

# CAMPUS Connections



Beaufort County Community College



Ted Clayton

## Clayton Earns Excellence in Teaching Award

Beaufort County Community College Welding Instructor Ted Clayton has been chosen to receive the 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award, citing him as the state's outstanding community college instructor in 2005.

Given by the North Carolina Community College System, the Excellence in Teaching Award is an annual award given to a faculty member at one of the state's 58 community colleges.

Clayton, along with BCCC President David McLawhorn, will attend the State Board of Community College's annual Day of Recognition on November 18 in Raleigh where Clayton will receive the award. He will be recognized along with the four other finalists.

Clayton began teaching for BCCC as a part time instructor in 1996 and joined the faculty as a full time instructor in January 1998.

Clayton brings a wealth of industry experience to his position. He worked in welding supervision for five years, machining/structural work for three years, and assembly for one year, while employed at NAACO Materials Handling Group Inc., in Greenville. He also worked as a welder for Flanders Filters for three years.

Clayton is a ten-year member of the American Welding Society and has been recognized by that organization as a Certified Welding Inspector and as a Certified Welding Educator.

Clayton, raised in Hyde County, graduated from John A. Wilkinson High School in Belhaven in 1983. He earned his Associate in Applied Science degree in welding from Beaufort County Community College. He has also studied at NC State University, Lenoir Community College and Pitt Community College.

"Bringing this prestigious award to the BCCC campus demonstrates the quality of education we have to offer," said Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at BCCC. "The entire BCCC community is extremely proud of Ted. He brings a good deal of energy and excitement to our welding program."

The State Board of the NC Community College System established the "Excellence In Teaching" program in 1985 to provide recognition of teachers who exemplify the highest quality and standards throughout the N.C. Community College System. Even though a number of local Community Colleges have recognized excellence in teaching and service for a number of years prior to this, there was no system-wide process for recognizing teaching excellence.

The objective of this program is to identify and recognize community college instructors who have consistently demonstrated excellence in teaching to their students and college.

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The screening and selection process occurred in two phases. System office staff and previous award finalists conducted an initial screening and interview of the potential recipients. A committee of the State Board of Community College members interviewed 10 semi-finalists. A second round of interviews was also held and the final awards were recommended to the board.

Earlier this year, Clayton was chosen as BCCC Faculty Member of the Year and, as such, was nominated by BCCC for the state award.

## Huskins Bill teacher receives award

Denise Dunbar, a Huskins Bill teacher at Mattamuskeet School, was recently named the 2004 Outstanding English Teacher by the N.C. English Teachers Association. This month, Dunbar is scheduled to attend the National Council for Teachers of English Conference in Pittsburg, PA., where she will be recognized at the Southeastern USA Outstanding English Educator. In September, she was the keynote speaker at this year's N.C. English Teacher's Association Fall Conference in High Point. Dunbar teaches English and college success classes at Mattamuskeet School for BCCC through the Huskins Bill program. She also teaches Early Childhood Education classes for BCCC at night using a North Carolina Information Highway link between Mattamuskeet School and Creswell High School.

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## BCCC students speak on diversity

Four Spanish students at Beaufort County Community College recently gave presentations to participants in a Youth at Work Program sponsored by Beaufort County Joblink. The Joblink students are receiving citizenship training to help prepare them for employment. The BCCC students gave presentations on the differences between Latin American culture and culture in the United States. The BCCC student presenters were Roberto Torres, Alberto Torres, Esperanza Ornelas and Leticia Padilla. Instructors for the discussion were Lori B. McNiel and Quansra Simmons. Pictured above, left to right, are Padilla, McNiel, Ornelas and Simmons.



## Gamma Beta Phi meeting



*Dottie Walker*

Members of BCCC's Gamma Beta Phi honor society recently heard a report on services available to the blind and visually handicapped in Beaufort County from Dottie Walker, director of the Blind Center. Walker discussed the mission of the center, which uses crafts to maintain the mental and physical dexterity of the clients as well as to raise funds for the center. Gamma Beta Phi helped the Blind Center by volunteering at the center's annual Craft Show held October 7 and 8.

## Phi Beta Lambda prepares for competition

Members of BCCC's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter are preparing for upcoming statewide competitions that are part of the Fall Leadership Development Conference to be held November 4 and 5 in Greensboro. In addition to leadership, teamwork and communications workshops that will be offered, there will be a PBL Non-Trivia Competition. The Tau Kappa Chapter members planning to participate in this competition are Jessica Woolard, Lori Girani and Barbara Stanley. The club recently completed a fundraising sale of Tom Wat candy and novelty items to raise money for the trip. The club is also participating in a "Connecting Chapters" event with Lenoir Community College. The two groups will be donating school supplies to the victims of Katrina to help teachers and students along the Gulf Coast.

## NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

### Former investigator heads BCCC Criminal Justice Program

A former white-collar crime investigator with the state of Virginia has joined the staff at Beaufort County Community College as an instructor in its Criminal Justice Program. Renee Douglas, a native of Seaford, N.Y., replaces Bobby Williams who retired in January. Dr. Douglas will teach most of the academic courses in the school's Criminal Justice Program and will assist with the school's Basic Law Enforcement Training Program headed by Ben Morris.

"The Business Division is very pleased to have Dr. Renee Douglas joining our staff as a criminal justice instructor," said Kay Walker Hauser, chairman of BCCC's Business Division. "Her enthusiasm for the community college as a whole and the community college student in particular is greatly appreciated. We are confident that under Renee's guidance, the Criminal Justice Program will grow and excel."

Douglas graduated from Seaford High School in 1970. She earned her bachelor's degree in sociology from Roanoke College in Salem, Va., in 1974. She earned a master's degree in criminology from Long Island University in 1976 and her doctorate in community college education with a concentration in criminal justice from George Mason University in 2002. As part of her doctoral studies, she served an internship with the Metropolitan Police Service in London, England, in 1997.

Douglas comes to BCCC from High Point University in High Point, N.C. where she served as an associate professor, teaching courses in cybercrime, terrorism, drugs in society, violent crime and profiling. Before that, she served as an adjunct professor at James Madison University and Averett University and taught in the Virginia Community College System for more than 20 years.

In addition to academic experience, Douglas has field experience in criminal justice. She first worked with at-risk juveniles as a juvenile diversion program coordinator for a Roanoke, Va., non-profit organization and as an adult probation and parole officer for the Virginia Department of Corrections. She also worked as an undercover investigator of white-collar crime for the state of Virginia investigating real estate and accounting fraud and other white-collar crimes.

She credits her stepfather, a training coordinator with the U.S. Department of Justice, for a life-long interest in criminal justice and her adopted brother for the enthusiasm she has for the field.

Douglas said she decided to join the BCCC faculty because she was impressed with the commitment BCCC has to its criminal justice program, technology available to its students and was attracted to the coastal area of North Carolina.

Douglas has been an active volunteer for several years and has been active in the Virginia Interfaith Hospitality Network for the homeless, the Victims of Violent Crime Task Force in High Point and a member of the YWCA Women's Domestic Violence Board in High Point.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading and swimming. Also an avid traveler, Douglas studied in Paris and spent six weeks in Europe with her daughter following the death of her husband. She has also escorted criminal justice students on educational trips to London to study the criminal justice system in England.



### Polk is new Community Resource Coordinator at BCCC

Long-time Beaufort County Community College employee William "Bill" Polk was named to head a new program aimed at reducing the drop-out rate among local college students, college officials announced recently.

As the new Community Resource Coordinator, Polk will work within the BCCC community and with other local individuals and agencies to help college students stay on track and complete their degrees.

The office of Community Resource Coordinator is part of BCCC's Student Support Services, a federally-funded program now offered at some 938 colleges and universities nationwide. First funded in 1965 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act,

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Student Support Services was created to help low-income students to stay in college and earn their baccalaureate degrees.

Student Support Services at BCCC serves students who are either first generation college students, who have an academic need or who are disabled. Participants receive tutoring, counseling and supplemental instruction.

“Through student partnerships and networking with community agencies, students will broaden their areas of awareness, develop broader life visions and acquire stronger motivation to achieve academic success,” said Dorothy Jordan, head of BCCC’s Student Support Services. “I am delighted to have someone as experienced as Bill Polk head this effort.”

Polk has been with Student Support Services at BCCC for 15 years. His office is located in room 11 on the first floor of Building 5 on the BCCC campus. Any faculty member or community resident interested in partnering with a student can contact Polk at 252-940-6251.

All Student Support Services are available to any student meeting the federal eligibility guidelines. Students interested in participating can contact any Student Support Services staff member for details on eligibility requirements at 252-940-6289.



## Spanish Club plans silent auction

The BCCC Spanish Club will hold a silent auction in December, in the multi-purpose room of Building 10 to raise money to help fund a scholarship for a Latino student and to help defray the cost of an upcoming club trip to Mexico. A variety of goods and services will be up for sale to the highest bidder including a week’s stay at a resort in Mexico, several pieces of western jewelry and tickets to sporting events, among many others. Light refreshments will be offered along with Mexican-themed music. The auction will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. For more information about the fund-raiser or to donate goods or services to the auction, contact Lori McNiel at 940-6359.



## Upcoming Events

November 1 – Gamma Beta Phi meeting, noon. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.

November 2 – 11 – RAP Registration for Spring Semester.

November 8 – New Student Advising Day/Faculty Work day.

November 8 - Faculty Senate meeting, 12 Noon, Building 9, room 935. For more information, contact Judith Meyer at 940-6256.

November 11 – Veterans Day Coffee. Last day for RAP Registration for Spring semester.

November 15 – Phi Beta Lambda, noon. For more information, contact Debra Baker at 940-6229.

November 17 – American Enterprise Day celebration sponsored by Phi Beta Lambda, 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room of Building 10. For more information, contact Debra Baker at 940-6229.

November 22 – Party Smart Day. SGA Flag Football game.

November 23 – 25 – Student/Faculty Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 24 – 25 - Staff Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 29 – Toy Drive begins.