

The Martin Messenger

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Jennifer Haygood is MCC's 2017 Commencement Speaker

Martin Community College (MCC) has announced that Jennifer Haygood, the Chief of Staff for the NC Community College System (NCCCS), will be the commencement speaker for the 2017 graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 10, in the Martin County Auditorium, located on the Riverside High School campus in Williamston. The ceremony will begin at 7 pm.

Ms. Haygood earned a Masters of Public Policy degree from Duke University and received her undergraduate degree from Rice University. Prior to returning to graduate school, she was a Teach for America corps member and taught elementary school in inner-city New Orleans.

In her role as the NCCCS Chief of Staff, Haygood is responsible for overseeing the internal operations of the System Office and creating a fully integrated, highly performing System Office team that supports the System's mission.

Previously, Ms. Haygood served for eight years as the System's Chief Financial Officer, leading the division that is responsible for managing approximately \$1.5 billion in State, federal, and tuition funds that support the state's 58 community colleges and the System Office.

Prior to working for the NC Community College System, she worked for the Fiscal Research Division of the NC General Assembly where she was the Education Team Leader and Community Colleges Fiscal Analyst. In this capacity, she led the team that staffs



Jennifer Haygood

the Education Appropriations Subcommittee and provided non-partisan analysis on education budget and policy issues.

Previously she worked in the Education Section of the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as a Governor's Public Management Fellow.

MCC's Interim President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham stated, "It is a great honor to have Ms. Haygood as our commencement speaker. She is a true champion of the Community College system and has played an integral part in advancing higher education in North Carolina."

When she's not working, Ms. Haygood likes to travel, hike, enjoy time outside, and spend time with friends and family.

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Williamson Sworn in on 4/10



From the NCCCS Office

HAMLET - The System's newly elected President, Dr. James C. "Jimmie" Williamson, who began his role as the eighth System President on July 1, 2016, was installed on April 10, 2017 at 10 AM at the Robert L. and Elizabeth S. Cole Auditorium and Community Center on the campus of Richmond Community College.

Dr. Williamson, holds a B.V.A and M.Ed. from Winthrop University, as well as a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, has a background steeped in education, business, economic development, workforce development and community service. Most recently, he served two years as the System President and CEO of the SC Technical College system, where the highlights of his tenure included working with South Carolina university partners to smooth transfer pathways, chairing a special Senate proviso committee to develop a comprehensive workforce development strategy to help close the skills gap, and working with companies such as Volvo, Michelin, Continental, BMW and more on industry-specific worker training. Additionally, he has been at the helm of South Carolina's nationally recognized apprenticeship program and was named State Employee of The Year by the South Carolina Association of Regional Councils in 2015.

In addition to recognizing President Williamson, the ceremony highlighted our students and the services and programs offered by community colleges across the state.



SGA Sponsors Relay for Life Rally on 4/25

MCC's SGA sponsored a Relay for Life Rally in the Campus Café on April 24. This event was held to build enthusiasm and support for Martin County's Annual Relay for Life, which was held on April 28. During the rally; T-shirts were given to members of the SGA's Relay team, recreational games were played, candy was given out, Relay for Life information was disseminated and funds were collected. MCC's SGA has been so participatory this year, that they were awarded a declaration of gratitude by the Members of the Martin Community Relay for Life Commission on April 20. Pictured above is the SGA's Vice President, Amanda Saunders with a Relay for Life volunteer. **Congratulations to the MCC SGA! You have come back strong!**

Martin Front and Center at Library Conference



MCC was front and center at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Community College Library Association on March 30 and 31 at Carteret Community College. Pam Perry, Library Assistant at Martin, received the Conference Scholarship Award, based on her essay about the importance of student success and how our small library staff can use professional development opportunities such as the conference to gain

knowledge to help “pay it forward.” Library Director Mary Anne Caudle served on a panel, “Engaging Generation Z: High School Students in Community College Libraries,” based on her experience with NERSBA students at Martin and her Early College book discussion group during her time at Craven Community College. Pam and Mary Anne attended several useful sessions about topics such as

digitizing documents for the college archives, open source textbooks, copyright, library inventory, and updates to NC Live. They especially enjoyed listening to keynote speaker and New York Times bestselling writer, Lee Smith, a longtime North Carolina resident, whose recent autobiography, *Dimestore*, is available in the Martin library, along with several of her novels.

(Submitted by Mary Anne Caudle)

Financial Aid Office Makes Itself Available to Students



In an effort to be as helpful as possible to students, MCC’s Financial Aid Office held two FAFSA Days this spring - one on March 29 and one on April 24. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the key component of applying for Pell Grants. During FAFSA Days, the MCC staff is available to sit with the applicant at the computer terminal and assist them in filling out the online application correctly. Since more than 75% of MCC’s students receive financial aid, this department is of vital importance to our College. Pictured left are Financial Aid Director, Terri Leggett (seated) and Brandy Finney, Financial Aid Technician. Their office is in the Student Services office area in building 1. With Summer and Fall registration underway, all students are encouraged to submit their FAFSA applications now!

2016-17 MAN UP Program concludes with great event!

On April 26, MCC's Man Up program wrapped up the academic year with a ceremony honoring and recognizing its MAN UP Success Student Leaders. Family and friends of the students were invited to attend and see their loved one recognized for completing the program, hear testimonies as to the impact of the program, and enjoy excellent entertainment and food.

Dr. Brian Busch kicked off the event with a warm welcome. He then turned the mike over to Ms. Candance Bryant-Whitehurst, MCC's Continuing Education Recruiter-Coordinator/GED Examiner, who served as the Mistress of ceremonies.

Ms. Pamela Chamblee, a Bertie County Schools educator, sang a powerful song about serving the community, for which, she received a standing ovation.

Mr. Lewis Hoggard III, HRD and Minority Male Coordinator at Roanoke Chowan Community College, was the guest speaker. Hoggard told the young men of his struggles to get focused on his education and his career. He encouraged them to make better choices than he did but reminded them that even bad choices do not have to define you. He admonished them to work hard and believe in themselves.

MAN UP mentor and MCC's Human Resources Director, Mr. Harlan Frye, then took the podium to recognize each of the MAN UP participants, presenting each of them with a certificate and a congratulatory handshake. Those who were honored included; Khalil Jefferson, Patrick Smiley, Melquan Jennings, Joseph Gorham, Reco Pugh, Johnnie Phillips, Cartrell Speller, Damian Morgan II, James Jones, Armani Speller, Dashawn Clark, Maurice Perry II, Jashaun Wallace, Shamar Benson, Byron Horton, LJ Evans, Jordan Jernigan, Lamiek Belcher, Carl Hooton, Chris Holliday, William Corey, Jesus Hernandez and Dallas James.

Crystal Waters, MCC's MAN UP Program coordinator then recognized all of the volunteers who had played key roles in helping her make the program so successful over the past year. Those honored included, Elijah Freeman, Brenda G. Moore, Wayland Mitchell, Harlan Frye, Judy Jennette and Herman Rankins.

Five of the MAN UP participants then spoke about their experiences in the program and what had meant the most to them. The speakers included, Shamar Benson, Byron Horton, Johnnie Phillips, Armani Speller and Maurice Perry, III. Some of them touched on the friendships they forged, others spoke of the multitude of experiences they enjoyed, and still others noted their appreciation of the mentors for taking the time to guide them. By the end of their comments, it was obvious that the program had been effective on many levels.

Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, MCC's Interim President then offered concluding remarks and thanked everyone for making the program and the event so successful.



Harlan Frye and Crystal Waters recognizing MAN UP students



Candance Bryant-Whitehurst and Leslie Bond distributing door prizes



Pamela Chamblee



Lewis Hoggard, III



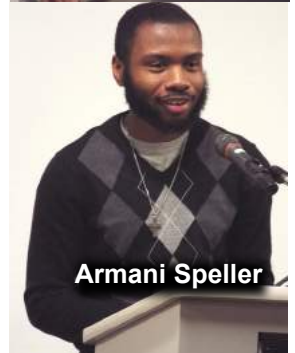
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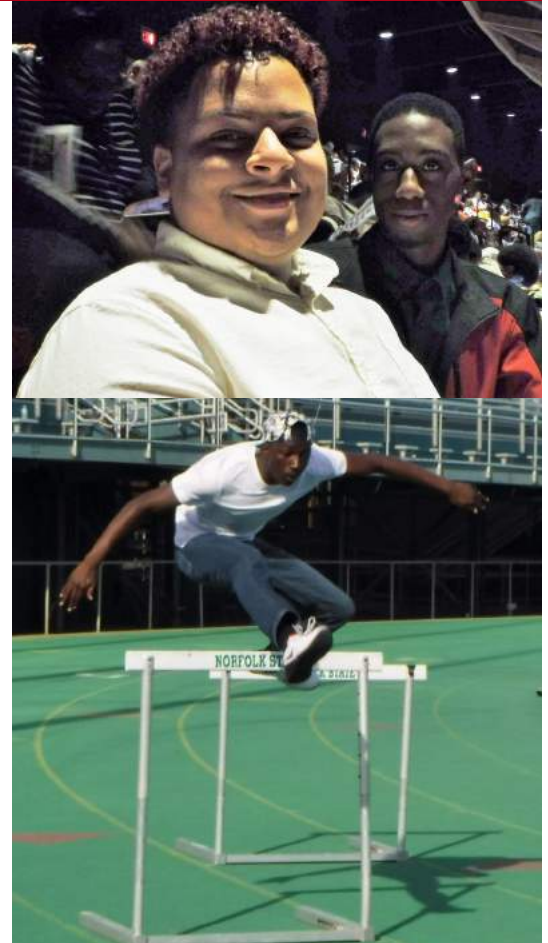
Armani Speller



Maurice Perry, III

Man Up Students Take Educational Excursion to Norfolk

MCC's students in the Man Up program took one last educational excursion before the end of the Academic year on April 9 and 10. The group left Williamston on Sunday afternoon and arrived at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, VA in time to see a traveling Broadway production of Motown. The musical is based on Berry Gordy's autobiography, the history of his founding and running of the Motown record label, and his personal and professional relationships with Motown artists Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, and Michael Jackson. On Monday, the group toured two HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). The morning tour was conducted on the campus of Hampton University (HU), in Hampton, VA and in the afternoon, Norfolk State University (NSU). Pictured clockwise from the top right are Johnnie Phillips and L.J. Evans in Chrysler Hall; Shamar Benson showing off his track skills at NSU, Joseph Gorham and an NSU recruiter; and MCC's students awaiting the start of their tour in front of the Student Union at HU. Hampton University is steeped in a long history that predates the Civil War and claims Booker T. Washington as its most famous alumnus. Norfolk State, founded in 1935, in the midst of the Great Depression, has transformed into one of the largest predominantly black institutions in the nation.



Library Debuts New Local History Room

When the Martin County Historical Society decided to move its local history collection from the Martin Community College Library to the Asa Biggs House, now owned by the Society, library staff got busy reinventing our history room here on campus. With the space left by the removal of the Historical Society's books, the library had room to relocate its own local and North Carolina history books to the local history room. This collection contains books about Martin and surrounding counties, local historical censuses, three sets of books with troop rosters and other information on Civil War soldiers from North Carolina, and copies of *Our State* (formerly *The State* and *State*) magazine for most years from 1970 through 2005. The library plans to begin work soon on sorting a photograph collection donated to the library last year by the Williamston Enterprise.

The Easter Rogerson Mizell Genealogy Collection is also located in the library's local history room. Mrs. Mizell spent years collecting vast amounts of genealogical information about 22 local families, and the collection was donated to the college by her children in 2016. This collection also includes three volumes of photographs of local gravestones and miscellaneous other historical reference books.

In addition to local and state historical information, our local history room contains a growing archives of Martin Community College publications, scrapbooks of pictures and news clippings, and other MCC documents. The library has copies of some MCC catalogs and student handbooks, a complete collection of the *Martin Messenger* to date,

and miscellaneous other college items. But we need your help! If anyone on campus has additional catalogs or other historical information about the college, this is a great time to clean out your office and donate these items to the library. The library's goal is to have a complete set of catalogs, more scrapbooks and any other historical publications or documents about the college that you might have. We now have the perfect place to archive these.

The local history room was brightened up with a new coat of paint last fall (thank you to the folks from Maintenance who did that for us!) and contains a table that seats six. The room is available for meetings, and there is a comfortable reading chair if you need a quiet place to do some work or just relax during lunch. Stop by the library and take a look at our new local history room.



ECSU Invites MCC Students to Transfer Open House on 5/6

The ECSU (Elizabeth City State University) Office of Admissions will be hosting a Transfer Open House on Saturday, May 6, 2017. ECSU has extended an invitation to all Martin Community College students, especially upcoming graduates, to attend this event. All seniors are encouraged to contact Ms. Vicky Tillett at vbtillett@ecsu.edu so that she can assist anyone interested in transferring to ECSU. The U.S. News and World Report 2016 edition of Best Colleges ranked ECSU #2 in the category of Top Public Schools (Regional Colleges in the South) and #18 among Historically Black Colleges and Universities. ECSU was also named on the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Military Friendly® Schools lists. The Military Times has also ranked ECSU 17th in the nation for Best Bet for Vets among 175 universities. In 2016, ECSU was ranked #20, according to BestColleges.com, for the best HBCUs in the country. **Many ECSU alumni work at MCC!**

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Health Careers Recognition Ceremony held on 4/27/17



From L to R, Lakeisha Spruill, Tonya Johnson, Darmecal Hyman and La'Shanza Land - NA I Class in Williamston. Spruill is already working for Williamston House Assisted Living Center. Johnson is currently enrolled in MCC's NA II program, Hyman works for Home Life care in Plymouth and Land is in the PN (Practical Nursing) program at Pitt Community College.

On April 27, MCC's Division of Continuing Education held its semiannual Recognition Celebration in the MCC auditorium for all successful completers of the Fall of 2016 healthcare programs. Those recognized came from Nurse Aide I (NAI) and Phlebotomy classes. Approximately 30 friends and family members were in the audience to show their support of the students' achievements.

Debra Baker, MCC's Medical Billing and Coding Instructor and retired Medical Office Administration Director from Beaufort Community College, was the guest speaker. Baker recommended that the honorees develop a number of skills, traits and habits to enhance their career as health care providers. Among those were; a strong work ethic, compassion, flexibility, a sense of humor, paying attention to details, communication, patience, physical fitness (taking care of yourself), emotional strength, respect for everyone, tolerance, embrace

technology and use your experience to develop a sixth sense about your work environment. Baker concluded by congratulating the students for their achievement and wishing them well in the development of their health careers.

Ms. Mary Speller, grandmother of phlebotomy student, Eniajah Hardy, gave the invocation and Brenda Moore, MCC's HR Program Coordinator recognized the students who also earned Career Readiness Certificates (CRC).

Sue Gurley, MCC's coordinator of Health Care programs, then handed out the certificates of completion.

Brenda Moore closed the program by reminding everyone in the audience that learning is a life long process and that MCC offers many avenues to pursue knowledge.

MCC offers ongoing health care classes. For more information, contact Sue Gurley at 252-789-0261 or via email at sgurley@martincc.edu.



Eniajah Hardy, a resident of Windsor, successfully completed the Phlebotomy course and is waiting to take the state exam.



Shameka Joyner of Windsor, successfully completed the NA I course on the Bertie Campus and is working for Vidant Homelife in Windsor.



Guest speaker, Debra Baker
MCC Medical Billing & Coding Instructor

It's a boy! And Big Money is his name!

Meet "Big Money" -
"Cash" for short!



Photo by Carey Stewart.

Sam. Stewart's training and experience in animal science at West Texas A&M University was evident as she oversaw the insemination and gestation process.

As soon as the colt was born, the imprinting process began. For the mare (or dam), imprinting establishes her as the mother and securing the foal's safety by showing it that she is his primary caregiver. Immediately after birth the dam will blow into her foal's nostrils which will familiarize her baby with her scent. Next she will nicker to it in a particular tone so the foal will be able to recognize her sound. Foal imprinting continues as the dam nuzzles the foal all over its body, while continuing a soft, low nicker. As this process continues, the foal will attempt to stand and nurse. It is important to allow these steps to be completed before interrupting their bonding process.

Stewart's imprinting involved *Cont. on pg. 5...*

After gestating for one year, one week and two days, MCC's brood mare, Miss Penny, gave birth to a leggy, 70 pound boy, now named Big Money - Cash for short! The colt was born on Wednesday, April 19, at 11:30 pm. Although there were no complications, the birth was anticipated in mid March - the usual 11 month average for equine pregnancy. But, as it turned out, Big Money could afford to hold out for an extra month.

Equine Instructor, Carey Stewart, reports that she was very relieved to see the colt finally arrive. Because most of MCC's mares seem to foal at night, Miss Penny's stall was fitted with cameras so that she could be monitored from the instructor's home. Stewart said that both, she and her students, lost a lot of sleep over that last month - running and back and forth to the monitor to see if Miss Penny was foaling.

Stewart, herself a 2012 graduate of MCC's Equine program, is the owner of the foal's father, Big Man



"Big Money" and his mom, "Miss Penny"

Big Money Cont. from p. 4...

holding, nuzzling and stroking the foal.

For humans, it is a method of desensitizing the foal to the various stimuli it will encounter as human handlers start the training process. Human imprinting is not a new concept. It was practiced by Native American horsemen centuries ago.

Undoubtedly, MCC's Equine students gained a great deal of practical experience from the foaling process from start to finish. Stewart reports that another brood mare will be inseminated this spring.

According to Tami Thurston, MCC's Equine Technology program director, the colt will spend the next two years growing and maturing. By then the colt should be ready to begin training. Horses generally live 25 to 30 years.

Approximately 70 names were submitted in the "Name the Foal Contest." Equine students and faculty selected the winner. Pam Perry, MCC's Library Assistant, provided the winning name, Big Money. Big Money will be the colt's show name and Cash will be it's barn name. Tami Thurston, MCC's Equine program director, came up with the nickname Cash. This is in keeping with the naming protocol for horses.

The Student Government Association (SGA) provided a \$25 gift certificate to the Campus Café as the winner's prize. **Perry is pictured below with Big Money and Miss Penny and Amanda Vick.**



Did you know that April 24-28 was the Week of the Young Child?



Pictured above in the campus Library are MCC's Early Childhood Instructor Elaine Spellman and one of her first year students, Sherronda Sessoms (right). They set up a display recognizing the Week of the Young Child on April 24. Sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration focusing public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. It is a time to plan how we -- as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation -- will better meet the needs of all young children and their families. Ms. Spellman wishes to thank Library Director, Mary Anne Caudle for dedicating a table for this national event and Smiling Faces Child Care Center for providing the children's artwork!



Amanda Vick Personifies Leadership



Amanda Vick

Martin Community College (MCC) accounting student and Student Government Association (SGA) President, Amanda Vick, has proven herself to be a leader in recent months. Not only was she re-elected as president of the SGA on April 20, but she was also nominated and selected to be MCC's 2016-17 Academic Excellence Award recipient. She will lead MCC's SGA throughout the 2017-18 Academic Year. Vick is also the President of MCC's chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG), an honor society for business students, as well as the president of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an academic honor society.

Each year, one student from each of North Carolina's 58 community colleges receives an Academic Excellence Award (AEA). AEA selection requirements are consistent with Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society criteria. Students must be currently enrolled, must have completed at least 12 semester hours in an associate degree program, and must have a cumulative grade point average of no less than 3.25. Vick will be recognized during MCC's graduation ceremony on May 10, during which, she

will receive a plaque and medallion in honor of her academic accomplishments.

Vick initially decided to run for SGA president because she was encouraged by her instructors. She decided to run again because she felt there was still much to do for MCC. When she took office in October of 2016, MCC's SGA had been dormant for more than a year. Vick worked diligently with advisors Dr. Janay Dennis and Christina Measamer to re-establish the SGA and encourage other students to become actively involved. The SGA President is also required to serve as an ex-officio (nonvoting) member of the MCC Trustees.

Their efforts garnered the approval of new furniture for the student lounge in building 4, a plan to build a basketball court on the MCC campus and a greatly enhanced Spring Fling held in March.

As the newly re-elected SGA president, Vick reiterates what she said before, "It is my hope to collaborate with other members of the student population at Martin Community College to increase enrollment and advertise the great things that are happening at our college. It would be good for us to get involved in the community and show that we are small but we are mighty, and we have so much to share!"

Vick, who was born and raised in Martin County, earned her GED from MCC in 1996. When her youngest of three children started school, Vick decided to return to school herself and enrolled at MCC.

Dr. Deborah Wyman, Vick's business instructor, stated, "When Amanda first came into my business math classroom, I saw the apprehension in her face; however, beyond that apprehension, I also saw resolve and determination. She was very quiet at first as she searched for her bearings to navi-

gate her way toward an Accounting degree. As the semester went on, she became more confident and self-assured."

Wyman adds, "As the semesters have come and gone, Amanda has blossomed from that apprehensive student to one who embraces leadership roles. Amanda has not only accepted, but has sought out, leadership in student government and scholarly associations, such as Alpha Beta Gamma and Phi Theta Gamma. As the president of all three associations, she has energized the student body by arranging student activities and by being the student's voice to MCC's Board of Trustees."

Lastly, Dr. Wyman states, "Amanda has a bright future ahead of her, and I know that any organization where she works will benefit from her knowledge, skills, and abilities. Her personality shines through, and she has a very inclusive nature about her that makes others want to be around her and to work with her to accomplish goals."

Vick is currently completing her third semester toward an Associate Degree in Accounting and has a 3.6 gpa (grade point average). She anticipates graduating in May of 2018. Upon graduation, Vick plans to continue her education and eventually start a bookkeeping business that allows her to structure her work hours around her family.

Vick and her husband, Michael, have three children; Brianna Nicholson (17), Sabrina Vick (12), and Caz Vick (8). She gives her husband and children a lot of credit for her success at MCC, "They really understand how important my education is to me and have been very supportive. Although Michael was reluctant at first, he is now my biggest cheerleader. Attending MCC has been an amazing journey for me."

Foundation Horse Auction was fun and profitable!



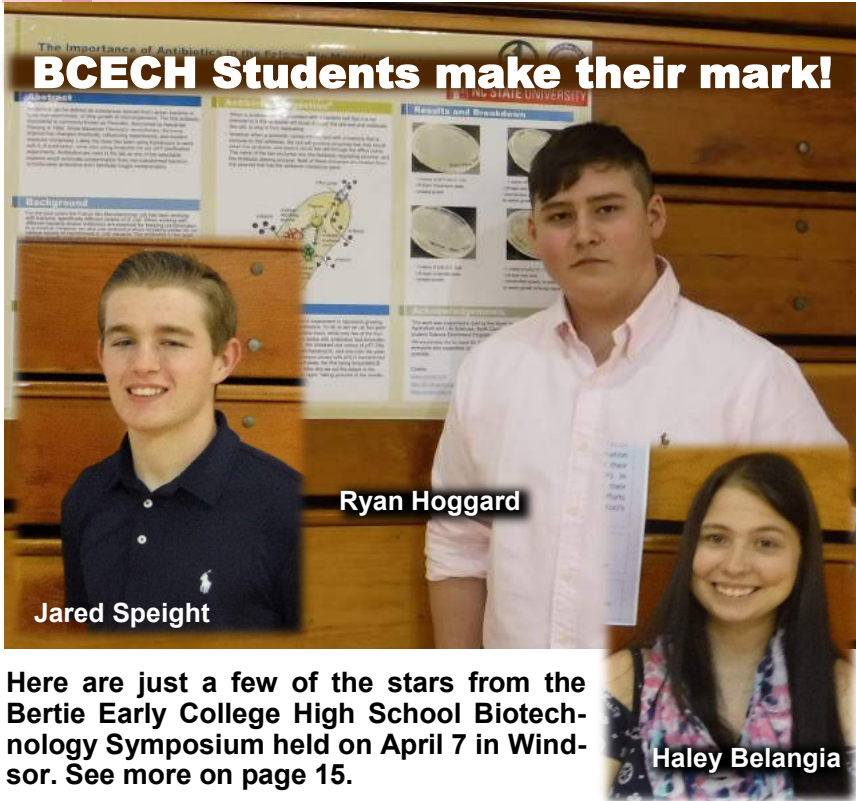
On April 21, the MCC Foundation hosted a horse auction in the campus arena. This semi regular event allows the equine program to thin out its herd and find good homes for horses that need to be retired for a variety of reasons. Nine horses were selected for the auction and five were sold. Two of the horses were purchased by MCC equine students. Four of the horses did not reach their reserve amount and will remain with the herd. Several Equine students pitched in to help with this event. Some of those who helped are pictured top left, from left to right: Coral Johnston, Brody Hickman, Allison Tripp, Lexie Binns and Shay Bodenhamer and MCC's Equine Program Director Tami Thurston. Pictured right is Mr. Ken Ambrose a member of the MCC Foundation's Board of Directors as well as a professional auctioneer. Ambrose kept the auction lively and expertly managed a couple of bidding wars. The five sales netted more than \$3,500 for the Foundation. The proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for MCC students or make enhancements to the MCC campus.

MCC's Business Advisory Council Meets

Several business leaders came together on the MCC campus on April 25 to offer their collective wisdom on ways to enhance the College's business program. Seated around the table (starting left) are: Carolina Small Business Director Larry Biggs, Williamston's NC Works Office Manager Krista Wood, Senior Domtar Accountant Lona Binnicker, MCC's Business Instructor Dr. Deborah Wyman, Martin County Chamber of Commerce Director David Whitley, CPA with Carr, Riggs and Ingram Lowell Taylor and Martin County's EDC Director Jason Semple. We are so thankful to these good folks for advising MCC!

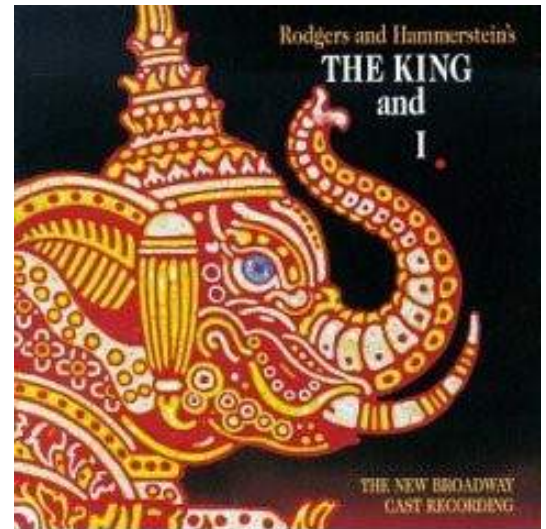


BCECH Students make their mark!



Here are just a few of the stars from the Bertie Early College High School Biotechnology Symposium held on April 7 in Windsor. See more on page 15.

Next Foundation Trip “The King and I”



The MCC Foundation Board has approved another day trip to the Durham Performing Arts Center. The Foundation has committed to ten orchestra seats for the Saturday, June 10, matinee performance of *The King and I*. One of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s finest works, *THE KING AND I* boasts a score which features such beloved classics as “Getting To Know You,” “I Whistle a Happy Tune,” “Hello Young Lovers,” “Shall We Dance” and “Something Wonderful.” Set in 1860’s Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children. This trip will cost approximately \$130 which will include the theater ticket and transportation. Please contact Judy Jennette at judy.jennette@martincc.edu or via phone at 252-789-0310 if you would like to reserve a seat.

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Congressman G.K. Butterfield visits MCC Campus on 4/18

Congressman G. K. Butterfield visited the MCC campus on April 18. Approximately 30 people stopped in to meet Congressman Butterfield, ask questions, make suggestions and hear about his work. The main objective of his visit was to meet students and employees in his district and to learn about their expectations of the Federal Government as it relates to Eastern NC and their daily lives. His regional assistant, Reginald Speight, was also in attendance.

MCC was among the first stops Congressman Butterfield made during his tour of educational facilities in his congressional district. His visit was sponsored by MCC's SGA, which provided pizza and drinks for those in attendance. The Congressman was welcomed and introduced by SGA President, Amanda Vick.

Congressman Butterfield spoke about affordable health care, education, investments in rural communities, veterans, renewable energies, and federal programs that support low-income and middle-class Americans. He then opened the floor for questions from the audience. One student, Stephanie Powell, an Army Veteran who has recently returned from active duty in the Middle East asked Congressman Butterfield to please give special attention to the Veterans Administration, especially the VA Hospital in Durham. She noted that during a recent visit, she saw patients sleeping on the floor in the hallways of the facility. She stated that this is unacceptable treatment for our Veterans.

Butterfield is a life-long resident of eastern North Carolina. In 1988, Congressman Butterfield was elected as Resident Superior Court judge. In this role, he presided over civil and criminal court in 46 counties of North Carolina. For two years, he served on the North Carolina Supreme Court by appointment of the governor. Butterfield retired from the judiciary after 15 years of service and successfully ran for Congress. He was elected to serve the First District of North Carolina in the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election on July 20, 2004, where he continues to serve today.

MCC's Dean of Student Services and Interim Dean of Academics, Dr. Brian Busch, stated, "This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to become involved in their government and to meet their congressional representative in person. I was pleased to see so many MCC students, faculty and staff turn out for this significant event. I hope that this was an important lesson in Civic engagement for our students."



Pictured above, from left to right, are; HR Director Harlan Frye, Congressman G.K. Butterfield, Interim President Dr. Kenneth A. Boham and SGA President Amanda Vick.



Pictured above, is MCC student and US Army Veteran, Stephanie Powell, as she stands to ask Congressman Butterfield for help with the VA, especially the Durham VA hospital.



*Crystal R. Waters,
Student Services Counselor*

The Counselor's Corner

MILITARY APPRECIATION

National Military Appreciation Month started as a simple idea; to gather America around its military family to honor, remember, recognize and appreciate those who serve and have served all while knowing its history. Legislated twice, this idea continues to evolve experiencing increased national attention & recognition!

Celebrated every May, National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. The month of May is characterized by six national observances which highlights the contributions of those who have served. As a nation, we must observe and participate in various national cultural and social awareness events through mass media attention and educational curriculum.

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) provides a period encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed services with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements. It allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through the participation of the community with those who serve encouraging patriotism and love for America.

This month gives the nation a time and place on which to focus and draw attention to our many expressions of appreciation and recognition of our armed services via numerous venues and also to recall and learn about our vast American military history. National Military Appreciation Month includes Loyalty Day (1st), VE Day (8th), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (12th), Armed Forces Day (20th), and Memorial Day (29th). This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciates all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families as well as those Americans who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms we all enjoy today. It recognizes those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves plus retirees, veterans, and all of their families well over 90 million Americans and more than 230 years of our nation's history.

Let us celebrate all important entities that make up this wonderful country of ours.

GOD BLESS AMERICAS ARMED FORCES
OUR FOUNDATION TO FREEDOM!

CCCTI sends Support Team to MCC



Several key staff members from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCCTI) visited the MCC campus on April 26 and 27 to share their collective experience with their MCC counterparts. Pictured from left to right are; President, Dr. Mark Poarch, Vice President of Technology & Instructional Support Services Susan Wooten, Vice President of Student Services Dena Holman, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Grants Liz Silvers and Vice President of Finance and Administration David Holman. All involved reported that it was a very helpful experience. Dena Holman gave a presentation to the President's Council about "Self Serve" a program which allows students to perform nearly all college business online. Self Serve is replacing Web Advisor on nearly all College Campuses. MCC is in the process of installing Self Serve. Thanks to CCCTI for helping us out!

BCEHS Cont. from page 12... For the second consecutive year, Mr. Bruce Boller, the science teacher at Bertie Early College High School (BECHS) in Windsor, organized a symposium to highlight the impressive research and work of his students. The event allowed each of Boller's students to showcase their work and knowledge in developing and producing research-quality recombinant (genetically modified) proteins.

This impressive program is supported by grant funding from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. In 2015, Boller joined forces with Dr. Matt Koci of NC State University's (NCSU) College of Agriculture and Life Science's Prestage Depart-

ment of Poultry Science to work with the students to produce research-quality recombinant proteins – proteins made from a foreign gene and introduced into bacteria using biotechnology – to support active agricultural research projects at NC State and other North Carolina universities. In essence, the work of these students is supporting enhanced methods of turkey production.

According to student Cody Burton, "I had always wanted to be veterinarian, but after doing this research, I am leaning toward bio-manufacturing, especially as it relates to poultry science."



Cody Burton

Jason Godwin is MCC's new Campus Security Officer



On April 17, Jason Godwin joined the MCC family as the new campus security officer. He is replacing Steve O'Neal who accepted a position in the County Courthouse last month. As an 18 year veteran of Law Enforcement, Deputy Godwin brings a wealth of experience with him. He has worked as a police officer on the Burgaw Police Department, a Marine Patrol officer in Hyde County and one and a half years with the Martin County Sheriff's office. During his time in Martin County, Godwin has worked as a School Resource Officer (SRO) which motivated him to apply for the position at MCC.

When asked how he likes being at MCC, Godwin stated, "I am loving it here. It is a different environment from the high schools. These students are motivated to be here."

Godwin adds' "My primary focus is on the safety and security of the students and the employees. I am in the process of creating a routine of monitoring, patrolling and visiting across the campus."

Godwin resides in Jamesville, and in his spare time , enjoys hunting and fishing.



MCC SGA attends N4CSGA Conference

Three representatives from MCC's SGA (Student Government Association) attended the April Conference of the N4CSGA (North Carolina Community Colleges SGA) in Raleigh. This semi-annual event allows representatives from all of NC's Community Colleges to meet and discuss both statewide and regional issues. Pictured above is MCC's SGA president, Amanda Vick, taking a selfie with Natema Drummond from Nash Community College. Pictured below left are all three of MCC's conference attendees, Vick, Advisor Christina Measamer and SGA Vice President Amanda Saunders. Pictured below right are Vick and Drummond at an Oxygen Bar, part of a spa booth that was featured at the conference. Vick reports that she especially enjoyed the vendors and Saunders was impressed by the opening pep rally. All of MCC's participants attended a wide variety of workshops, many of which were focused on leadership and campus activities.





MCC Employees Support Martin County's Boys and Girls Clubs

Pictured above, from left to right, are MCC's HR Director Harlan Frye, Continuing Education Administrative Assistant Leslie Bond, Interim President Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, HRD Program Coordinator Brenda G. Moore and Bertie Campus Director Norman Cherry at the conclusion of Martin County's Boys and Girls Club annual fund raising breakfast on April 25. The event was held at the E.J. Hayes School in Williamston with nearly 200 civic leaders in attendance. Also there, but not pictured, were MCC Trustees Carroll Jones, Dempsey Bond, Willie Peele and Dwayne Baker as well as MCC's new SBC Director Callie Northern Herring and PR Director Judy Jennette.

The event showcased the immense need and powerful impact that Boys and Girls Clubs have on young children and teens in their communities. Martin County has two clubs, one in Robersonville, which just opened a little over a year ago, and the newest one in Williamston, that opened in March. The program included outstanding musical performances by Martin County youth from both Boys and Girls Clubs, a moving testimonial from a former Boys and Girls Club participant, and a heartfelt plea for support from County Commissioner Ronnie Smith.

Harlan Frye is a member of the Martin County Advisory Council of the organization. He was responsible for assembling a table of MCC employees. He reports that although not all pledges and contributions have been collected from the breakfast event, it has already raised just over \$16,000.

Frye states, "I was very pleased and proud of the MCC employees who supported this event and the clubs. They stepped up to the plate and made a difference!"

Tammy Bailey Returns to MCC



As of May 1, Tammy Bailey is MCC's new Finance Services Director. Many may remember that Bailey was our College's Controller from 2007 through 2014. Over the past three years, Bailey has been working as a staff accountant for the government of Pitt County. She has also worked in accounting related positions for Tideland Mental Health Center in Washington, NC and Liberty Fabrics in Jamesville, NC.

Bailey, born and raised in Farm Life, earned two Associate of Applied Science Degrees, one in Accounting and the other in Business Administration, from Beaufort County Community College in 1987 and 1988, respectively. She is highly regarded for her attention to detail and strong work ethic.

When asked about returning to MCC, Bailey states, "I'm excited to be back among old friends and taking on the challenge of managing an entire department. There is a lot to do but I am looking forward to it." She adds, "I am especially happy to be cutting my drive to work from 70 to 25 miles!"

Bailey has two adult children, a daughter and a son. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, church activities and spending time in the great outdoors. **Welcome back Tammy!**

Elaine Martin Wins SGA's "Like us on Facebook" Contest



MCC's Interim President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham (pictured above center), drew Elaine Martin's name out of the SGA's entry box for the Like us on Facebook contest on April 24. Martin is a Business Administration student and part time employee. She won \$50 for entering the contest. Nearly 60 students logged on to the MCC SGA Facebook page and "liked" it to be registered in the contest. Pictured above with Dr. Boham are SGA President Amanda Vick (left) and SGA Advisor Christina Measamer (right). Pictured below is contest winner Elaine Martin (left) with SGA president Vick.



Callie Northern Herring is MCC's New Small Business Center Director

Starting on May 10, Callie Northern Herring will become MCC's new Director of the Small Business Center (SBC). This position was vacated last September, when former Director Larry Biggs, left to become the Carolina Small Business Director.

Northern Herring is no stranger to MCC. Since 2014, she has worked part time as the Instructional Program Coordinator in MCC's Division of Continuing Education. She is leaving her position as the Business Relations Representative for the NC Vocational Rehabilitation Services in Washington, NC to become the full time director of the SBC.

Originally from Martin County, and a 1981 graduate of Williamston High School, Northern Herring earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC where she graduated Cum Laude in 1985. She went on to South University



to earn her Master of Science in Public Administration with high honors in 2012.

Northern Herring is also an experienced entrepreneur. She and her husband Michael own The Red Heron Café in downtown Williamston. She also brings vast experience to the table as a grant writer, consultant and presenter.

Billy Barber, MCC's liaison to business and industry stated, "I am excited to have Callie joining us in this capacity and I am looking forward to working with her. I feel as though this position will allow Callie to use her considerable talents to the benefit of our entire service area. Her enthusiasm, experience and professionalism will be a great fit in our entrepreneurial community.

Northern Herring also serves as a board member for the Martin County Tourism Development Authority, the Martin County Arts Council and Williamston Downtown Inc. She is also an active member in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Northern Herring states, "I am looking forward to making contact with our community of entrepreneurs and building relationships."

Maintenance Department Scores!



Thanks to the tremendous efforts of MCC's Maintenance Department, the automotive shop has never looked better and was ready for its open house on April 20. Many of the issues pointed out during the NATEF inspection last year, like the walking zone shown above, and the addition of storage were addressed during the preparation for the open house. Automotive instructor, Al Dawes reports that at least one new student (and probably one more) resulted from the effort. Additional events are being planned to bring local automotive business owners. **Way to go maintenance! You guys make us look good!**

MCC's PTA Students Help with Special Olympics



Pictured left are several MCC PTA (Physical Therapist Assistant) students helping out with the North Carolina Special Olympic Spring Games held in Martin County at Riverside High School in Williamston, NC, on April 12. Seated in the white shirt is Evan Singlar. Behind him in the white shirt is Kasey Hall and standing behind Hall is Kendra Spruill. Singlar is being checked out by one of the Special Olympians at the event. Singlar, the President for MCC's Physical Therapist Assistant Club Chapter contacted the North Carolina Special Olympics Committee and asked if the club could add their services to the event. Singlar stated in his letter, "The PTA class at MCC would be elated for the opportunity to participate in this event, and offer any volunteer services that may be needed. We have a total of 19 students all ready and willing to serve the athletes participating in this outstanding event. We hope that you are able to include our class in helping you put on this special event in Martin County." The offer was enthusiastically accepted! For additional information about MCC's Physical Therapist Assistant program contact the clinical coordinator, Dawn Parker, at dparker@martincc.edu



Congratulations
To MCC's
Class of 2017!

Martin Memos

May 3 & 4 - Exam days

May 5 - BIO112 Student presentations, 2 sessions, 10 am and 1:30 pm, Bldg. 4

May 6 - ECSU Transfer Student Open House (Elizabeth City campus)

May 9 - GED Graduation Ceremony, 6 pm, MCC Auditorium

May 10 - MCC Graduation Ceremony, 7 pm, Martin County Auditorium

May 15 - Summer work schedule begins (Fridays off until August 7)

May 16 - Summer Semester begins

May 16 - MCC Trustee Meeting, 7 pm, Building 1, Room 14

May 18 - MCC Foundation Golf Tournament - Roanoke Country Club

May 29 - Memorial Day