

REPORT TO BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The College's summer operating hours will begin May 16, 2016 and run through July 22, 2016. During this time administrative offices will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will be closed on Fridays.

Information Technologies

An MCNC wireless engineer will be on campus to conduct a comprehensive on site survey of our entire wireless network infrastructure at HCC and TCC. The MCNC engineers are experts in wireless networks and we expect they will be able to offer configuration and access point placement recommendations that will help improve the coverage and performance of our existing wireless network infrastructure.

Marketing & Communications

2,000+ postcards were mailed week of March 7 to high school seniors and other prospective students in both counties to promote scholarship application period.

BRCC student Martin Avery will be featured on the front of the next issue of Career Focus. Martin is a graduate of Brevard High School and our Mechatronics program, employed at Continental, and currently enrolled in Associate of Engineering. A feature story about Martin and his career journey is included in this issue. Part-time, temporary marketing assistant Lauren Dickson has developed the content for this issue including writing the feature story on Martin.

As an enhancement for our website users, we have added a top level navigation element called "Campus Life" to the BRCC website. This element will appear on the far right side of the top navigational links. With this new top level element, some of the items frequently used by your departments and by BRCC students and faculty will be pulled into a higher level in the structure. This will result in fewer "clicks" to get to these important webpages. In addition, the secondary links will now become primary links under the "Financial Aid" menu. The "Campus Life" and "Financial Aid" links will appear in their respective lists at the bottom of the template and therefore on every page. These lists will increase accessibility and will help users find what they are looking for more easily.

Police and Public Safety

The College hosted a Command Staff Training for Mass Violence Incidents on Monday, April 4. After more than seven months of preparation, this full scale training event focused on law

enforcement, fire-rescue, EMS and facility command staff members of facilities around the area, coming together in a collaborative effort to update training techniques that would be necessary to handle mass violence incidents at the command level. The eight-hour training course incorporated all methods of instruction from traditional classroom work to active demonstrations. Additional training is planned for May.

A Mass Violence Training Exercise is scheduled for May 12. College employees, as well as, the Early College High School, will be able to sign up to participate in the Exercise. As part of the Exercise, participants will also be able to attend the first of several sessions of SAFE Active Shooter Training. The College Leadership participated in this type of training in April.

Events

On May 5, Disney Institute held a 90-minute training from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for employees on Quality Service. As one of the most recognized names in professional development, Disney Institute provides professionals from the private, public, and social sectors worldwide an opportunity to experience courses grounded in the time-tested success and insights from The Walt Disney Company.

FINANCE

The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) recently released changes to the State travel policies and regulations that must be incorporated into the College travel reimbursement process effective March 1, 2016. The changes require the College to utilize a college owned vehicle or use a rental car utilizing State term contract through Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental or Hertz. If employees elect to use a personal vehicle and the actual round-trip mileage is over 75 miles, the College may reimburse the employee at a rate of no more than 34 cents per mile.

The College has received options and has determined that the most cost effective method would be to purchase a third vehicle for the College motor pool using institutional funds collected through the motor pool budget. The cost of the new van is \$22,500.

INSTRUCTION DIVISION

The Golden LEAF Foundation awarded Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) a \$1,087,500 grant to provide students, the community and the region with state-of-the-art equipment for healthcare education and training. The Golden LEAF grant will equip healthcare training facilities at the new Health Sciences Center with surgical and mannequin-based simulations, providing realistic hospital and healthcare experiences through a high-fidelity simulation lab.

The BRCC 12th Annual Benefit Car, Truck, Tractor and Trade Show will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016, on the Henderson County Campus. This year's show is hosted by SkillsUSA Students and Great Smokey Mountain Region of AACA and is featuring Corbitt Trucks and Tractors. The show is open to all modes of transportation, including 2-, 3-, 4- or 18-wheelers. The day will include door prizes and special awards that are chosen and presented by SkillsUSA Students. Pre-registration is \$12 or \$15 at the gate and includes one lunch and a drink per car. Automotive instructional labs will be open for tours. All proceeds from the car show will benefit automotive students in SkillsUSA competitions. This event is free and open to all viewing public.

The College's Horticulture Department hosted its Annual Plant Sale on April 21-28, at the Bullington Greenhouse on East Campus Drive on the Henderson County Campus. The sale featured a wide selection of vegetable plants such as tomato, pepper, eggplant, squash, and cucumber. There were also culinary herbs, annual and perennial flowers, ornamental grasses, and strawberry plants. All proceeds from the plant sale benefited the Horticulture program.

Sharon Suess, Lead Engineering Technology Instructor, has been elected Treasurer of the newly formed NC Engineering Pathways Association. The Association works to improve articulation of community college courses into the engineering universities across the state.

The regional NC Distance Learning workshop was held on the Henderson County Campus on April 14, with twenty full and part time BRCC faculty attending. An additional 60 participants from across western NC also attended.

Office Administration Instructors, Debra Pressley and Leanne Ruff, attended the statewide Office Administration realignment meeting in April. The Office Administration program has undergone a realignment that proposes to revise three curriculum standards, archive five curriculum standards, add 10 new courses, revise 31 courses, and archive 20 courses. The changes will go to the state curriculum review committee in May.

The College received notification that our proposed Emergency Management program will be presented to the state board for approval in July. Two Early Childhood certificates proposed by BRCC will also be presented to the state board in May.

The College's Automotive Technology students competed at the SkillsUSA NC State Conference in late April. There were 2300 students registered in competitions making it the largest NC conference to date. Congratulations to BRCC student, Jeremy Chastain, for a first place win in Post-Secondary Technical Drafting with a design of a steering gear. Jeremy will represent BRCC at nationals in Louisville, Kentucky in June.

ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/ CONTINUING EDUCATION (EWD/CE) DIVISION

BRCC's Professional Development Institute hosted Disney Institute's Business Excellence

On May 4, EWD/CE's Professional Development Institute hosted the world renowned Disney Institute presenting a seminar on Business Excellence - Disney Style. The Disney Institute provides professionals from the private, public, and social sectors worldwide an opportunity to experience courses grounded in the time-tested success and insights from The Walt Disney Company. **275 individuals from 74 companies** participated in the event. They learned valuable lessons on how to integrate personal creativity and organizational process to create ongoing innovation within the organization, how culture is strengthened in the recruitment, selection and training process and how customer loyalty can be established leading to sustained profitability. Many companies sent teams of employees to participate. Companies attending spanned the gamut from large corporations like Biltmore Estate, UPM Raflatac and Sierra Nevada to small entrepreneurs like Boyd Chevrolet, Mike's on Main and Kilwins, from public schools and colleges, hospitals, churches, county and city government and the National Forest Service. The event was intended to have several positive outcomes including:

- Strengthening the attending companies' abilities to improve their organizations from within
- Marketing the ongoing efforts of BRCC's Professional Development Institute to a critical audience
- Positioning BRCC's Professional Development Institute as a deliverer of world class training locally.

Advanced Manufacturing Exploration Class

With recent publicity about new companies, GF Linamar and Raumedic, locating in Henderson County, the College and the NCWorks Office have received over 100 calls from individuals interested in employment at these facilities. Although these companies are not presently hiring, NC Works was able to refer qualified individuals to other manufacturing jobs. However many individuals did not have experience with manufacturing. To upgrade the skills of these individuals and make them more competitive for manufacturing jobs, EWD/CE designed an Advanced Manufacturing Exploration Class based on the former Manufacturing Certification Program designed by BRCC, AB Tech, and Mountain Area Workforce Board. The class ran Monday and Tuesday evenings from April 18 to May 3. 8 students completed.

Topics included:

- The Business of Manufacturing
- Lean Concepts
- Manufacturing Processes
- Measuring Fundamentals
- Safety in Manufacturing

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- Intro to Blueprint Reading

EWD/CE Staff are working with each of the students to map out individualized career paths using College resources.

Manufacturing Advisory Council hosted Job Fair for 40 BRCC Advanced Technology Students

EWD/CE's 2016 quarterly Manufacturing Advisory Council, April 20, included a lunch meeting from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM and a Job Fair afterwards from 1:30 - 4:30 PM. The meeting and job fair included 21 manufacturers from 11 companies along with representatives from Henderson County Public Schools, Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development and BRCC staff and faculty from both Curriculum and Continuing Education. The quarterly meeting featured graduating Mechatronics student, Hannah Chappell, who spoke about her career path starting as a freshman in Early College, then taking courses in Career and College promise where she became interested in Mechatronics. The meeting also included information on:

- The Henderson County Public Schools Innovative High School planned for completion in 2017 on the BRCC Campus
- Work Based Learning and Apprenticeship Updates
- Southeastern Advanced Molding Technology Educational Center established at BRCC through donations from Raumedic, GF Linamar and a Golden Leaf grant
- Ongoing progress in the Industrial Maintenance Class
- Accessing NCWorks Information on line
- Summer Manufacturing Camps
- Advanced Manufacturing Exploration Class
- Professional Development Institute hosting the Disney Institute's Business Excellence Event

After the meeting, the representatives from the 11 Henderson County manufacturing companies participated in a Job Fair meeting over 40 graduating BRCC students from Advanced Technologies - Mechatronics, Welding, Machining, Automotive, and Brewing programs.

Transylvania NCWorks Career Center hosts Summer Camp Job Fair

Blue Ridge Community College held its first annual "Connect to Camps" Job Fair on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at its Transylvania County Campus NCWorks Center. Eight local summer camps connected with several community members seeking employment. The Summer Camps are seeking to fill a variety of positions with varying levels of skills and experience including camp counselors, office administration, kitchen staff, grounds maintenance and certified nurses.

STUDENT SERVICES

Registrar/Enrollment Management/Counseling

The Henderson County Campus BRCC Student Ambassadors for 2016 - 2017 are: Returning

Ambassadors: Rachel Quinn and Katie Brock. New Ambassadors: Rachel Foreman (Associate of Arts), Mary Margaret Knowles (Associate of Arts) and Jordan Ray (Computer Information Technology). The newly selected Ambassadors will take their positions starting the 2016 Summer Semester.

From the latest reverse transfer file sent from UNC General Administration we identified five students who can now graduate with a BRCC Associate of Arts degree after completing additional courses at a four-year institution. The goal for this process is to recognize students' accomplishment, award an associate degree, and hopefully provide encouragement to continue their education.

The faculty nominated 38 students for the 2015-2016 Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges. In order to qualify, a student must be in a two-year program, have completed one-half of the required hours of their program, and have an overall quality GPA of at least 3.0. Items that are taken into consideration are; a student's character, service to the community, future potential for achievement, and activeness in college activities. They were recognized at the 2016 SGA Award Ceremony, in their hometown newspaper, and by letter.

Recruiting/High Schools

Ninety-nine fifth grade students from Edneyville Elementary toured BRCC's Henderson County Campus and viewed demonstrations from several program areas. Faculty members also participated in Career Day at Edneyville Elementary held during the same week of their BRCC tour.

Eighty students and 12 faculty from Rosman Middle School and 75 students and 6 faculty from Hendersonville Middle School toured campus and viewed twelve program areas and discussed educational options at BRCC.

BRCC faculty and recruiter, Rita Blythe, set up displays and an information table for BRCC opportunities at West Henderson, East Henderson, and North Henderson high schools at their recruiting fairs. 95 applications for Career and College Promise (classes while enrolled as a high school student) have been received from West Henderson as a result of the recruiting fair there. Applications are still pending at North and East due to their schedule for registering students.

The College recruiter made a presentation to North Henderson High School's Nurse Education class and presented pathways to obtain Nursing degrees via the Associate in Science, RIBN, and the RN to BSN programs. She also explained how students can begin college coursework for nursing while enrolled in high school through Career and College Promise (CCP).

The Chamber of Commerce brought their junior leader student group, consisting of 20 plus

students from Henderson County High Schools to tour campus and learn about applying to college.

TCC hosted 104 fourth graders from Pisgah Forest Elementary School for a "Career Day" on Friday, April 22. Automotive Technology instructor Johnny Galloway, Student Resource Officer Kelly Cook, Librarians Michele Handy and Ali Norvell, and Rob Rhodes gave presentations on careers and the college experience.

Rob Rhodes hosted a campus event at TCC, Career & College Day at BRCC, for the Transylvania County public schools. Over 110 students were in attendance to tour campus and attend presentations about programs at BRCC by several BRCC faculty members, including Jay Alley, Matt Broome, Shelah Combs, Ben Hardy, Philip Hosmer, Deanna Krause, Soud Al-Mishwit, Eric Stephens, and Charlotte Taylor. Amanda Everhart, from HCC, assisted with this recruiting opportunity.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid & Scholarship Committee selected Trevor "Dillon" Pressley, an Automotive Systems Technology and the Light Duty Diesel Diploma student, as this year's Distinguished Tradesman Scholarship recipient. Dillon will receive a \$1,677 scholarship. The runner up Silky Wheeler who is enrolled in the Collision Repair and Refinishing Associate Degree program received an SGA Merit scholarship in the amount of \$500. The Distinguished Tradesman scholarship involves recommendations from faculty and an interview with the committee and the winner is recognized as BRCC's most outstanding vocational student who has demonstrated motivation to provide quality services as a tradesman.

In an effort to reach out to students to inform them about financial aid opportunities, an email blast was sent out to all currently enrolled students letting them know that now is the time to complete the 2016-17 FAFSA and to contact the Financial Aid Office if they need help with the process. An email blast was also sent out to all new students who have applied for admission to the college for fall semester letting them know that financial aid is available and how to apply.

Early College

Early College graduation will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held in the TEDC Conference Hall. Project Graduation will immediately follow at Camp Tekoa in Hendersonville.

Applicants for the 2016/2017 school year have completed the application and interview process. The interviews took place on March 10 and March 17. The faculty/staff are currently evaluating the applications to determine next year's freshmen class. Applicants will receive notification of their acceptance by the end of May.

Rick and Patti Martinez, the Early College math teachers, along with two of our female students, attended the GAINS (Girls Advancing IN Stem) Conference April 3 – 5, 2016. The purpose for the conference was to encourage girls who are interested in STEM by connecting them with other young girls who want to pursue STEM education/careers. The two students who attended were selected based on their outstanding performance in their high school math courses.

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Contributions total \$462,462 through March 31 with assets at \$10.3 million. Investment returns were -0.04 for the quarter and 4.84% and 5.26% for the trailing three and five years, respectively.

Major Gift

Carl and Jean Schoendorfer gifted \$5,000 from their donor advised fund with Fidelity Charitable. Two thousand five hundred is unrestricted and \$2,500 is designed for the Carl and Jean Schoendorfer Scholarship.

Major In-kind Gift

Susan Oldham has donated a Carl Zeiss Axioscope 40 Microscope to the Arts and Sciences Department. It has a fair market value of \$6,597.50.

New Annual Scholarship: Valley Hill Fire and Rescue Robbie Cramer Scholarship

Valley Hill Fire and Rescue honors Robbie Cramer, their frequent visitor and friend with Down syndrome and Alzheimer's dementia. The \$1,500 scholarship is intended to assist a student who displays academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, in the community or at home), a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities. The recipient must be a resident of Henderson County, with a financial need who is currently a senior in a Henderson County high school and pursuing an associate degree in Fire Protection Technology, Criminal Justice Technology, Emergency Medical Science, or Emergency Management Technology. This scholarship may not be renewed for a second year.

New Planned Gift...Leaving a Legacy

Diane Render has specified a \$15,000 endowment in her revocable trust to be received by the Foundation upon her death. The Vincent Render Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund is to provide scholarship support to a resident of Henderson or Transylvania County who has at least a 2.0 grade point average and is pursuing a career in the skilled trades. First preference for the scholarship award is given to a minority student (African American, Asian, Native American or Hispanic); it may then be awarded to another if no qualified minority student applies.

2016-2017 Board of Directors

At their meeting on April 27, 2016, Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation Board of Directors appointed its 2016-2017 officers: President James "Jim" W. Rudisill, Vice President C. Donald "Don" Holder, Secretary Cindy N. Walker, Assistant Secretary Molly A. Parkhill, Treasurer Hilliard Staton, Assistant Treasurer Carolyn W. Alley, and Executive Director Ann F. Green.

Terry B. Andersen and Kaylyn “Katie” I. Siegmund were reappointed for a second three-year term. Dr. Raymond A. Stone was appointed as a new director beginning July 1.

2015-2016 Audit

At their April meeting, the Board of Directors ratified the actions of the Audit Committee to engage Carter, P.C. for the 2015-2016 audit. Preliminary audit work is scheduled for June 22, 2016, with fieldwork scheduled for the week of July 11.

Save the Date

The Foundation Appreciation Breakfast will be at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25.