

# CAMPUS

## Connections



Beaufort County Community College



*Danny Wobbleton, Jr.*

### Wobbleton chosen to lead BCCC student government

A second-year college transfer student who recently returned from hurricane relief efforts on the Gulf Coast has been chosen to lead the student government at Beaufort County Community College for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Danny Wobbleton, Jr., who is pursuing an associate's degree from BCCC, began his term as president of BCCC's Student Government Association for the academic year, beginning with the start of the fall semester on August 16. Other student government officers for the year are Jimmie Clark Jr., vice president, and Carrie Peed, secretary/treasurer. Clark, also of Plymouth, was one of two student government presidents during the 2004-2005 academic year.

Wobbleton, 19, of Plymouth, is a 2004 graduate of Plymouth High School. He is the son of Danny and Judy Wobbleton of Plymouth, and hopes to transfer to East Carolina University and pursue a degree in business after graduating from BCCC. Besides pursuing a career in real estate, Wobbleton also hopes to continue his studies with the goal of becoming a youth minister.

He recently worked for six days in Mobile, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss., as a volunteer with Samaritan's Purse, a volunteer organization based in North Carolina, helping repair damaged roofs and remove fallen trees from the homes of Hurricane Katrina victims.

Wobbleton is a member of the Plymouth Church of Christ and, in his spare time, enjoys playing the guitar, working on cars, and playing sports. A former Plymouth High School football player, Wobbleton recently spent about a month in Australia playing in a football tournament.

As the new SGA President, Wobbleton said he wants to solicit student suggestions to improve the school and turn them into action. He hopes to help improve student facilities on campus and develop a sports program for students at BCCC. Wobbleton succeeds Clark and Tori Johnson, of Washington, as student government president.

The Student Government Association at BCCC provides an organized avenue of student involvement in the college. The SGA implements and plans activities that provide students with social and service projects that interest them. For more information about the SGA, contact Rebecca Spain, student activities coordinator, at 940-6259 or visit the SGA office, in Building 9.

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## BCCC'S Phi Beta Lambda-Tau Kappa Chapter sets course in a new direction

BCCC's Phi Beta Lambda-Tau Kappa Chapter (PBL-TKC) is back in full swing and shifting its focus. "Unlock Your Potential with PBL-TKC – A New Direction" is the motto that will guide the organization's activities and programs this school year. They will focus on turning the right keys to unlocking a member's full potential in leadership and community service

PBL-TKC has already elected its officer team for the 2005-2006 school year. The officers are President, Rosa Edwards; Vice President/Parliamentarian, Diane M. Jackson; Secretary/Treasurer, Jessica Woolard; and Barbara A. Stanley, Reporter/Historian. Mrs. Debra C. Baker serves as the PBL-TKC advisor.

Baker states, "I am thrilled to be working with this group of officers. They will certainly provide great leadership for this fraternity."

President Edwards says of Baker, "With a loving and guiding hand, Mrs. Baker leads us toward our destiny of greatness. She inspires each of us to give our best and to push beyond our limits. "

Other members of the chapter

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## BCCC student elected to regional post

A student at Beaufort County Community College has been elected president for the North Carolina/Virginia region of Gamma Beta Phi, an honor and service organization for students in colleges and universities in the United States.

Jimie Lynn Woolard, a senior in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program, was elected to the post by Gamma Beta Phi members from some 15 colleges in North Carolina and Virginia. She will serve as regional president of the organization for the 2005-2006 school year.

"I am honored to have been elected president of the North Carolina/Virginia region," Woolard said. "The existing board of directors is a very good team and the membership as a whole is one of the best that I have ever been a part of."

Woolard, 33, was inducted into the BCCC chapter of Gamma Beta Phi in 2004. She is serving her second term as president of the BCCC Gamma Beta Phi chapter in addition to her regional duties. As president of the North Carolina/Virginia region, Woolard will coordinate regional meetings and training seminars, oversee activities of a regional board of directors and will attend the group's upcoming national convention in Austin, Texas, among other duties.

Rebecca Spain, coordinator of student activities at BCCC, serves as co-advisor of the GBP North Carolina/Virginia region board of directors. "This is an honor not only for Jimie Lynn but for Beaufort County Community College," Spain said. "We are very proud to have Jimie Lynn represent our college and the Gamma Beta Phi organization."

A 1990 graduate of Washington High School, Woolard said she became interested in nursing after helping care for a sister who was ill. While in high school, she was a member of the Health Occupation Students of America. She has also served as a volunteer tutor in the Beaufort County schools and at Terra Ceia Christian School. After graduating from BCCC, Woolard hopes to work in oncology or medical/surgical nursing. Woolard is the daughter of Darlene Pollard of Washington and James and Helen Pollard of Mechanicsville, Va. She and her husband, Jerry, owner of a local hardwood flooring business, have three children. She credited her mother with her success and thanked instructors at the nursing school for supporting her work with Gamma Beta Phi.



*Jimie Lynn Woolard*

## Campus Campaign to begin in October

Due to the great and urgent need of Hurricane Katrina victims, the BCCC Foundation Board accepted the recommendation of Judy Jennette to postpone the Campus Campaign from September to October. Information will be going out during the first week of October. Pledges and donations will be accepted throughout the month. "Giving to the BCCC Foundation makes our college a better place for our students and for us," states Jennette. "Please contribute what you can."

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include Tabitha Fulford, Ann Sadler, Bernard Dozier, Carrie Peed, Lorie Girani, Nathan Spencer, and Veronica Respass.

The group kicked off its first fundraiser on September 20, by selling Tom Wat's candy and novelty items. Anyone interested in placing an order may contact a member of the PBL-TKC.

Barton College in Wilson, NC hosted the annual PBL Kick-Off on September 22. Several BCCC members attended this event.

In October look for flyers for PBL-TKC yard/bake sales. Also in the works is a community service project that will focus awareness the dangers of drinking and driving – especially as it pertains to young people.

The annual "American Enterprise Celebration" will take place on November 15, 2005. This event is part of a nation-wide PBL celebration.

Edwards states, "Keep your eyes and ears open because if you blink you may miss the "New Direction" PBL will be taking you."

Edwards adds, "As always, we would like to thank all of our sponsors and the many people at school and in the community that have made the years memorable and look forward to your continued support this year. Many special thanks are bestowed upon the Business Division for sponsoring this fraternity for 34 years. A very special thank you is sent to the members of the BCCC Foundation Board who so graciously assisted five students in attending the leadership training this summer. Can you feel the excitement? Can you feel the enthusiasm?"



*Pictured from left to right are BCCC's new PBL-TKC officers Diane Jackson, Rosa Edwards, Jessica Woolard, and Barbara Stanley.*

## 12th Annual BCCC Foundation Golf Tournament is set

The 12th annual Beaufort County Community College Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Friday, October 7, at the Washington Yacht and Country Club. The event, sponsored in large part by PCS Phosphate, is held each year to raise money for scholarships to BCCC. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon and a shotgun tee-off at 1 p.m. The tournament format is four-person super ball with teams pre-flighted based on each golfer's handicap. The entry fee is \$70 mulligan tickets, per player, which includes lunch, cart rental, greens fee and a gift bag. The deadline for entries is September 30.

The largest single annual fundraising event for the college, the tournament typically raises more than \$10,000 for scholarships and programs support by the BCCC Foundation. The investments and money raised by the Foundation will provide numerous scholarships to BCCC students this year, make annual awards to outstanding faculty and staff and sponsor grants for equipment and programs that improve the services offered by BCCC.

Following the tournament, a trophy will be awarded to each member of the first place team in each of the tournament's four flights. A prize for "closest to the pin" shots will be awarded. Lee Chevrolet is offering a car and Park Boat Company is offering a Ski-do for hole-in-one prizes. Team and hole sponsorships are now being accepted. For more information, contact Marcia Norwood at 940-6218 or Judy Jennette at 940-6326.



*Archie Jennings, Jay Martin, Patrick Cvitanovich, and David Francisco took first place in the third flight in last year's golf tournament.*



*Students who would like to save money by carpooling to campus can find the names of fellow students from their communities on a bulletin board in Building 1. The bulletin board is a project of Judith Meyer's Social Psychology Class.*

## NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

### Jackson joins Student Support Services

Kimberly Jackson, a counselor with eastern North Carolina public schools for seven years, has joined the staff at Beaufort County Community College, as transition counselor with Student Support Services. Jackson joins a staff of three full-time and two part-time staff members whose job it is to work with disadvantaged students to help them become college graduates.

As transition counselor, Jackson will work with about 175 students each year, providing guidance for students – many of whom are the first in their families to attend college – as they work towards their two-year degrees and take steps towards additional education. Jackson began work at BCCC in June.

Jackson was drawn to work as a counselor because she enjoys “working with and empowering people, and helping them find their way,” she said. “I try to help them choose careers not based on fears but on their horizons.”

Jackson graduated from Surrattsville High School in Clinton, Md., in 1990. She earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1994 and a master’s degree in counselor education from East Carolina University in 1998.

Jackson moved to Washington after marrying her husband, Jeremiah, a Washington native who now serves as principal at John Small School. The two met their sophomore year in college at Carolina when both worked in the Student Union.

She has held a variety of counseling and business positions since moving to eastern North Carolina. Jackson worked as a management associate for Wachovia Bank in Greenville from 1995 to 1996 but left for more lucrative work in the business community to enter the education field in order to spend more time with her family. She served as executive director of the Coastal Pregnancy Center in Washington from 1997 to 1998. Jackson has worked as a school counselor since then, first joining the staff at Ahoskie Graded School and later at John Small School and Washington High School. During the summer of 2003, she also served as a financial aid intern at East Carolina University.

The Jacksons live in Washington with their nine-year-old daughter, Taylor, and six-year-old son, Jeremiah “Jay” III. They are members of Smithwick Chapel Church of Christ in Williamston and in their spare time, enjoy softball, swimming and other outdoor activities.



*Kimberly Jackson*

### Dickerson joins BCCC nursing faculty

When Jamesville native Kent Dickerson joined the nursing school faculty at Beaufort County Community College this summer, the first thing he did after arriving on campus was to find his mother’s photograph on the wall of the Allied Health Building.

That’s because Dickerson’s mother, Gail, is a 1993 graduate of the Associate Degree Nursing program – the same program in which Kent Dickerson now serves as an instructor. She is pictured, along with other members of her class, on a wall in the Allied Health Building that features photographs of all BCCC nursing school graduates.

Gail Dickerson began nursing school at BCCC the same year that her son, Kent, began nursing school at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. “My mother got her acceptance letter to nursing school almost the same week that I got my acceptance letter,” he said. “She was a homemaker who decided to return to school when her children were grown.” “She was my inspiration to study hard and do well in school,” he said.

Dickerson, 32, graduated from Jamesville High School in 1991. He earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the UNCC in 1995 and is pursuing a master’s degree in nursing from East Carolina University.

After graduating from college, Dickerson returned to Jamesville and began his nursing career at Martin General Hospital in Williamston where he worked in labor and delivery, emergency, intensive care, surgical and pediatric nursing. In 1997, he



*Kent Dickerson*

*New Faces On Campus continued.*

joined the nursing staff at Pitt Memorial Hospital where he worked in cardiac surgery nursing and in information systems. In 2000, he returned to Martin General Hospital, eventually rising to manage the 32-bed, 50-employee Medical/Surgery/Pediatric Unit.

While working as a nurse, Dickerson discovered that he also enjoyed teaching nursing. Part of his duties involved teaching procedures specific to an area of nursing to new nursing school graduates through a program known as "in service." And he enjoyed teaching patients to care for themselves after they left the hospital. In 2004 he joined the faculty at Martin Community College, teaching an online course in Professional Interactions in Healthcare in addition to his full-time nursing duties.

## BCCC joins hurricane relief effort

Beaufort County Community College faculty and staff members on Thursday morning sorted and loaded supplies that were headed for hurricane relief in Gulfport, Mississippi. The campus drive was part of a community-wide relief effort to help hurricane victims in Gulfport. The BCCC Student Government Association, the Faculty Senate and the Staff Association coordinated the campus drive.

"The generosity of the college has been tremendous," said Sherry Stotesberry, president of the Staff Association and a victim of Hurricane Isabelle. "I am sure these donations will all be put to good use." The campus-based groups raised over \$5,000 for hurricane relief in Gulfport. The supplies donated include baby food, formula, bottled water, canned foods with pull-tabs, paper products, toiletries and cleaning supplies.

Woolard and her husband, John Charles, a dispatcher with Shavender Trucking of Pantego, left on Thursday, September 8, to join a convoy of vehicles heading to Mississippi with the supplies and monetary donations.



*Pictured above, left to right, are Sherry Stotesberry, Staff Association president; Becky Spain, student activities coordinator; Tricia Woolard, media and graphics coordinator; and Judith Meyer, president of the BCCC Faculty Senate.*

## Upcoming Events

October 1-31 – BCCC Foundation Campus Campaign

October 3 – Deadline for applying for graduation.

October 4 - Gamma Beta Phi membership meeting, noon. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.

October 7 – Annual BCCC Foundation Golf Tournament. For more information, contact 940-6218.

October 10 – Evening Student Appreciation Night. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

October 18 – Bloodmobile visits BCCC, Building 10.

October 25 – Student Government Association meeting, noon, room 927, Building 9. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

October 28 – Last day to drop/no penalty.

October 31 – Student Government Association Halloween celebration.

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.