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Nursing school receives grants

Beaufort County Community College has been awarded nearly \$375,000 in grants that help fund a \$1.05 million expansion of BCCC's nursing school, college officials announced recently.

The grants, along with renovations to the building housing the nursing school, will lead to a 43 percent expansion of the Associate Degree Nursing program and a 50 percent expansion of the Practical Nursing program at BCCC in the next 12 months.

The awards include \$140,255 from the Duke Endowment and from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and \$50,000 from Beaufort County Hospital to fund three new nursing school faculty posts over the next three years and \$42,388 from University Health Systems to fund professional development for existing nursing school faculty.

"These grants from the Duke Endowment and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and the support of Pitt Memorial and Beaufort County hospitals have made possible a great transformation for our programs at BCCC. It is a great reflection of the cooperative energy in this region," said Laura Bliley, head of BCCC's Nursing School.

BCCC's nursing school - ADN and PN programs - will expand from a total of 100 to 150 students.

The expansion of the nursing program is an effort by BCCC and area health care providers to increase the available pool of skilled nurses in the school's service area by not only increasing the number of students admitted to BCCC's nursing program, but also by increasing the retention rate of those students in the program.

BCCC hopes to increase the "on time" graduation rate of new nursing students in both the ADN and PN programs to 75 percent over three years, meaning that the number of ADN graduates will increase from 26 to 45 and PN graduates, from 14 to 23 by the end of the grant period.



Della Bryan, left, and Heather Beddard, center, attend an orientation session led by Nursing School Director Laura Bliley, right, for Associate Degree Nursing students who have been accepted to begin their studies in January. Della will be part of the first class admitted as part of the nursing school expansion.

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BCCC becomes new Partnership East hub site

Beaufort County Community College and East Carolina University recently signed an agreement establishing BCCC as the hub for a partnership intended to recruit students who want to become teachers in northeastern North Carolina.

As a result of the agreement, the East Carolina University College of Education will offer degree opportunities in elementary education, special education-general curriculum and middle grades education with concentrations in math and science through Wachovia Partnership East's new Northeast Consortium headquarters at BCCC.

"Our goal is to provide the Wachovia Partnership East students the opportunity to complete a four-year degree through the program and return to their home communities as teachers," said Dr. John Swope, dean of the College of Education at ECU, at the signing ceremony on the BCCC campus.

The Northeast Consortium will provide educational opportunities where they have never been offered before, said Laura Bilbro-Berry, consortium hub site coordinator. "It removes barriers," she said.

Elementary education classes will be taught by ECU faculty with face-to-face instruction at BCCC, online classes via the Internet or combined face-to-face and Internet



Pictured above, Dr. David McLawhorn, left, BCCC president, and Dr. John Swope, dean of the College of Education at East Carolina University, sign the agreement officially opening the new Northeast Consortium Hub Site for Wachovia Partnership East.

classes using BCCC's tele-conferencing capabilities. These classes will begin in August 2008.

Classes will begin in 2007 for those interested in completing their studies via distance learning.

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Award-winning teacher to oversee new hub site

North Carolina's Teacher of the Year for 2000-2001 will head a new program based at Beaufort County Community College intended to recruit new teachers to schools in the northeastern part of the state.



Laura Bilbro-Berry

Laura Bilbro-Berry has been named the Northeast Consortium Coordinator for Wachovia Partnership East, a program under the direction of East Carolina University that strives to ease the teacher shortage in the region.

Bilbro-Berry will coordinate recruitment of potential students, serve as a liaison between northeastern

public school systems, community colleges and ECU and will oversee activities at the partnership's new hub site at BCCC.

"This is a way that I can give back to the profession," Bilbro-Berry said about her new job. "It's nice to be back in a job that I can get people excited about teaching. Being able to nurture students and watch them become the teachers

that they are supposed to be is a wonderful gift."

Bilbro-Berry will also bring her award-winning skills to the BCCC classroom this fall when she teaches a class in child guidance through the school's Early Childhood Associate program.

"We are thrilled to have Laura here on campus! The experience and knowledge that she has will truly be an asset

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Practical Nursing graduates receive pins

Seventeen graduates of Beaufort County Community College's Practical Nursing program received their nursing school pins Thursday, August 3. The pinning ceremony, a traditional rite of passage for nursing school graduates takes place at nursing schools across the country.

Pinning ceremonies in their currently recognizable form began in 1893. 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 graduates are now qualified to take the state licensure examination. Upon successful completion of the exam, the new LPNs will be able to work in long-term care facilities, acute care settings and doctors' offices.

The members of BCCC's Practical Nursing program Class of 2006 are Tyra Odette Bailey, Brooke Baynor, Brenda O. Cooper, Nicole Parrott Edwards, Libbie Williams Everette, Carrie Jean Hassell, Nicole Cherry Hewitt, Stacey Lynn Leland, Carol Kennedy Munday, Amanda Pittman Pace, Crystal Smith, Catherine Canfield Stokes, Louie Lewis Ussery,



Members of the 2006 Practical Nursing Program Class of 2006 at pinning ceremonies held in August.

Amanda Cutler Wallace, Monica Briley Waters, Teresa Ann Williams and Brandy Carter Woolard.

For more information about the Practical Nursing program at BCCC, contact Carolyn Lee at 940-6318 or visit the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

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to individuals who are pursuing their four-year degree in education through Wachovia Partnership East, as well as to our Early Childhood program here at BCCC," said **Caroline Hardee**, lead instructor in BCCC's Early Childhood Associate program.



Lead Instructor Hardee

A native North Carolinian, Bilbro-Berry grew up in the Piedmont, graduating from Hillsborough's Orange High School in 1988. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill in 1992 and a master's degree in adult education from East Carolina University in 2000.

Bilbro-Berry began her teaching career in 1992 as a fifth grade teacher at H.B. Sugg Elementary School in Farmville and transferred the following year to John Cotton Tayloe Elementary School where she taught second grade. From 1995 to 2000, she served as a teacher for second grade at-risk students and coordinated the educational programs for five classrooms. Her duties included processing supply orders, writing annual reports, analyzing

and compiling achievement data and developing curricula, among other duties.

In 2000 Bilbro-Berry's career received a boost when, after being named teacher of the year for her school, the Beaufort County School system and the Northeast Region, she was named North Carolina's Teacher of the Year. She is the only Northeastern North Carolina teacher to receive the award to date. As Teacher of the Year, she served for two years as one of two teacher advisors on the North Carolina State Board of Education.

That was a very eye-opening experience," she said. "For two years, I had the opportunity to see how education policy is made and participate in those policy decisions." She returned to the classroom in August 2001 as an art teacher at Tayloe Elementary but in January 2002 accepted a position as curriculum/staff development coordinator for the Beaufort County Schools.

She served as curriculum/staff development coordinator until July 2004 when she was named director of federal programs for the Beaufort County Schools, a post she held until accepting her current post with ECU.

Bilbro-Berry is married to her high school sweetheart, Todd Berry, whom she met while sharing a Bunsen burner in chemistry class. Berry is now associate dean of data and resource management within the College of Arts and Sciences at ECU. The couple lives in Washington and has one daughter, Grace, 4, who will start to school next year.

Gamma Beta Phi places mums in campus buildings

Beaufort County Community College's chapter of Gamma Beta Phi saluted the start of a new school year Tuesday, August 15, by placing yellow mums in the student lounges of each building.

Each mum held a card that read, "Good luck, Compliments of GBP."

"Gamma Beta Phi members thought the mums would help beautify the campus, make it more welcoming to our students and bring attention to our organization and its service projects," said GBP President J.D. Toler. Toler, of Greenville, is a student in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program.

Other GBP officers for the 2006-2007 school year are B.J. Johnson, vice president; Brooke Woolard, treasurer; Jeannette Clark, secretary, and Peggy Edwards, reporter.

Gamma Beta Phi is an honor and service organization for students who excel in scholarship, service and character. Club service projects include sponsoring an annual Job Fair at BCCC and participating in other community-based projects throughout the year.



Gamma Beta Phi officers for the year gather with mums to be placed in the student lounges of each building on campus. Officers are, front row, left to right, Brooke Woolard, Peggy Edwards and Jeannette Clark; back row, left to right, J.D. Toler and B. J. Johnson.

For more information, about GBP, interested persons can contact GBP Advisor Mandy Jones at 252-940-6242.

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The goal of Wachovia Partnership East is to make it easier for people to become teachers, particularly people living and working in rural areas, and, therefore, help prevent a teacher shortage in the future.

"The state's community colleges can and should play a role in meeting these needs," said Dr. David McLawhorn, BCCC president.

Wachovia Partnership East is a joint effort by the East Carolina University College of Education and community colleges throughout the university's service area with the goal of training more school teachers. It enables students to graduate from ECU with a bachelor's degree in education by completing the first two years of their degree at any one of the participating community colleges and then transferring to ECU to complete their junior and senior years of the teaching degree in elementary education, special education-general curriculum or middle grades education.

A student can complete the last portion of the degree by taking online courses through ECU and receiving face-to-face instruction from ECU at a hub site in one of five regions. The northeastern region includes Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

Wachovia Partnership East classes are generally offered

at night and online, making the program convenient for students who work to also go to school to get a bachelor's degree. Other advantages include savings on tuition and fees at ECU and smaller class sizes for participants.

Applicants interested in either the Northeast Consortium programs or the Virtual Consortium should contact Laura Bilbro-Berry, Northeast Consortium hub site coordinator, at LauraBB@beaufortccc.edu or bilbroberyl@ecu.edu or 252-940-6384.

Make-up Day Set for Missed Classes

Beaufort County Community College has set the make-up schedule for missed curriculum classes due to the recent inclement weather, according to Dean of Instruction Wesley Beddard. Curriculum classes missed on Friday, September 1 will be made up on Wednesday, November 8.

Wednesday, November 8 was originally scheduled as a faculty work day. BCCC will operate its normal Friday schedule for day classes on this day. The evening classes missed due to inclement weather on Thursday, August 31, will not be made up because Thursday night classes will meet the appropriate number of contact hours without making up the missed classes, Beddard said.

BCCC grad is new cosmetology data manager

A Beaufort County Community College graduate has recently joined the college staff to improve record-keeping for students and instructors in BCCC's Cosmetology School.



Kim Moulden

Kim Moulden, of Plymouth, has joined the BCCC staff as data manager for the Cosmetology School, a part-time position that involves tracking student performances as required by the state Cosmetology Board. Moulden will also oversee implementation of a new software program that will better enable cosmetology school instructors to track their students' progress.

"It's important that this information be kept as accurately as possible because students need to perform a specific number of procedures on mannequins and on people to meet state licensing requirements," she said.

The data manager's position was created to ensure that instructors can spend more time concentrating on what happens in the classroom and that students have a more efficient process by which to measure their progress in this program, according to Gregg Allison, chairman of BCCC's Allied Health Division. The Allied Health Division includes, among others, BCCC's Nursing School, Early Childhood and Human Services Technology programs and the Cosmetology School.

Moulden, 29, moved to Plymouth as a young child when her father, Bob, became minister for the Plymouth Church of Christ, and has lived there most of the time since then. Her mother, Denise, a Roper native, serves at Washington County Clerk of Court.

As a teen, Moulden always enjoyed working with makeup and styling her friends' hair, so, in 2003, she enrolled in BCCC's Cosmetology School. She graduated from the program in May 2004 after serving as president

of Club Waves, the campus cosmetology club, and earning the Outstanding Cosmetology Student Award.

After graduation, she began working at Personalities Hair Salon in Plymouth as a stylist, manicurist and pedicurist, a position she still holds.

"The best part of the job is making people feel better," she said. "Sometimes it's giving them a new look. Sometimes it's just letting them sit still for an hour and pampering them."

In January 2006, Moulden returned to BCCC to begin work on her cosmetology instructor's license and attended school 40 hours a week while continuing to work afternoons and evenings at the hair salon. In August 2006, Moulden became the first BCCC graduate to complete the instructor trainee program and, this fall, she will take her state board exam to be a licensed instructor.

Club Waves officers chosen



Members of BCCC's Club Waves, a club for cosmetology students, recently elected officers for the 2006-2007 academic year. They are Georgina Bond of Plymouth, president; Silena Rascoe of Washington, vice president; Matorya Spencer of Greenville, secretary, and Paula Haddock of Chocowinity, treasurer. Pictured above, left to right, are Haddock, Bond and Spencer.

Don't forget! Appointments urged at cosmetology school

Don't forget! Patrons of Beaufort County Community College's Cosmetology School Salon are urged to schedule appointments.

Appointments will be on a first come, first served basis. While the school will make every effort to arrange for a specific student, if requested for a service, the school cannot guarantee that can be done at any given time. Let the cosmetology school know the services you want when making your appointment, so the school can plan for your visit.

Call 940-6464 for your appointment or book it at the front desk in the lobby of Building #11. Services are available 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays.

Although appointments are now requested, services will continue to be free of charge to BCCC faculty and staff.

Fundraising Fiesta scheduled for November 18

Got salsa?

It's time, once again, to put on your salsa-dancing shoes as the Spanish Club at Beaufort County Community College prepares for its second annual Fund-raising Fiesta to be held Saturday, December 2 at BCCC.

Sponsored by BCCC's Spanish Club, the Fiesta will feature food, music and dancing and will give participants the opportunity to learn more about the Latino culture while helping raise money for scholarships for the college.

It will be held in the multi-purpose room of Building 10 on the college campus from 2 to 5 p.m.

Admission is free of charge.

The centerpiece of the fiesta will be a silent auction that will raise money to help fund a scholarship for a Latino student and to help defray the cost of an upcoming Spanish Club trip to Mexico, according to BCCC Spanish Instructor Lori McNiel.

A variety of goods and services will be up for sale to the highest bidder. Among the items for sale last year were a week's stay at a waterfront condominium in Mazatlan, Mexico, a weekend on Ocracoke, several pieces of southwestern jewelry and a beauty make-over provided by the

BCCC Cosmetology School, tickets to sporting events and restaurant gift certificates, among many others. Organizers hope many of these will be available this year.

Bidding on the items will begin at 2 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Those with winning bids must pay for the items with cash or by check before leaving the fiesta.

"We have a lot of talented Latino students on campus," said McNiel. "We wanted to encourage them to continue their studies at BCCC and think they should be given a financial award encouraging them to do so."

"We also want to motivate students enrolled in Spanish at BCCC to continue the study of Spanish and Spanish culture," she said.

During the silent auction, the Fiesta will also feature entertainment by BCCC Spanish students and faculty and Salsa dancing exhibitions and competitions.

Fiesta go-ers will also be able to purchase traditional Latino holiday food – quesadillas and posole during the event for \$2 or participate in one of several children's games.

Individual tickets for food, beverages and children's games will be available for purchase at the door for



\$1 or six for \$5.

"We hope the people of Beaufort County and eastern North Carolina will enjoy this event, will learn more about Latino culture and support scholarship fund-raising activities," McNiel said.

For more information about the fund-raiser or to donate goods or services to the auction, contact McNiel at 940-6359.

BCCC hosts "Lean Manufacturing" class

The Business and Industry Center at Beaufort County Community College recently hosted a training session for Weir Valves and Controls USA's Washington plant. During the week of August 14, almost 50 Weir Valve employees received eight hours of training in "lean manufacturing" – techniques for improving the manufacturing process.

Among the subjects covered were valve stream mapping, identification and elimination of waste as well as inventory reduction, control, quality and scheduling. As a follow up to the training, the company will choose a project to be completed by the employees using the techniques learned during the course.

Local businesses and industries needing a classroom to conduct training sessions are encouraged to contact the Business and Industry Center at BCCC.

For more information, interested persons can contact Lentz Stowe, director, at 940-6306 or Jack Pyburn, industry liaison, at 940-6311.



Weir Valves and Controls employee Chuck Morton, pictured above, assembles electrical plug as part of an exercise at a recent training session at BCCC.

BCCC students participate in Alzheimer's walk

BCCC college transfer student Amber Windley knows first-hand the effects that Alzheimer's can have – not only on the patient suffering from the brain wasting disease but also on the care-givers.

Her parents would be awakened every hour or two throughout the night to care for her father's mother when she began to experience some of the effects of the disease.

"She started to forget to take her medicine and forget about her personal hygiene," Windley said. "Then it just went down from there."



Amber Windley



Laavon Godley

That's why, Windley, 18, of Pinetown chose to participate in the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk - one of the extra credit projects adopted by students in Emily Albera's College Study Skills class this semester. Albera also lost a family member to Alzheimer's.

The walk will be held Saturday October 21 on the grounds of the Red Men's Lodge on Third Street in Washington. Registration will be at 9 A.M. with the walk from 10 A.M. to noon.

Besides raising money from pledges of those who walk, team members will sell several items including Forget-Me-Not stickers for \$1, heart-shaped necklaces containing seeds for \$3 and Tibetan tribute flags for \$10.

BCCC business administration student Laavon Godley also knows the effects that Alzheimer's can have not only on the patient but on the family as well. An aunt died about six years ago from the disease and an uncle is battling it now.

"It hurts me a lot to see him that way," she said.

For more information about the walk or to buy a sticker, a necklace or a flag, interested persons can contact Albera at 940-6293 or one of the student team members.

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As part of this strategy, BCCC plans to institute a change in its Success and Study Skills, or ACA 115, syllabus for



Nursing School Director Bliley

nursing school students to concentrate on skills that will specifically promote students success in the academically rigorous program. For nursing students, the course will focus on critical thinking and decision-making skills as they relate to the two programs and include personal skills such as time and stress management and professionalism as a student nurse.

The expansion of the BCCC nursing program is also made possible by the recent opening of the Public Service Building, which now houses BCCC's Early Childhood and Human Services Technology programs formerly housed along with the nursing programs in the Katie Paul Building.

Some \$375,000 in renovations have recently been completed to totally dedicate the Katie Paul Building, also known as Building 3, to nursing. These renovations are particularly directed to reflect advances in technology in the nursing field and to enable nursing students at the college to have more laboratory and practice areas, Bliley said.

The nursing school expansion is an attempt to not only



Senior Associate Degree Nursing students Joy Tyson, left, of Washington, and Marti Curtis, right, of Bath, check their homework assignments via Blackboard using computers in the newly-renovated computer lab in the Katie Paul Building. Some \$375,000 in renovations have recently been completed in the building as part of a \$1.05 million expansion of BCCC's Nursing School.

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, she 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.

BCCC's College Night is set for October 4

Beaufort County Community College's annual College Night is set for Wednesday, October 4, from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Building 10 on the BCCC campus. Admission is free of charge and is open to anyone in eastern North Carolina thinking about starting or returning to college.

Over 50 colleges, apprentice schools, armed forces recruiters and financial aid representatives from North Carolina are invited to participate this year, according to Gary Burbage, BCCC admissions and recruitment director. They include area community colleges as well as most public and private four-year colleges and universities in the state.

Among those two- and four-year colleges expected to participate are Appalachian State University, Barton College, Beaufort County Community College, Brevard College, Campbell University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Gardner-Webb University, Greensboro College, High Point University, Johnson and Wales University, Lees-McRae College, Lenoir Rhyne College, Livingstone College, Louisburg College, Meredith College, Methodist College, Montreat College, Mount Olive College, N.C. A&T University, N.C. Central University, N.C. State University, N.C. Wesleyan College, Pamlico Community College, Peace College, Pfeiffer University, Pitt Community College, Salem College, School of Communication Arts, Shaw University, Trident Technical College, Wayne Community College, Western Carolina University, Wingate University, Winston Salem State University and representatives from the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Greensboro, Pembroke and Wilmington, among others. Armed forces groups scheduled to attend include representatives of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and the N.C. National Guard.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office in Building 9 on the BCCC campus, call 252-940-6233 or visit BCCC's website at www.beaufortccc.edu.



Upcoming Events

October 2 - Deadline to apply for graduation.

October 3 - Gamma Beta Phi meeting, noon. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6353.

October 4 - College Night, 6:30 to 8 p.m., multipurpose room, Building 10.

October 13 - Recommended deadline for applying for financial aid for Spring Semester.

October 17 - Hope Club meeting, noon Building 11, room 27. For more information, contact Gregg Allinson at 940-6361.

October 30 - Last day to drop/without grade penalty.

October 30-November 10 - Registration for Spring Semester.

October 31 - Celebrate Halloween with the SGA!

November 7 - Gamma Beta Phi Meeting, noon.

November 8 - New Student Advising and Registration Day.

November 8 - Make-up day for September 1 classes missed due to Ernesto.

November 10 - Veteran's Day Coffee.

November 14 - Party Smart Day. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

November 18 - Spanish Club Fund-raising Fiesta, 2 to 5 p.m., multi-purpose room, Building 10. For more information, contact Lori McNiell at 940-6359.

November 21 - HOPE Club meeting, noon, building 11, room 27.

November 23 - Thanksgiving.

Students, faculty and staff - publicize your campus-based fund-raiser and or other event 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 edition of Campus Connections. Please e-mail your announcements to Betty Gray.