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Beaufort County Community College

BCCC's nursing programs earn reaccreditation



BCCC Nursing Instructor Kent Dickerson uses a mannequin to teach Tammy Leggett, associate degree nursing student, how to assess a patient's heart and bowel sounds using a stethoscope.

The associate's degree and practical nursing programs at Beaufort County Community College have earned reaccreditation by the N. C. Board of Nursing, school officials announced this week. The reaccreditation was issued with "no recommendations," meaning the nursing board found no shortcomings in the program that required immediate attention.

"BCCC is proud of its nursing school and particularly proud of the finding of 'no recommendations'," said Dean of Instruction Wesley Beddard in announcing the reaccreditation. "I want to congratulate Director of Nursing Laura Bliley, Lead Practical Nursing Instructor Carolyn Lee and our nursing faculty on their diligent work throughout this process."

A major focus of the five-year review by the N.C. Nursing Board is the school's nursing curriculum. But the board also reviews other aspects of the college - from security to maintenance to library resources - as they affect the nursing school, according to Bliley.

Education consultants from the nursing board review the school's curriculum and test whether or not BCCC's nursing program is doing what it says it is doing; that the school stays within the scope of nursing practice in its teaching and in its clinical work.

The reaccreditation process begins with the compilation of a Program Descriptive Report that details the entire nursing curriculum and the interaction of other campus departments with that curriculum. The report is followed by a two-day visit by the nursing board consultants.

"You learn the strengths of your program and areas where you might need some improvement," Bliley said. She and Lee headed the reaccreditation effort for the school's associate degree and practical nursing programs.

One change that might be implemented as a result of discussions with nursing board consultants is the use of preceptorships for nursing students - students working one on one with a nurse for part of their clinical rotation, Bliley said.

Bliley said she was particularly pleased with the support the nursing school receives from the other departments on campus not only through the reaccreditation process but also throughout the year. This support, she said, was reflected in the nursing board's review.

"Their study showed our college to be very supportive of nursing," she said. "Not all schools enjoy this degree of support."

She also congratulated the nursing school faculty for their work throughout the review. "It's really a testimony to our faculty that this went well," she said. "They worked hard and were very positive throughout the entire process."

This is the last time BCCC's nursing school will undergo a five-year review of its program by the state nursing board. Under new accreditation procedures, the program will undergo a national review in eight years by the National League for Nursing.

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Sandria McFadden advising a new student

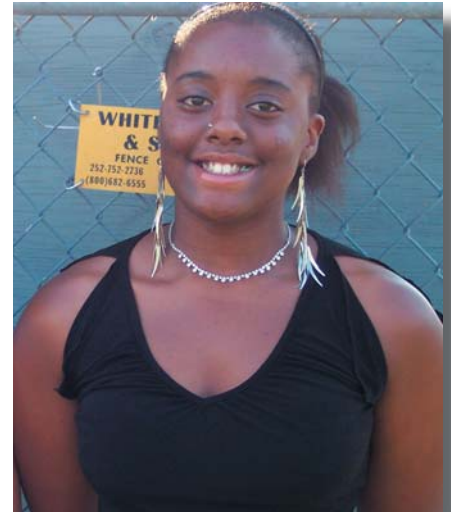
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Two BCCC students receive Bobby Andrews Scholarships



Kristen Kosto



Patrice D. Gorham

Two young women were awarded Bobby Andrews Scholarships to Beaufort County Community College during opening games recently held in conjunction with the Bobby Andrews Invitational Softball Tournament. Prior to the first game, it was announced that Patrice D. Gorham and Kristen Kosto received scholarships to attend BCCC this fall.

The two were among seven young women to receive scholarships from tournament proceeds. Others receiving awards were Carrie Amici and Meredith Whitehead, who will attend East Carolina University, Jamie Lilley who will attend Pitt Community College, Jenna Hardy who will attend Louisburg College and Elizabeth Robinson who will attend Campbell University.

The earnings from previous Bobby Andrews Tournaments have established an endowment of more than \$24,862 with the BCCC Foundation. The earnings from the endowment are used to fund scholarships for young women that have played in the league and want to further their education.

Gorham, 18, of Washington is seeking an associate's degree in social work. The daughter of Donna Gorham of Washington and Preston Banks, Sr., she graduated from Washington High School and hopes to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work after completing her studies at BCCC.

Kosto, 17, of Washington is studying nursing at BCCC. A graduate of Washington High School, she is the daughter of Jeff and Denise Kosto of Sarasota, Fla. Kosto is currently employed by Goody's and hopes to work at Beaufort County Hospital as an oncology nurse after completing her studies at BCCC.

Proceeds from this year's tournament are being used to fund the bulk of this year's scholarships and add to the size of the Bobby Andrews Endowment.

Sign up to receive text messages

Campus Police Director Hal Swindell is in the process of updating the group message listing for all BCCC employees who have cellular telephone service with U.S. Cellular. Those employees who sign up can receive emergency notifications regarding BCCC's operations in the event of inclement weather or other catastrophic event via a text message on their cell phones. The sign-up is strictly voluntary. Interested persons can contact Swindell by email to sign up for this service. Please provide your cell phone number if you wish to participate.

NEW FACES ON CAMPUS

Adams joins BCCC cosmetology faculty

A graduate of Beaufort County Community College has returned to campus this fall to help train a new generation of cosmetologists. Donna Adams, has joined the full-time faculty at BCCC as an instructor in the school's cosmetology department. She will be the primary instructor for beginning and advanced cosmetology students in the night curriculum.

"BCCC is delighted to add Donna to its cosmetology faculty, particularly as the school moves towards expanding its facilities and course offerings in that curriculum," said Wesley Beddard, BCCC dean of instruction.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., Adams said she has enjoyed styling hair since she was a young girl – practicing on her sister and cousins. "I gave my sister some interesting hair cuts when I was young," she said.

After her family moved to Greenville, N.C., Adams attended J.H. Rose High School and earned her General Educational Development, or GED, from BCCC.

But despite a life-long interest in cosmetology, fashion and make-up, Adams came to the profession slowly. She worked in a local textile factory for 12 years, sold insurance, worked for a wholesale florist and received training as a nursing assistant before deciding to pursue her life-long passion for cutting and styling hair.

She graduated from BCCC with a degree in cosmetology in 1991. After receiving her cosmetology degree, Adams worked as a cosmetologist for local salons and owned the local Merle Norman and Just My Cut salons for a number of years.

She then turned her attention to teaching. Before joining the full-time faculty at BCCC Adams worked part-time at BCCC and at Martin County Community College as a cosmetology instructor while continuing to work as a cosmetologist in a local salon. In 2002, she taught beginning cosmetology at Mattamuskeet High School through BCCC.

Adams is married to William Adams, a 21-year veteran of the construction business and vice president of Adams Brothers Painting. They have one son, William, Jr., 18 who entered BCCC this fall as an engineering student. She is a member of Snowd Branch Church of God and served as a volunteer with Vacation Bible School, children's church and in its teen program. In her spare time, Adams enjoys tennis, swimming and off-road motorcycles.



Donna Adams

White joins BCCC police force

A graduate of Beaufort County Community College returned to the college this summer as a campus police officer. Ronald K. "Keith" White, 27, of Washington has joined the campus police staff as a police officer.

"I am delighted to announced the addition of White to our police staff," said Hal Swindell, chief of campus police. "I am particularly pleased that he is a graduate of our own law enforcement training program."

A native of Elizabeth City, White graduated from Williamston High School in 1996. He earned a bachelor's degree in commercial and graphic art from Elizabeth City State University in 1999, graduating with honors. In 2001, White returned to school, graduating from the Basic Law Enforcement Training program at BCCC in May of that year.

White has held a variety of retail positions throughout his career – working for FoodLion, Family Dollar Store and Dollar General. During this time, he also worked at White and Williams Restaurant in Ahoskie, a family business, where he helped design advertising for and plan parties held at the restaurant. After graduating from ECSU, White worked for Cox Target Media and Lowe's in Washington before returning to college to earn his BLET certificate.

For three years, White worked for the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department, first as a detention officer and, later as a deputy sheriff. In December 2003, White joined the staff of Life, Inc., in Washington as a CBS Professional mentor, a position he still holds. As a mentor, White works with young people and their families – helping with homework, providing counseling and serving as a role model. White joined the staff at BCCC as a campus police officer in June.



Keith White

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 by PCS Phosphate, is held each year to raise money for the BCCC Foundation.

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 per player, which includes two mulligans, lunch, cart rental, greens fee and a gift bag. The deadline for entries is September 23. The largest single annual fundraising event for the college, the tournament typically raises more than \$10,000 for scholarships and programs supported by the BCCC Foundation.

The investments and money raised by the foundation will provide more than 90 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.

Prizes for "closest to the pin" shots as well as "longest drive" will also be awarded. Team and hole sponsorships are now being accepted. For more information, contact Marcia Norwood at 940-6218 or Judy Jennette at 940-6326.



PCS Phosphate is a great corporate citizen and friend of BCCC. Pictured from left to right are PCS Phosphate's CEO Richard Atwood, PR Director Pam Shadle, and Director of Mine Operations Jerry Waters. Waters also serves on the BCCC Foundation Board of Directors.

Sign-up underway for Alzheimer's Walk

Volunteers are being sought for Beaufort County Community College's team in the upcoming Alzheimer's Memory Walk scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 15, at the Red Men's Hall in Washington. The walk will honor Emily Padgett, mother of Developmental English Instructor Emily Albera. To join the team or to volunteer for the event, interested persons can contact BCCC's Team Captain Karen Toler, a medical office administration student, at 946-7793 or stop by room 101 in Building 1. Interested persons can also contact Albera at 940-6293.

Upcoming Events

September 5 – Labor Day Holiday.

September 6 – Gamma Beta Phi membership meeting, noon. For more information, contact Mandy Jones at 940-6242.

September 20 – Constitution Day program.

September 27 - Student Government Association meeting, noon, room 927, Building 9. For more information, contact Rebecca Spain at 940-6259.

September 28 – College Night, 6:30 to 8 p.m., multi-purpose room and conference rooms, Building 10. For more information, contact 940-6233.

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 via Groupwise to Betty Gray.