Matt Rieger (pictured below) has been selected as the next John Brooks Williams Endowed Chair and will serve as John Brooks Williams Endowed Chair for Advanced Transportation Technologies/Instructor of Alternative Fuels Technology. The John Brooks Williams Endowed Chair Fund was established in 2004 through Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation and was previously held by Alison Carter prior to her appointment as Dean. The Endowment was established to help attract and retain high quality, promising, and inspiring people to teaching and help them start and continue careers of excellence. The recipient is expected to provide leading-edge employment knowledge and skills for students in his/her discipline. Matt’s selection matches well with Align4NCWorks, the NC Community College System’s strategic initiative to scale up best practices in collaborative workforce development.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC) approved the College’s request for Brevard High School (BHS) and Balfour Education Center as off-campus sites. The request was in reference to students being able to earn 50% or more of diploma and certificate programs at these off-campus locations. The Commission will be sending a visitation team in March 2015 to assure compliance with SACS criteria for off-campus sites.

Earlier this year, the Blue Ridge Community College Drama Department presented "A Carolina Story," with book and lyrics by Katie Winkler, music by Curtis McCarley and directed by Jennifer Treadway. The performances generated $3,059 in revenue for the Foundation’s Emergency Grants and Loan Fund.

100% of the 2104 graduates of the surgical technology program have passed their certification exam.
Twenty-nine students are enrolled in the College’s new Phlebotomy program.

Blue Ridge Community College, along with Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, is hosting a Nurse Aide/Phlebotomy Job Fair on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at its Henderson County Campus. Participating employers will have the opportunity to meet students and recent graduates (Nurse Aide and Phlebotomy programs) from Blue Ridge Community College and surrounding colleges. The Job Fair will be held in Blue Ridge Conference Hall (Technology Education and Development Center) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BRCC Vice President Julie Thompson, Mountain Area Workforce Development Director Phil Monk, and A-B Tech Vice President Shelly White are working together to implement Governor McCrory’s initiative of local workforce partners visiting at least 10 companies per county in 100 NC counties in 100 days to “listen” to needs and record data using a 19-item questionnaire. Visits to the following counties in the College’s service area began in September:

**Henderson County**
- AGS Shorewood
- Blue Ridge Metals
- Cane Creek Cycling
- Four Seasons Hospice
- Kimberly Clark
- Pardee Hospital
- Park Ridge Hospital
- Prince Manufacturing
- Raflatac
- Selee Corporation

**Transylvania County**
- Gaia Herbs
- Camp Keystone
- Kier Manufacturing
- Comporium
- Praxiar
- Oskar Blues
- Transylvania Regional Hospital
- Pharm-Agra
- United Community Bank
- Transylvania Vocational Solutions

Appointed by the Governor
John C. McCormick, Jr., Chair
Sandy Tallant
Dee Dee Perkins
Duke Woodhull

Appointed by the Henderson County Commissioners
Stan Cooper
Chip Gould
Bill Ramsey
Andrew Tate

Appointed by the Henderson County Board of Public Education
Kenneth Butcher
Kohlan Flynn, Vice Chair
Betty Gash
Patricia F. Jones

Appointed by Transylvania County Commissioners
Jeremy Gibbs
David E. Clavier

Student Government Association President
Cynthia Garcia-Tamayo,
Current Customized Training:
• ASG Shorewood
• Borg Warner Thermal
• Cane Creek Cycling
• Continental
• Multi-Employer Gas Tungsten TIG Welding Class with Legacy Paddle Sports, Elkamet, Sylvan Sports
• Sierra Nevada
• Smartrac

The College held its Third Annual Young Engineers Experience camp in July with 26 students from Henderson, Transylvania and Buncombe Counties participating. The camp allows students to explore careers in engineering through many hands-on activities. Student campers, ranging from rising 8th grade to rising 11th grade, built model bridges, launched ping pong balls, built trebuchets and designed and wired electronic circuit boards while studying basic engineering principles.

The Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate class had an 88% pass rate for first-time test takers.

The College hosted Crisis Intervention Training for School Resource Officers in July.

Blue Ridge Community College Small Business Center will host Western North Carolina’s first Crowdfunding Conference on Friday, October 17, 2014, at its Henderson County Campus. The event will be held from 1 to 5:15 p.m. and is offered at no charge, due to sponsor support from the Blue Ridge Community College Small Business Center and the JB Media Group. The conference will present best practices and crowd funding strategies to fund a project or venture by raising monetary contributions from a large number of people, typically via the Internet. This multi-billion dollar industry brings parties together to fund business, film, music, art, theater, games, comics, design, and photography projects.

The NC Chamber of Commerce will sponsor NC as an ACT Work Ready State. This designation is based on the number of National Career Readiness Certificates issued in the state.

Henderson County Early College launched its new year on August 7 with freshman orientation and a back-to-school assembly.

Henderson County Early College made a presentation at the Henderson County School Board Meeting on September 8, 2014. The entire faculty, Principal Beth

Small Business Center Update

The BRCC Small Business Center (SBC) is part of the North Carolina Community College System SBCN Network. It provides training, confidential counseling and resource information at no cost to support business startups and existing companies.

The 2013-2014 BRCC Small Business Center Annual Report highlights the following:

- Entrepreneurship Events: 175 (up 62%)
- Jobs Created: 49
- Jobs Retained: 6
- Business Start Ups: 24 (up 142%)
- New Business Plans: 25 (up 357%)

Based on 2013-2014 performance, BRCC SBC is ranked fifth in the state out of 58 Small Business Centers.
Caudle, and Early College Liaison Lisa Hill shared information regarding the success of the program, as well as answer questions of the board members.

Curriculum enrollment for Fall Semester 2014 is 2,228; compared to 2,314 for Fall Semester 2013

- Average Age: 27
- 40% are enrolled full-time
- 83.5% of our students reside in our service (Henderson and Transylvania Counties)
- 19% of our students also work full-time while attending school

A record number of Career and College Promise applications from Henderson County high school students were submitted for Fall Semester. Ninety-three high school students registered for 211 BRCC classes. In Transylvania County, 38 students registered for a total of 86 classes.

CACRAO Educational Opportunity Night for High School (College Fair) brought more than 300 students and parents to campus on September 8.

During Fall Semester, the College is offering 132 curriculum courses that are hybrid courses (partial classroom/partial online) and 133 curriculum courses that are Internet-based. These courses have a combined duplicated enrollment of 3,144 students.

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**Blue Ridge WINE and ARTISAN CIDER FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, October 25, 2014**

**At Blue Ridge Community College**

**Purchase tickets online at**

[www.blueridge.edu/wineandcider](http://www.blueridge.edu/wineandcider)

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**About the Blue Ridge Wine and Artisan Cider Festival**

The Blue Ridge Wine and Artisan Cider Festival will be held on the campus of Blue Ridge Community College and hosted by Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Proceeds will benefit the Brewing, Distillation, and Fermentation, and Horticulture Technology Programs, as well as student scholarships at Blue Ridge Community College.

For the past two years, our area has hosted the WNC Mountain Wine Festival. The Blue Ridge Wine and Artisan Cider Festival will build on this endeavor to hold a premiere wine festival for the Western North Carolina area. Marketing for the Festival will be done throughout North Carolina and upstate South Carolina. The ticket price includes admission to free tastings from each participating vendor, a commemorative wine glass, and live local music.

The wine tasting will begin at 12 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. During this time, each winery is expected to provide Festival customers a free tasting of various wines that each produces with the option of selling by the glass, bottle, and/or case. This rain or shine/outside and inside event will be held at the Blue Ridge Conference Hall on the Henderson County Campus of Blue Ridge Community College with local food vendors on location. The Festival will focus on area winemakers showcasing their wine products; therefore, tasting vendors will be limited to the first 25 applicants.
2013-2014 Fiscal Year

Support and revenue for the 2013-2014 fiscal year totaled $2.4 million with assets at $10.8 million. Investment returns for the fiscal year were 16.81% and 11.84% for the trailing five years. The “Independent Auditors’ Report” with an unmodified opinion (clean opinion) and the “Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax” (Form 990), both prepared by Carter, P. C., for the 2013-14 fiscal year were accepted by the Board of Directors.

2014-2015 Fiscal Year

The Board of Directors recently appointed its 2014-2015 officers and new directors:

Officers
Ken D. Adams, President
Kaylyn “Katie” A. Inman, Vice President
Patsy Farmer Jones, Secretary
Molly A. Parkhill, Assistant Secretary
Vikki D. Bailey, Treasurer
Antonia M. Berbrick, Assistant Treasurer

New Directors include

2014-15 Budget

Budget requests submitted by the College to the Board of Directors, along with other Foundation funds, rendered an approved budget of $997,024 for 2014-15.

Major In-Kind Gift

The Lincoln Electric Company donated a Magnum 250LX spool gun ($1,420) and a Power Mig 350MP ($5,818). The in-kind gift to the College’s Welding Technology program totals $7,238.

Fall 2014 Community Ambassador Program

Participating in this fall’s Community Ambassador Program are Jollene Austin, Janet Faragher, Patrick Faragher, Renee Kumor, Jason Lefler, Bob Martel, John Parris, Rick Pilarski, Sissy Rogers, Jim Rudisill, Roger Smith, Dean St. Marie, Bob Staton, Mike Swartzlander, Lester Vier, and Jack Walsh.

Annual Fundraising Campaign Begins in September

In September the Foundation will kicked off its annual campaign starting with College trustees and Foundation directors. This year’s Faculty and Staff Campaign kicked off September 10 and will conclude on September 30. The Foundation celebrated our students and donors at the Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, September 17.

More than 400 students and donors attended the Foundation Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon on September 17 in Blue Ridge Conference Hall.