique are, standing, left to right, Damien Williams, president of Club Waves; Brandy Lamb, vice president, and Nicole Clayton, club secretary. Paraffin Spa Dips for face, hands and feet are available to the public for a fee of \$8 through the BCCC cosmetology school Tuesdays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays 6 to 10 p.m. For more information about this and other salon services offered by BCCC's cosmetology school, contact Eunice Williams, lead instructor, at 940-6276 or visit BCCC's website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



Campus Café recognized for healthy eating promotion

Efforts to foster healthy eating on the campus of BCCC has been recognized by the N.C. Prevention Partners at a recent meeting of the organization in Chapel Hill. Wanda and Willie Roberson of Washington, proprietors of BCCC's Campus Café, received the 2004 N.C. Prevention Performance Award for Partner Excellence by a Winner's Circle Eating Out Venue at the organization's sixth annual meeting on September 8 at the Friday Center. The Robersons decided to implement N.C. Prevention Partners' Winners Circle Health Dining Program in January after they noticed poor eating habits among some students and staff at the college. The Robersons were also cited for their efforts to promote healthy eating through their other enterprises – Roberson's Vending and Special Affairs Catering. The Campus Café is open for breakfast and lunch, 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in the Wallace/Eakes Library Building, also known as Building 5, next to the campus bookstore.



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Club Spotlight

BCCC's HOPE Club elects officers, plans events

A Columbia, N.C., student has been chosen to head a club at Beaufort County Community College that was organized to help people in need. Elizabeth Alexander, 25, a student in BCCC's Human Services Technology program, will serve as president of the H.O.P.E. Club at the college. In addition to Alexander, officers for the 2004-2005 academic year are Coy Pittman, vice president; Kedra Ebron, secretary; Tina Ayers, treasurer; Penny Guilford and Sarah Womack, Student Government Association representatives. The H.O.P.E., or Helping Other People Everywhere, Club was reorganized last year under the direction of Suzanne Gray, instructor in BCCC's Human Services Technology curriculum. The club will hold regular meetings, open to all interested BCCC students. For more information about the H.O.P.E. Club, contact Gray at 940-6386 or at suzanneg@email.beaufortccc.edu or Alexander at 252-796-9021 or at lizzybee27925@yahoo.com.



Jordan named director of BCCC Student Support Services

Over the past 13 years, Dorothy Jordan, a counselor at Beaufort County Community College, has helped many students transfer from BCCC to four-year schools and receive other help they needed to be successful in college.

One of the most rewarding aspects of that job, she said, has been seeing former students after they have graduated and have gone on to successful careers in the community. "It is quite rewarding to work with the students and to see them go on to be productive citizens," Jordan said. "I see them in businesses and professions throughout the area." She was recently named director of the campus-based Student Support Services at BCCC. She succeeds John House who retired earlier this year after a 30-year career with BCCC. First funded in 1965 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, Student Support Services is a federal program that helps low-income students to stay in college and earn their baccalaureate degrees. Participants receive tutoring, counseling and remedial instruction. Student Support Services are now offered at 938 colleges and universities nationwide, according to federal statistics. As director of Student Support Services at BCCC, Jordan will be the top administrator in the program and oversee the three full-time and two part-time staff members whose job it is to work with disadvantaged students to help them become college graduates.

Read more about new Student Support Services Director Dorothy Jordan by visiting BCCC's website. Click on "People in the News."



Moore wins Staff Association prize

Perry Moore, a BCCC custodian, was the lucky winner of a \$50 cash prize awarded by the BCCC Staff Association as part of its kick-off for the 2004-2005 academic year. The raffle was part of a membership recruitment campaign that gave members the opportunity to earn cash and other prizes when they join the organization. Dues are \$7.50 for the 2004-2005 academic year and all full- and part-time staff members not classified as faculty and whose duties are not administration are eligible to join. Dues can be paid to association Treasurer Lorie Smith or to any association officer. Staff members who joined the organization by September 21 will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 cash prize. In addition to Woolard and Smith, officers and committee chairmen for the 2004-2005 academic year are as follows: Kim Mullis, vice president; Clara Ebron, secretary; Rhunell Boyd,



communications chairman; Dorothy Jordan, professional development chairman; Mandy Jones, staff affairs chairman; Margie Cobb, special events coordinator.

Read news about BCCC's other Clubs and Organizations by visiting the BCCC website. Click on Clubs and Organizations.

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The program seeks to provide incentive in the form of a two-year BCCC scholarship to “at-risk” sixth grade students to stay in school and maintain a positive lifestyle. A gift of \$500 per student will be invested over six years. The funds will be commingled with other scholarship funds like Pell grants to enable the student to obtain a 2-year degree from BCCC. Students in the program would be required to maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average throughout junior and senior high school.

“This will give our local young people a reason to say ‘yes’ to opportunity and ‘no’ to bad influences,” he said.

The dinner was designed to give contributors and community leaders a chance to learn more about the college and ways to contribute to its success.

The announcement of the scholarship and endowment programs culminated an evening that included remarks by previous scholarship recipients and foundation and college officials.

The investments and money raised by the BCCC Foundation provide scholarships to BCCC students each year and make annual awards to outstanding faculty and staff. The assets of the Foundation, which was founded in 1986, now stand at nearly \$600,000.

For more information on establishing 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.

Lost and Found

Always contact the BCCC Campus Police first when you find property on campus, especially pocketbooks, wallets, checkbooks, credit cards and the like. Contacting the owner directly compromises the police investigative efforts in the event the item is determined to have been stolen in either the campus or another jurisdiction.

Upcoming Events

Ongoing – Phi Beta Lambda “Tom Wat” novelty and candy sale to help raise money to send club members to the national convention in New Orleans in 2005.

November 9 – Party Smart Day. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

November 10 – New Student Advising Day.

November 10 –12 – RAP and Desktop Registration.

November 11 – Veteran’s Day Coffee. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

November 11 – Luncheon for Doris Wallace Eakes Scholarship recipients. For more information, contact Judy Jennette at 940-6236.

November 16 – Phi Beta Lambda membership meeting. For more information, contact Debra Baker at 940-6229.

November 16 – Combined meeting of all college advisory committees in the Multi-purpose room, Building 10. Time TBA. For more information, contact Wesley Beddard at 940-6226.

November 23 – Student Government Association meeting. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

November 23 – H.O.P.E. Club meeting. For more information, contact Suzanne Gray at 940-6386.

November 25-26 – Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 29 – SGA Toys for Tots campaign begins.

December 7 - BCCC Board of Trustees/BCCC Foundation Christmas social. Multi-purpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Judy Tice at 940-6202.

December 6– Christmas Social for Evening Students. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

December 13-16 – Exams.

December 16 – Faculty/Staff Christmas luncheon. Multi-purpose room, Building 10.

December 18-January 3 – Vacation. Campus closed.

Students, faculty and staff: Publicize your campus-based fundraiser and other events in this column monthly. Contact the public relations staff no later than the 15th of the month in order to list your event in the next month’s edition of Campus Connections. Please email your announcements to Betty Gray.