

REPORT TO BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Police and Public Safety

The BRCC Police Department received an audit by North Carolina Department of Justice (NCDOJ) on July 18, 2016, with no exceptions. The next NCDOJ audit will be in two years.

Public Relations

Lee Anna, Ben, and I met with Allison Development Group to share the College's desire to move forward and contract with ADG and to share the Leadership's vision regarding this partnership. Lee Anna is the designated College representative who will work with ADG to develop and finalize the contract by mid-September. Re-branding can be a phased process, beginning with new messaging, new imagery, new creative, ad placement, etc. to basically tweak the way the College's brand and message looks and feels.

The College recently participated in the Apple Festival held September 2-5. In addition to manning an informational booth, the College Police and SGA participated in the Apple Parade.

The College will again be providing an information booth at the Mountain State Fair. We will share a table with another community college and a rotating industry representative. Staff from the NCWorks offices in both Henderson and Transylvania counties will also volunteer at the Mountain State Fair and help man a booth advertising NCWorks local employers and BRCC.

INSTRUCTION DIVISION

Adult Education and Literacy

The College received notice that the Adult Education and Literacy Plan scored 91 out of 100.

Robin Paulison, Dean of Adult Education and Literacy, is meeting with the Mayor's committee on September 6 regarding Project SEARCH, which is a program designed for students with intellectual disabilities.

Curriculum

The College received official notice that we received the \$100,000 Intermediate Foundations grant to provide course development and professional training in Early Childhood Education. The grant runs through December 31.

Currently 28 (93%) nursing graduates have passed the NCLEX. Five students remain to be tested.

The State Board of the North Carolina Community Colleges approved several new Early Childhood certificates at their meeting in August. These certificates were developed as part of the Growing Greatness grant which Kathy Allen, Dean of Business and Services Careers, led for the NCCCS.

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

SAMTEC (Southeastern Advanced Molding Technology Education Center)

EWD/CE staff and faculty have been leading the effort to establish an innovative new training center SAMTEC (Southeastern Advanced Molding Technology Education Center). The SAMTEC center will be the only holistic, high pressure die casting and mold training center east of Illinois and the only training center of its kind at on a community college campus. Currently, the southeast region of the United States is home to 25 die cast manufacturers and a wide variety of manufacturers using plastic injection molding and extrusion processes. The Center will focus on providing quality workforce training in high pressure die cast of aluminum and magnesium parts as well as training in the production of a wide variety of plastic products through injection molding and extrusion processes.

SAMTEC will be located on Blue Ridge Community College Henderson County Campus in the Spearman Building. This places the Center in a high-tech facility adjacent to several of the College's premier curriculum programs including Alternative Fuels, Mechatronics Technology, Computer-Integrated Machining, and Welding.

Fueled by a joint venture announced recently by Swiss Company Georg Fischer (GF) and Canada-based Linamar, the SAMTEC job training initiative is specifically designed to meet the training needs of GF Linamar's new high pressure die cast facility slated to open in Mills River. This manufacturing facility will specialize in high pressure die casting to produce light-weight aluminum and magnesium parts for power train, driveline and structural components. This venture will add 350 jobs to the region with an average annual salary of \$47,000.

Blue Ridge Community College recently received an Economic Catalyst grant of \$550,000 from Golden LEAF Foundation for the purchase of equipment to support SAMTEC and training for GF Linamar. GF Linamar, Buhler and ABB will also donate equipment for SAMTEC valued at more than \$768,000. While designed to meet the training needs of GF Linamar, SAMTEC will also be able to support the training needs of other area companies with plastic injection molding and extrusion processes. These companies include Elkamet Inc., B.I.G. Adventures, Continental Automotive Systems, Meritor Inc., Raumedic, and Lassonde Pappas. Training topics will include

die casting process, mold preparation, thermo dynamics, industrial controls, TIG welding, industrial mold process operation. The College expects to open the Southeastern Advanced Molding Technology Education Center in January 2017.

Work Based Learning Summit September 14

EWD/CE staff are working with the Mountain Area WDB and Continuing Education staff from Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College to present a regional Work Based Learning Summit for area employers and public school CTE directors to be held on Wednesday, September 14. Staff have organized a panel of area manufacturers who will speak on various work based learning models they have implemented with BRCC.

Professional Development Institute Launch September 20

Please join us for the launch of EWD/CE's Professional Development Institute. The breakfast event September 20th will feature John Loyack, Vice President of the Economic Development Partnership of NC, who will share vignettes illustrating "Leadership Skills and Their Impact on Economic Development," and Lew Ebert, NC Chamber President and CEO who will speak on "The State of North Carolina Business." To register, contact MC Gaylord at 694-1779.

Nurse Aide Assessment Site Approved by Pearson View - NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services)

NACES has reviewed the initial audit documentation of the College's new location at the Health Sciences Center provided by the Nurse Aide Examiner, Quality Auditor. The findings show the new Health Science Building meets the requirements to be a NNAAP® C.N.A. Regional Testing Site.

Continuing Education Allied Health Classrooms Approved by Accrediting Bodies

Several accrediting bodies have approved Continuing Education Classroom/Labs in the new Health Sciences Center. North Carolina DHSR (Division of Health Service Regulation) and the NC State Board of Nursing have approved the Nurse Aide classrooms/labs. The American Society of Phlebotomy Technicians has approved the Phlebotomy classroom/lab. The National Health Career Association has approved the EKG Technician, Medical Assistant/Refresher and the Medical Administrative Assistant classroom/lab

STUDENT SERVICES

Registrar/Enrollment Management/Counseling

We currently have 2202 students registered for fall 2016. The Enrollment Summary has been posted to the College's website.

The College Transfer Department hosted the NC State Transfer Advisor Workshop Friday, August 26. Several Blue Ridge faculty and staff attended.

Pride Carson, Transfer Coordinator, met with Associate Degree Nursing students on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Health Science Center to talk about RN-to-BSN programs and processes. Pride presents the most popular options for our students in her presentation and includes online RN to BSN programs at Western Carolina University, Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Winston Salem State University, UNC-Charlotte, East Tennessee State University, and Gardner Webb University. Mars Hill University's RN to BSN program is not online but does allow for convenient scheduling with classes meeting one afternoon/evening per week at their MHU Asheville Center for Adult and Graduate Studies. Many of these universities also offer a RN to MSN option as well.

The Carolina's Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, CACRAO, Educational Opportunity Program will be hosted by BRCC on Tuesday, September 13 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. in the TEDC Conference Hall. College admission representatives from 60 to 70 colleges will be available to meet with high school juniors and seniors and parents in Henderson and Polk counties as well as our own BRCC college transfer students.

Recruiting/High Schools

The College has experienced an increase in the number of high school students enrolled in BRCC classes for fall semester. In Henderson County - 195 high school students registered for 746 classes for a total of 1,391 semester credit hours. This represents a savings in tuition for parents of \$105,716. For comparison, fall 2015 there were 153 students enrolled in 366 classes and fall 2014 there were 93 students enrolled in 199 classes. Preliminary numbers for Transylvania County schools are 87 high school students registered for 202 courses for fall semester.

Henderson County Early College

The HCEC held a Welcome Back Assembly on August 4 that focused on their new theme "You are your Choices." There are currently 198 Henderson County Early College students enrolled this year.

Thursday, August 11, HCEC took a group of students to Carl Sandburg Home to watch a short play produced by Flat Rock Playhouse. This was a nice way for them to start their year before beginning their college classes.

The HCEC students had their first club day August 26. A few of the more popular clubs are: Student Government, Science Olympiad, Key Club, Yearbook and Gaming Club.

We welcomed Nicholas Faherty as the new Early College Liaison as of September 1. Nicholas fills the position vacated by Lisa Hill who accepted a high school counseling position at East Henderson High School. Nicholas has worked the last five years for Henderson County Public Schools as Program Leader for In-School Youth.

Beth Caudle, HCEC principal, reported that school data was just released Thursday, September 1, and Henderson County Early College's school report card grade is a 99 A for the 2015-16 school year.

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office is working in conjunction with the Business Office and Campus Bookstore to implement a trial program of allowing computer purchases utilizing financial aid for specific groups of students.

We received notice of re-approval of our programs and policies from the State Approving Agency for 2016-17 for the GI Bill/Veterans. Currently 46 Veterans have been certified for Fall Semester with 6 still pending certification.

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2015-2016 Audit

Carter, P.C., has completed their audit of the financial statements of the Foundation for 2015-2016 and has expressed an unmodified (clean) audit opinion.

2016-2017 Budget

The Board has approved its budget for the academic year. For 2016-17, more than 267 Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation scholarships valued at \$437,359.31 are available for curriculum students and \$8,611.54 for continuing education students. In addition to providing financial assistance to students through scholarships, a work-study program, and emergency grants and loans, the allocations focus on classroom equipment purchases and sponsoring faculty and staff professional development for a total budget of \$924,621.90.

Major Gift

Ray and Judy McKenzie-Wilson contributed \$15,000 designated for the Carol McKenzie-Wilson Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Major In-kind Gifts

The Transylvania County Campus has received an in-kind gift of 6,738 tool and supply items for the Automotive Systems Technology program. This gift is from Advance Auto Parts and is valued at \$35,108.23.

Carolina BG has contributed transmission, power steering, and brake fluid flush machines. This gift has a combined value of \$5,564 and will be used in the Automotive Systems Technology program.

Nominations for BRCC Faculty and Staff Awards

*Through September 30, nominations are being accepted online for BRCC faculty and staff awards:

Dr. Eliza B. Graue Extra Mile Award

Dr. and Mrs. William D. Killian Outstanding Teacher Award
(nominations by full-time faculty only)

Dr. Molly A. Parkhill Staff Person of the Year Award

Dr. David W. Sink Jr. Community Service Award

All of the award recipients will be presented a monetary gift at the College Faculty and Staff Holiday Party on Friday, December 9, 2016, and announced at the December 16, 2016, graduation ceremonies.

Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign

*The 2016-17 Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign will be co-chaired by English Instructor Ben Hardy and Pay It Forward Endowed Chair, Lead Engineering Technology Instructor Sharon Sues. This year's Campaign will kick off at the Faculty and Staff Campus Information Session on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, and will conclude on September 30.

2016 Arida Arts Symposium

Blue Ridge Community College has chosen Pat Shepherd, choreographer/dance instructor, as the Arida Arts Symposium 2016 guest artist. A Celebration of Dance will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016, at Blue Ridge Community College. The Symposium is funded by the Gamil T. Arida Endowment Fund through Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation.