

The Martin Messenger

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MCC's Ambassadors Meet Miss NC

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Pictured above from left to right are Tina Hutchins, Jason Phelps, MCC President - Dr. Paul Hutchins, Miss North Carolina - Laura Matrazzo, Kirsten Cooper, Lilly Cox, Jasmine Howard, Tyrrell County Manager and Attorney David Clegg, and MCC Foundation Board President Charlotte Griffin. Phelps, Cooper, Cox and Howard were introduced to the Foundation Board on February 12 as MCC's first Student Ambassadors. The new Ambassador program was made possible through a generous gift from the Hutchins and a partial match from the Foundation.

MCC's Foundation Board members had an exciting meeting on February 12. Not only did they get to meet Miss North Carolina 2018, Laura Matrazzo in person and accept a \$1,250 scholarship from the Miss NC Scholarship Foundation, but they also were introduced to the College's first student Ambassadors.

The new Ambassador program was initiated and sponsored by MCC's President, Dr. Paul Hutchins and his wife Tina in 2018. The Foundation provided matching funds.

Those selected for the prestigious positions were Jason Phelps, Jasmine Howard, Kirsten Cooper, and Lily Cox. These students will

represent MCC during events and special occasions throughout the remainder of this academic year as well as the 2019-20 Academic Year.

Jason Phelps, a resident of Williamston, and an Electrical Systems Technology student said "I was interested in the MCC Ambassador program because I want to help the College succeed and grow. I hope this program will better my knowledge of how things work within the NC Community College system and allow me to use that knowledge to help other students succeed and gain leadership experience."

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Five complete MCC BLET program on January 17!



Pictured above are MCC's most recent BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training) graduates. From left to right, are Terrance White of Windsor, Joey Cooper from Jamesville, Gregory Prescott, Jr. of Bethel, Dawson Dunlow from Ahoskie, and Tobias Baker of Greenville. The ceremony was held in the MCC Auditorium on January 17, 2019.

Terrance White, Joey Cooper, Gregory Prescott, Jr., Dawson Dunlow, and Tobias Baker were recognized on January 17 for successfully completing MCC's 639-hour BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training). The BLET program is offered through MCC's Division of Continuing Education. The cadets have already taken the State Comprehensive Examination. Upon their successful completion of this test, they are eligible for employment in all NC law enforcement agencies. Baker is already working for the Williamston Police Department. Cooper has accepted a position with the Robersonville Police Department and Dunlow has joined the Ahoskie Police Department.

MCC's BLET Program Director,

Wayland Mitchell, welcomed the audience comprised of friends, families of the cadets and instructors. He praised the students for their extreme hard work and determination over the past six months. The audience also enjoyed a Power Point presentation of the students' activities.

Congratulatory remarks were provided by Deborah Price Fonville. She is a BLET instructor for MCC, a part-time minister, and a full-time employee for the NC Juvenile Justice Department.

David LaFon, District Ranger for the NC Forest Service, part time law enforcement officer for the Edenton Police Department, and BLET Instructor for MCC provided inspirational comments dur-

ing the ceremony.

Certificates of completion were then presented to the cadets by Mitchell and his assistant administrator, Lena Jackson. Cadet Terrance White followed up with remarks on behalf of his classmates.

The NC BLET program covers 620 hours of study within 36 total blocks of instruction including; Physical Fitness, Firearms, Law Enforcement Driving Training, Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure, Motor Vehicle Law, Techniques of Traffic Enforcement, Patrol Techniques, Sheriff's Responsibilities, Rapid Deployment, etc. The course contains the most current law enforcement information available and is filled with practical **BLET Cont. next page...**

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exercises and an extensive ethics section that is woven throughout the training experience. It takes approximately 16 weeks to complete and concludes with a comprehensive written exam and skills testing. This course of study is mandated by the state for all certified law enforcement officers.

A new BLET class will be starting on February 12. Those interested in applying for admission to the BLET program must complete and submit a packet of information and forms prior to starting the class. The packets may be obtained in person from Lena Jackson or online at www.martincc.edu. To obtain a packet or for more information about MCC's BLET program, contact Jackson at lana.jackson@martincc.edu or 252-789-0322.



BLET

Basic Law Enforcement Training

Classes starting soon!

Contact Lena Jackson
252-789-0267 or
lana.jackson@martincc.edu

Hutchins is Biz Person of 2018!



On February 28, during the Martin County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet, Dr. Paul Hutchins received the 2018 Business Person of the Year Award for 2018. Barney Conway, the Chamber's Acting Director, made the announcement to an audience of more than 200 people at the Bob Martin Ag Center and presented Hutchins with a plaque. Conway noted that Hutchins and the College have worked diligently to train the local workforce and thereby pave the way for economic growth and development in Martin County. During the announcement, Hutchins was also recognized for initiating MCC's new Ambassador program, re-invigorating a Campus Campaign and creating a GEM (Going the Extra Mile) awards program. Congratulations to Dr. Hutchins for winning this prestigious award!

MCC SGA Members attend Conference



Four members of MCC's SGA attended the Spring Eastern Division Meeting of the N4CSGA (*North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association*) on February 23, 2019 at Carteret Community College in Morehead City. The one day event provided an opportunity for members to network with SGA members from other community colleges in the east. Members were also updated on N4CSGA state level activities and participated in student development and leadership workshops. Pictured above, from left to right are Jasmine Howard, Alayna Spratt, and Princess Foster. MCC's SGA Advisor, Vanessa Tripp, was also in attendance. These young women are to be commended for taking time from their busy lives to attend this event. SGA provides MCC students with an opportunity to learn about the processes of a democratic government and its leadership. New SGA officers are needed for the Fall 2019 Semester. If you are interested in participating in MCC's SGA, please contact Vanessa Tripp in Building 1, room 122A or via email at vanes.tripp@martincc.edu.

WFD Trains on MCC Campus!



The Williamston Fire Department conducted a number of fire training classes on the MCC Campus in February. Chief Peaks noted that he is glad MCC is building a Public Safety Training Center.



A message from Dr. Deborah Wyman...

Certifications from independent associations/organizations may be valuable to you and some employers! Explore certifications at careeronestop.org by visiting this URL:
<https://www.careeronestop.org/site-search.aspx?keyword=certifications> (additional fees may apply)

MCC's PTA Students take the President's Adult Fitness Test



MCC's entire PTA (Physical Therapist Assistant) class participated in the President's Adult Fitness Test on February 20. The students take the test at the beginning and end of spring semester. They are assessed on: How many sit ups they can do in a minute; How many push ups they can do in a minute; Flexibility through a V-sit reach; and Time in walking 1 mile or running 1.5 mile. The current President's Physical Fitness Test was adopted nationwide during the Obama Administration. It is an updated, adult version from the one first introduced during the Kennedy administration.

The students take the test to make them aware of how physically fit they are. This is important because it takes a lot of physical work to treat some patients. Also, the experience provides the students with direct knowledge of what baseline physical fitness is and helps them with encouraging patients to be more active and fit. According to their instructor, Dawn Parker, "I tell them that if they want their bodies to do more, they have to demand more. If they improve their fitness after the second test, I give them extra credit. So far, nearly every student improves, every year."

The students are pictured above. Squatting in front from left to right are: Mary Kate Morris, Brenley Boyd, and Kendal Williams. Standing directly behind them from left to right are Isaac Gibbs, Stephanie Bell, Natalie Szapiro, Tyra Freeman, Madison Dozier, Bailey Krivanec, and Emily Merritt. On the back row from left to right are; Hannah Pippin, Conner Harrison, Kimberly Culler, Neil Williams, Caroline Ganzert, and Jordan Rogers. Haley O'Neal had scooted off before the picture was taken (probably trying to improve her time). They will take the test again in late April to see if their fitness levels have improved. All MCC faculty, staff and students are invited to participate!

MCC Trustee's Meeting Conducted on January 15

The MCC Board of Trustees met on January 15 on the College's campus in Williamston. Chairman of the Board, Dwayne Baker, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was the swearing in of Mr. Clarence Pointe as a new Trustee. He was appointed by the Martin County Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Willie Peele for the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2019 term.

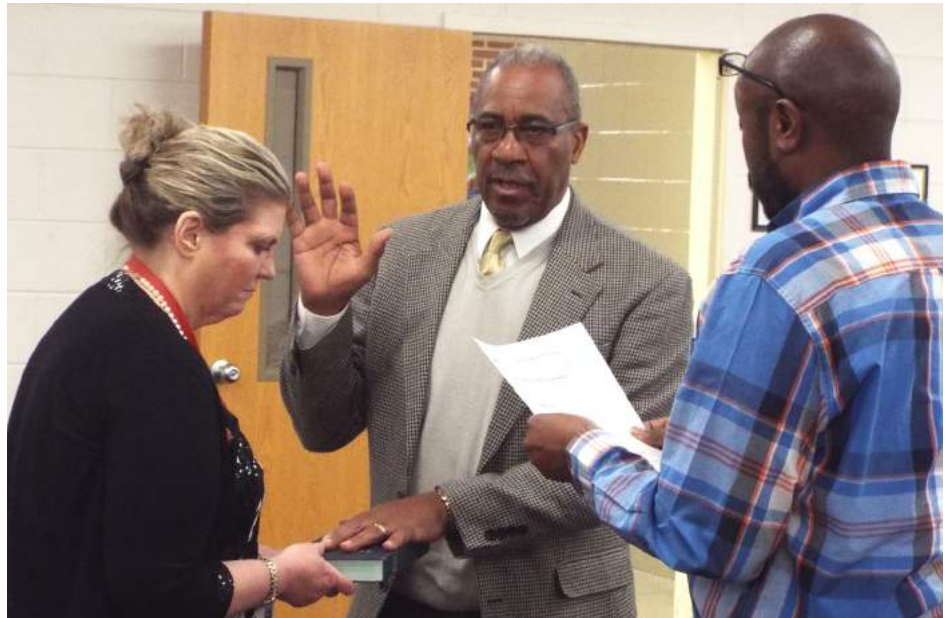
Pointe, the youngest of eight siblings and a native of Jacksonville, NC, attended Fayetteville State University (FSU) on a track scholarship and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education. He earned honors in both football and track while attending FSU. He also earned a Master of Arts in Education and Supervision from Pembroke State University.

After 11 years of coaching and teaching, Pointe worked as an Assistant Principal at Williamston High School and later served as a Principal at several Martin County Schools. After 32.5 years in the NC Public Schools system, he retired in 2007.

Pointe currently serves as the President of the Fayetteville State University Alumni Chapter (Martin County branch) and a member of the National Alumni Association of Fayetteville State University.

The consent agenda was then considered. (Consent agendas group routine business and reports into one agenda item. Board members may remove items from the consent agenda if they feel further discussion of the issue is warranted.) The consent agenda included approval of minutes and recommendations from the following meetings:

- ◆ November 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes



Pictured above center is MCC's newest Trustee, Clarence D. Pointe, being sworn in on January 15. Pictured with Pointe is notary and MCC Student Services Technician, Randy Stokes, administering the oath of office and Kismet Matthews, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees/Foundation Liaison, holding the Bible. Pointe, a retired educator and principal, was appointed by the Martin County Schools Board.

- ◆ December 18, 2018 Special Called Meeting Minutes
MCC President, Dr. Paul Hutchins, updated the board on the following items:
 - ◆ Reviewed the proposed SGA Constitution and Bylaws and asked the Board to consider adoption and immediate implementation. Both were unanimously approved.
 - ◆ Expressed his gratitude to MCC's faculty and staff for the smooth start of the spring 2019 semester. As of January 11, the unduplicated headcount was at 747 with FTE of 249.16 which places the College on par with the spring 2018 enrollment of 754 with an FTE of 253.16.
 - ◆ President Hutchins reported that he has met with all full-time faculty and staff mem-

bers and found it to be a rewarding and enjoyable venture.

- ◆ Reported that the Foundation's Campus Fund Drive ended with 93% participation and a total of \$11,259 in donations and pledges to support MCC scholarships. He thanked everyone who contributed.
- ◆ Informed the Board that MCC had been notified via email from Dr. Tony Reggi, at the NC Community College System Office that the College, as a recipient of federal funds, is subject to Methods of Administration civil rights monitoring as per a requirement of the Carl Perkins grant. This monitoring is based upon plans developed by the MOA Coordinator for

NCCCS that are reviewed and approved by the Office of Civil Rights. The monitoring visit will take place Feb. 19 – 21.

- ◆ Shared that work continues on developing MCC projects that would merit pursuing an EDA (Economic Development Agency) grant this spring. It is his plan to bring to the Board a recommendation to the March Board meeting.
- ◆ President Hutchins called on Mrs. Vanessa Tripp to update the Board on her role as a Counselor and the SGA Advisor.

Following the President’s report, the Trustees voted on the following items (please note that these items have not received final approval through adoption of the January 15 minutes):

- ◆ Upon recommendation of the Property and Grounds Committee, a motion was made and seconded to accept the committee’s recommended bid for the Fire Training Facility in the amount of \$926,217. The motion was unanimously approved.
- ◆ The Budget and Finance Committee recommended that MCC adopt the 2019 IRS Mileage Rates. This was approved unanimously.
- ◆ Unanimously adopted a revised Travel Policy.
- ◆ Unanimously authorized the movement of eligible scholarships and endowments from the College to the College’s Foundation.
- ◆ Unanimously approved the 2019 Spring Semester SGA Budget in the amount of \$4,500.
- ◆ Unanimously adopted the Pro-

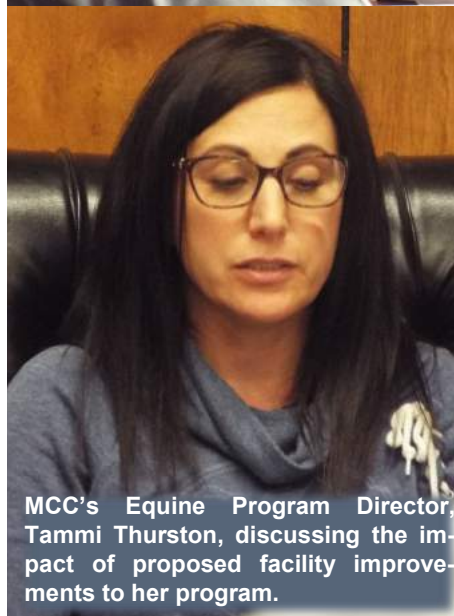
curement (P-card) Policy and Procedures with the addition of verbiage for accidental usage.

- ◆ The Personnel Committee the adoption of the proposed Performance Appraisal Policy and Procedure Instrument. The motion was unanimously ratified.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for 7 p.m. on 3/19/19, Bertie campus in Windsor.



Andy Griffin (center) is the chairman of MCC’s Building and Grounds Committee. Here he is leading the meeting on March 12.



MCC’s Equine Program Director, Tammi Thurston, discussing the impact of proposed facility improvements to her program.

Godwin Presents Rescue Info to Williamston Rotary



MCC’s new EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Coordinator, Carla Godwin (pictured above left), was the guest speaker at Williamston’s Rotary Club on January 15. Godwin joined the MCC staff in December of 2018 and was invited to speak by MCC’s Public Relations Director and Rotarian, Judy Jennette (pictured right). During her presentation, Godwin described the many facets of MCC’s EMS program and provided a general overview of how, when, and why EMS training is developed for MCC’s service area of Martin and Bertie Counties. Godwin emphasized the need for collaboration with local rescue squads and noted that she would be developing relationships with local EMS leaders over the next several months. Godwin also answered a number of questions from club members.

Apply now for the Criminal Justice Fellows Program



The Criminal Justice Standards Division of North Carolina is now offering a 100% forgivable loan to go to any North Carolina Community College student to acquire an Associate in Applied Sciences (AAS) degree for criminal justice. The loan will be forgiven upon four years of working in an eligible criminal justice profession and county.

Mission

The mission of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school seniors and graduates into the criminal justice profession. Each year, this program will fund fellowships for scholars who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of North Carolina in a field within the criminal justice profession.

Criminal justice professions include; State and local sworn law enforcement officers, state correctional officers, state juvenile justice officers, correctional officers maintained by local governments and juvenile justice agencies, sworn Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs, Detention Officers, and Telecommunicators under direct supervision of a law enforcement

agency.

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program was established to assist students in achieving their goal of becoming a criminal justice professional. **The application process has been extended to April 30th, 2019.** The application can be found on the Department of Justice Website: www.ncdoj.gov.

Applicants will be notified of their selection of a fellowships no later than June 1st of each year.

Applicants must submit the following with their applications; SAT/ACT scores, GPA, School and community service/activities.

References from professionals such as teachers, counselors, school resource officers, police chiefs, Sheriffs, etc., attesting to the applicant's potential for excellence in the criminal justice profession must also be submitted with the application.

The total value of the fellowships will be \$3,152.00. This may be used for costs tuition, fees, books and other supplies for both semesters.

Among the eligible counties are: Martin, Bertie, Washington, Beaufort, Edgecombe, and Halifax.

For more information, visit the DOJ website at www.ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Fellows-Program.aspx, or contact Erica Reid, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Fellows Program, at 919-662-4609 or via email at cjfellows@ncdoj.gov.

Travel Abroad opportunities available to MCC students

The Office of Global Affairs at East Carolina University recently announced that as part of their outreach efforts in eastern North Carolina, starting this summer, Martin Community College students are now eligible to participate in ECU's Study Abroad programs.

Currently, ECU offers more than 60 study abroad programs. ECU faculty will be leading this summer on six continents. Students can study: fashion merchandising in Spain, Portugal and Morocco; marine biology in South Africa; sustainable urbanism in South Korea; theatre in England and Scotland; family life and well-being in Ghana; biology in France.

Many more options are available as well. Prices are reasonable and students can access financial aid for most of these programs.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please reach out to the individual program directors listed on ECU's Study Abroad webpage or contact the university's coordinator of faculty-led programs, Whitney Morris at morriswh@ecu.edu.



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Upon graduation Phelps plans to obtain his intermediate electrical contractor license and to work at a manufacturing plant as an electrical and instrumentation technician.

Jasmine Howard of Oak City, a former Cosmetology student, now enrolled in general college courses stated "My instructor, Curtis Hyler, told me about the MCC Ambassador opportunity. Since I like helping out Martin Community College, it seemed like a good fit for me."

Howard adds, "Once I graduate from MCC, I plan to transfer to a university. I hope that I can also become an ambassador at the university. I would like to help other students become leaders."

Kirsten Cooper, a Criminal Justice student from Williamston said "I got interested in the MCC Ambassador program because I like to lead people and I like the feeling I get when I help someone. I hope that I will be able to make a difference at MCC, whether it's for one student or twenty - it is worth it for me." Cooper is undecided on her path upon graduation.

Lillian "Lily" Cox, a Cosmetology student from Creswell stated "I became interested in the MCC Ambassador program because of the need for assistance with school. I also hope that through this program I will meet new people." Cox plans to work at her mother's salon after graduation.

The Ambassadors were nominated by faculty and selected based on their GPA, their ability to meet and interact well with people, their commitment to MCC, and their desire to promote the College.

Dr. Hutchins stated, "We are very excited to have these wonderful students as our very first Ambassadors! They will show our community how accomplished and polished our MCC students are."

Laura Matrazzo, Miss North Carolina 2018 was also on hand with Mr. David Clegg, the President of the Miss NC Sisterhood and Corporate Secretary of the Scholarship Foundation, to present a gift of \$1250 to be used for scholarships to attend MCC.

Matrazzo, a 2018 graduate of Clemson University, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing. While attending Clemson University, she was a Dean's List student, received academic recognition from the University's Pan-Hellenic Council, Department of Marketing, and Center for Career-Ready Thinking. Serving as the President of the University's Dance Company and Greek-Life Involvement Chairperson on behalf of Delta Zeta Sorority International, Matrazzo also worked full-time as a dance instructor and competition team choreographer for a dance company in South Carolina's Upstate.

Financial literacy is the issue Matrazzo selected to promote during her tenure as Miss NC. In her presentation to the Foundation Board, she applauded the board members' efforts to assist MCC's students in meeting the many financial obligations incurred while attending college. She also congratulated the Ambassadors on their accomplishment and encouraged them to be financially sensible as they progress through their education and career.

The Foundation Board also discussed the upcoming Golf Tournament, scheduled for May 16 at the Roanoke Golf and Country Club. Anyone interested in playing in the tournament should contact the Foundation's interim director Kismet Matthews.



Whuz up with Moxie?

Moxie, MCC's 10 month old filly, (pictured above), has gained more than 100 pounds since December and now weighs in at 623 pounds. MCC's Barn Manager, Mary Dalcourt reports that Moxie's weaning process has progressed normally and that now she, "eats like a horse." Moxie's surrogate mom and paddock pal, Patty, was not selected for insemination this spring as originally planned. The selection process is still underway. Moxie will enjoy at least one more year of playing in her paddock and maturing for training.

Razor Joins Registrar's Office



Ms. Shackacondia "Shack" Razor joined the MCC family on February 13. Ms. Razor is working part-time in the Registrar's office as an Administrative Assistant. She will be in the office on Wednesdays, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. and on Thursdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Razor, a resident of Windsor and graduate of Bertie High School, earned her AAS in Office Systems Technology from Edgecombe Community College and her BS degree in Business Administration from Shaw University.

Prior to joining MCC, Razor worked as a Payroll Clerk and Teachers Assistant at Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy in Windsor and as a Teachers Assistant at Choanoke Area Development Association. Welcome to MCC "Shack!"

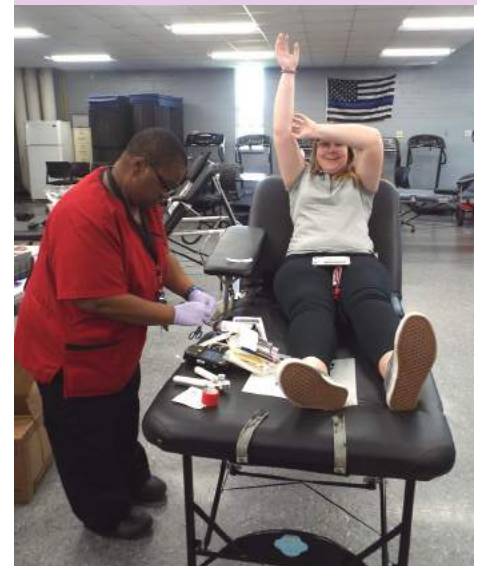
MCC's Spring Bling Winners!



The winners of the Spring Bling Contest were announced in January. Any MCC student who enrolled for the spring 2019 semester by December 15, and was still enrolled on January 16, was eligible to win. Pictured above is MCC Career Coach, Brooke Mann presenting an MCC thumb drive to third place winner Milah Wilson, and below, presenting the first place prize of \$100 to Keontae Everett. Both Wilson and Everett are College Transfer Pathway Student students from South Creek HS. Second place, an MCC hoodie, was awarded to Elijah White from Bertie Early College. Plans for another preregistration contest are already underway!



MCC Blood Drive Meets Goal!



Thanks to the generosity of MCC students, faculty, staff, and a couple of visitors to the campus, MCC met its goal of fifteen pints of donated blood during the Red Cross Blood Drive on February 26. Pictured above is MCC student Sadie Tice and below is MCC's front desk icon, Alice Cotten. Another blood drive will be scheduled during the Fall Semester. Thank you to all who supported this life saving work!



MCC Improvements are “Signs” of the Times!



On March 13, MCC's new electronic sign on the Bertie Campus went live. It is roughly half the size of the signs on the Martin County campus but certainly lights up the corner of Granville and Sterlingworth Streets in Windsor. According to Mr. Norman Cherry, the Director of the Bertie Campus, "It's only been up a week and it's already attracting inquiries about our programs and services. We've even seen people just park outside and watch the messages rotate through. It's a great addition to our campus!" The Bertie sign is pictured above in its various stages of construction and middle right displaying one of its messages.

In February, the sign in front of building one, on the Martin County Campus, was removed in preparation for construction a new sign. The maintenance department constructed a mock sign in the same dimensions as the proposed sign and sat it in place to give decision makers an idea of its scale and position in relationship to the building. The new sign will not have an electronic panel but will make the name of the college immediately visible to campus traffic. Dominion Power will be removing the lamp post in the middle of the sign site and replace it with two lights on either side of the sign, at the edges of the sidewalk corners. All of the lighting along the sidewalk will be upfitted with energy efficient LED bulbs. This will result in brighter lighting and energy savings for the College. Work on the sign should be completed by the end of the 2018 - 19 Fiscal Year.



MCC's 32nd Annual Black History Celebration was Inspirational!

MCC's 32nd Annual Black History Month Celebration was successfully held on February 21st, in the MCC campus auditorium. This year's theme was "Strong Roots / Amazing Achievements."

The event featured several incredibly talented local youth who highlighted the legacies of inspirational leaders, like Rosa Parks, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Aretha Franklin (just to name a few). MCC's Information Technology Director, Elijah Freeman, served as the event's emcee.

Following an invocation by Bishop Jerry M. McCrary (also the Mayor of Parmele) and a welcome from SGA President Princess Foster, the Riverside Gospel Choir of Williamston kicked off the event with a celebration in song.

The children from Smiling Faces Childcare Center in Williamston then performed a tribute to Rosa Parks. Parks, considered by many to be the "first-lady of civil rights," made history on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, when she rejected bus driver James F. Blake's order to relinquish her seat in the "colored section" to a white passenger, after the whites-only section was filled. In keeping with Parks' legacy, the students impressed the audience with a number of memorized quotes by Civil Rights activists and leaders.

The group, "All God's Children" from Jamesville then performed "Excerpts from a King." This group was comprised of brothers and sister, Nathaniel, Daniel and Joyce Moore, and Javian McMillan. Each of the Moore

children portrayed a famous leader during the Civil Rights Movement. Daniel assumed the persona of Dr. King, Nathaniel quoted Robert Kennedy and Joyce was Aretha Franklin. Young McMillan served as an emcee, tying the three characters together within the context of the era.

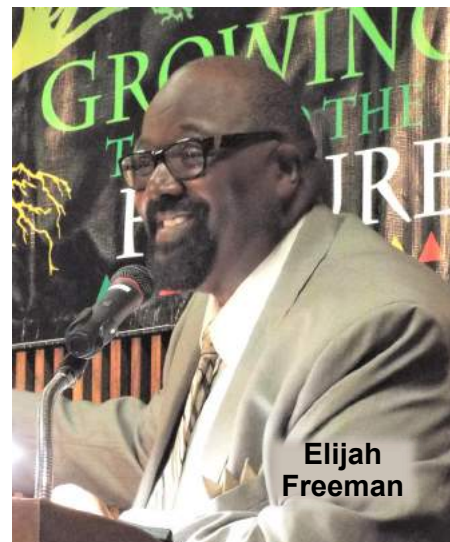
The Right Now Praisers Mime Ministry from Robersonville followed with a celebratory performance in Mime. Gospel mime is a combination of praise song and mime that was formally introduced to African American worship in the 1990's.

Dyreek Carter, an MCC Student then introduced the guest speaker, Samuel K. Shaw, III. Shaw, the Pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Windsor, delivered an inspiring message on persevering.

The audience was treated to "A Walk in Fashion." Several MCC employees and their friends and family modeled Africa-inspired clothing and accessories.

Dr. Paul Hutchins, President of Martin Community College gave closing remarks. He thanked everyone for their participation in the event, especially Brenda G. Moore, who started the event 32 years ago. Moore, MCC's HRD Program Coordinator, is retiring in March of 2019.

The Riverside Gospel Choir returned to the stage to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" after which the audience congregated in the foyer to enjoy light refreshments and view a display of historic hair styles created by MCC's Cosmetology students.



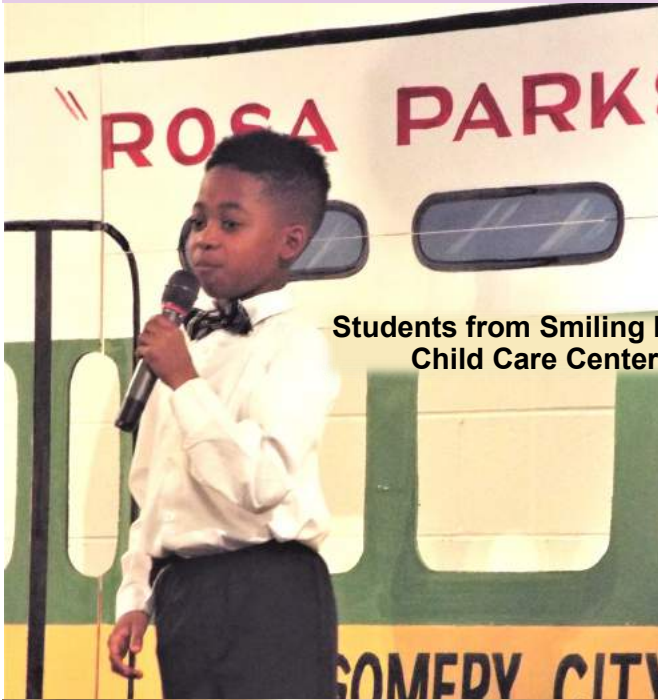
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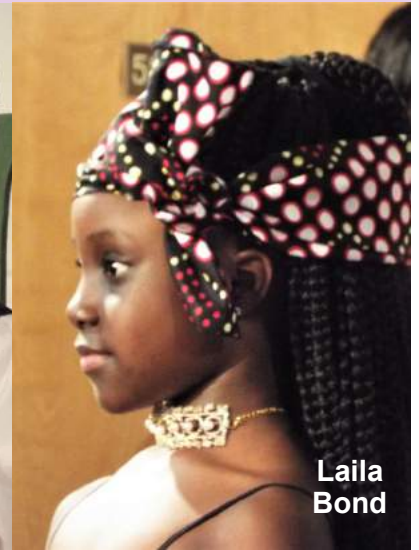


Member of the Right Now
Praisers Mime Ministry

More from MCC's 32nd Annual Black History Celebration!



Students from Smiling Faces
Child Care Center



Laila
Bond



Pastor Samuel K. Shaw, III
and Dr. Paul Hutchins



Brenda G.
Moore



Daniel
Moore



Nathanial
Moore



Joyce
Moore



Javian
McMillan

14 MCC Health Care Completers Recognized

On February 19th, MCC's Division of Continuing Education held a Healthcare Program Recognition Ceremony in the MCC auditorium. The event recognized all successful completers of Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 healthcare programs. The program completers represented Nurse Aide I and Nurse Aide II, Healthcare Billing & Coding Part II, and Medication Aide for Long Term Care. An audience of several friends and family members showed their support for the students' achievements.

Those participating in the ceremony included:

Medication Aide for Long Term Care (Williamston Campus) - **Inez Smallwood**

Healthcare Billing & Coding Part II (Williamston Campus) - **Laura Mack**

Nurse Aide I (Bertie Campus, Day Class) - **Jvan Harrell and Destiny Latham**

Nurse Aide I (Bertie Campus, Night Class) - **Stacey Bennett, Taylor Foy, Regina Sanderlin**

Nurse Aide II (Williamston, Night Class) - **Deadra Brown, Angelica Quinn, Stephanie Roberson**

Nurse Aide II (Bertie Campus, Night Class) - **Alicia Hassell, Constance Williams, Katrina Hendrix, and Qiana Wright.**

After processing into the auditorium, Nurse Aide I student Destiny Latham gave the invocation and Nurse Aide II student Alicia Hassell bid everyone welcome. Sue Gurley, MCC's Healthcare Program Coordinator, offered congratulatory remarks and encouraged the students to continue developing their health careers. Gurley noted that all of the students had shown great potential and strong commitment in the delivery of professional health care.

Gurley was then joined by MCC's Dean of Continuing Education, Nathan Mizell, to distribute the certificates and personally congratulate each program completer.

Brenda Moore, MCC's Director of Human Resource Development (HRD) then recognized the students who earned a CRC (Career Readiness Certification) credential. Stacey Bennett attained Gold level CRC status. The gold level signifies that, based on the individual's scores on the WorkKeys test, the recipient possesses skills for approximately 85% of the jobs that have been profiled by WorkKeys in three specific skill areas: applied mathematics, locating information and reading for information. Taylor Foy, Regina Sanderlin, Destiny Latham, Jvan Harrell, Angelica Quinn, Deadra Brown, and Constance Williams each earned silver CRC status. Stacey Bennett earned a gold cord.

Career readiness certification (CRC) was developed to help employees gain skills and to help employers make better decisions during the hiring process. North Carolina issues career readiness certificates to individuals who have taken the WorkKeys tests and tested at or above the third WorkKeys level on all three tests. In North Carolina, there are four career readiness certification levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. MCC offers CRC test preparation on both its Williamston and Windsor campuses. CRC testing is available on Mondays and Wednesdays on the Williamston campus.

Dean Mizell congratulated the students and thanked the many family members and friends in the

audience for their support of the Health Care Program completers. His comments were immediately followed by the recessionary.

Many of the students intend to use their health care education from MCC as a stepping stone to higher career goals. Most of the students are already working as CNA's (Certified Nursing Assistant). The Vintage Inn Nursing Home in Williamston, Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, East Carolina Rehab in Greenville, Vidant Hospital Beaufort, and Quality Home Staffing are among the employers utilizing MCC health care personnel.

When asked how they felt about their training experience, NA I student Stacey Bennett noted, "This class has made me feel confident that as my parents age, I can take care of them as well as they cared for me."

Alicia Hassell stated, "For me, this training means a pay raise and bigger opportunities at my job."

Perhaps Healthcare Billing & Coding Part II completer, Laura Mack of Bertie, said it best, "MCC has changed my life... I lost everything, but WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) paid my tuition for two Billing and Coding classes. I have already been called in for an interview. I'm blessed."

MCC offers ongoing health care classes in both Williamston and Windsor. For more information, contact Sue Gurley at 252-789-0261 or via email at sue.gurley@martincc.edu.





Laura Mack, a resident of Bertie County, recently completed MCC's Healthcare Billing & Coding Part II class on the Williamston campus.



Destiny Latham of Robersonville and Jvan Harrell of Bertie County completed the NA I class at MCC's Bertie Campus.



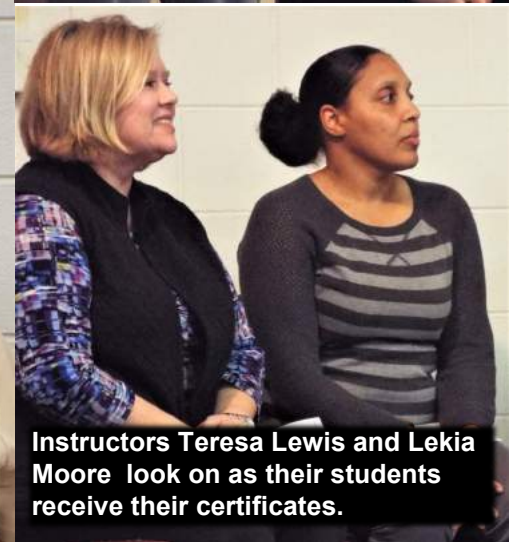
MCC's Dean of Continuing Education, Nathan Mizell, and Health Care Coordinator, Sue Gurley, distributed the certificates.



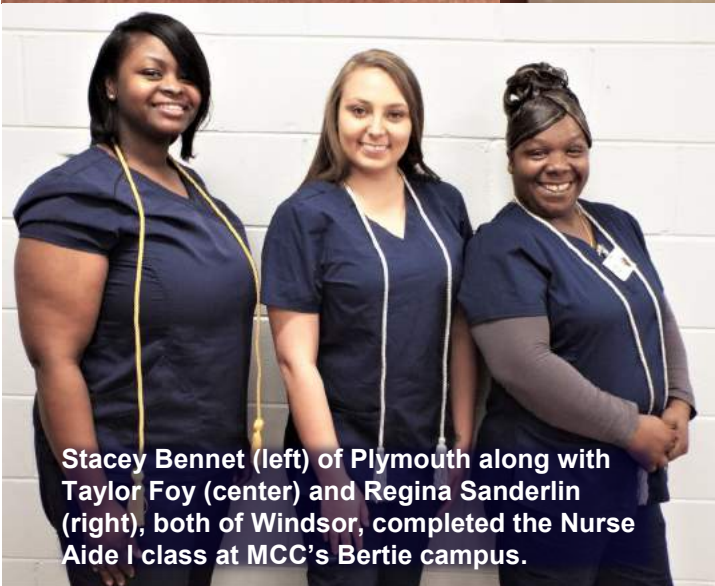
Angelica Quinn (left) of Oak City joined Stephanie Roberson (center) and Deadra Brown (right), both of Williamston, in completing the Nurse Aide II class offered on the Williamston Campus.



Inez Smallwood, of Williamston, successfully completed MCC's Medication Aide for Long Term Care class.



Instructors Teresa Lewis and Lekia Moore look on as their students receive their certificates.



Stacey Bennet (left) of Plymouth along with Taylor Foy (center) and Regina Sanderlin (right), both of Windsor, completed the Nurse Aide I class at MCC's Bertie campus.



Katrina Hendrix (far left) and Constance Williams (center left), both of Windsor and Alicia Hassell (center right) and Qiana Wright (far right) both of Aulander, completed MCC's Nurse Aide II class on the Bertie Campus. Their instructor, Tammie Lawrence (center), proudly joined them for the picture.

MCC's IST Advisory Board Meets



The Advisory Board for MCC's Industrial Systems Technology (IST) program met on February 28. Pictured above left, from left to right at the head tables are; David Bowen (Bowen Heating, Air and Refrigeration), Jay Bryant and Alonza Roberson (Roberson's Heating and Air Conditioning), Jaret Warren (Metcore), Randy Brown (Penco), and Brian Dickens (United Refrigeration). These leaders of local businesses and industries shared their expertise with College Instructors and Administrators in planning and developing MCC's IST program for the upcoming academic year. Pictured far right is Dr. Evonne Carter, Vice President of Learning at College of the Albemarle. Dr. Carter started the meeting with DACUM (an acronym for Developing a Curriculum) training. The Advisory Board used this training to assist them in making plans and recommendations for the program.

Six local Business and Industry leaders assisted MCC in planning and developing its Advanced Manufacturing program on February 28. Those in attendance included David Bowen (Bowen Heating, Air and Refrigeration), Jay Bryant and Alonza Roberson (Roberson's Heating and Air Conditioning), Jaret Warren (Metcore), Randy Brown (Penco), and Brian Dickens (United Refrigeration).

The programs of study within the Advanced Manufacturing Department are Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology, Electrical Systems Tech-

nology, Industrial Systems Technology (IST), and Automotive Systems Technology (AST). The AST program did not participate in this meeting because it has its own Advisory Board.

The meeting started with DACUM training (an acronym for Developing A Curriculum). DACUM uses a focus group to capture the major duties and related tasks included in a specific occupation, as well as, the necessary knowledge, skills, and traits. The training was led by Dr. Evonne Carter, Vice President of Learning at College of the Albemarle.

During this time, a chart was developed. It identified the specific duties and tasks that competent workers must perform in the Advanced Manufacturing arena. Among the identified duties were: installation and maintenance of HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning units), Welding (particularly GRAW, SMAW, and GMAW), WiFi Programming, Low and High Voltage Electrical installation and maintenance, Engineering, Designing, Machining, Metal Fabrication, PLC (Programable Logic Controller) See "Advisors" next page...

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Programming, Additive Manufacturing, Finishing Processes, and Logistics.

The essential tasks and knowledge needed to perform these duties were also listed on the chart. A basic grasp of physics was repeatedly identified as being necessary to successfully completing the duties. Safe handling of tools came up frequently as well as the need for organizational skills and craftsmanship.

Once the chart was completed, a chart of specific job skills was developed. These included: safety training as it relates to OSHA, Customer Service, Punctuality, Problem Solving, Blueprint Reading, Metal Theory, Productivity, Communication, Courtesy, Soft Skills, Math, Reading Manuals and Project Management.

Lastly, the group identified the essential tools needed for training. This list included hand tools, volt meters, vacuum pumps, recovery machines, dehumidifiers, calipers, tape measures, refrigeration gauges, scales, micron gauges, micrometers, and pressure testing anemometers.

This information will now provide vital guidance for MCC’s Advanced Manufacturing Faculty and Staff as they develop their curriculum and budget for the 2019-2020 academic year.

MCC is very thankful for the advisory board’s input. Their insights will certainly be helpful in developing relevant programs and employable graduates!

Stewart Selected for Mustang Makeover!

In February, MCC Equine Instructor, Carey Stewart, was notified that she had been selected to participate in the 2019 Kentucky Extreme Mustang Makeover (EMM) contest. This program is sponsored by the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wild Horse & Burro Program. It involves a 100-day competition that challenges trainers to gentle and saddle train wild mustangs to ready them for competition. Stewart picked up the horse assigned to her (above left) on February 22. She is a 4 year old mare originally from Nevada and had never been touched by a human. Nova is full grown and weighs 841 pounds (horses raised in captivity average 1000 pounds). Stewart named her new horse Nova, and has already saddled and ridden her. Stewart states, “She is the smartest horse I have ever trained.”



Peaks wins contest!



The search for an official MCC mascot was narrowed down considerably in January when Phyllis Peaks' entry was selected as the winner of the Martin Mustang design contest. The President's Council selected the winner. Peaks is well known across the MCC campus for her artistic abilities. The contest was sponsored by the MCC Foundation which provided a prize of \$100 for the winner. Pictured above is Peaks with MCC President, Dr. Paul Hutchins, presenting her with the prize. Peaks' design was one of hundreds of drawings and sketches considered for the MCC mascot. "Her drawing certainly influenced the design selection process," stated MCC's PR Director Judy Jennette. Phyllis helped us to move the final choice toward a horse in an upright stance - showing power and momentum. The final version will be announced in the next edition of the Martin Messenger. Congratulations Phyllis!

Fall Semester Honor Roll

Martin Community College (MCC) has released the names of its students on the President's and Dean's lists for the Fall of 2018 Semester. To make the President's List a student must have achieved a 4.0 gpa (grade point average) for the semester and have taken a minimum of 12 credit hours. Dean's List students must have achieved at least a 3.5 gpa for the semester and have taken a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Those on the President's List are: Adam Anders, Brittney Andrews, Heather Baccus, Miya Ceaser, Kirsten Cooper, Lillian Cox, Jenna Davenport, John Gurganus, Jordan Harrell, Irvin Hernandez-Castillo, Andrew Hoggard, George Holliday, Jason Hoplines, Harley Judson, Emily Lancaster, Dustin Mann, Brianna Nicholson, Haley Overton, Vance Pearson, Isolean Speller, Megan Teboe, Danielle Tyre, Shakeena Walker, Julia Ward

Those on the Dean's List are: Alexandria Amaxopulos, Brandon Ash, Georgia Ballance, Wyatt Blackburn, Bryan Brickhouse, Kristin Buck, Sheila Casiano, Daniel Castello, Savannah Costin, Princess Foster, Phylecia Gorham, Sequondra Gorham, Destiny Goss, John Griffin, Jakeia Hassell, Olivia Hollis, Nathaniel Holton, Jasmine Howard, Cecille Hyman, Megan Johnson, Annishe Lambert, Hunter Ledford, Austin Lee, Lillian Mobley, LaPrincess Nobles-Bundy, Jason Phelps, Allison Pierce, Harley Ramsey, Tamyra Ryan, Adam Sawyer, Aaron Sitterson, Abigail Smith, Lauren Smith, Allison Styons, Mikaela Valovick, Nichole Williams

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For assistance on the MCC campus, contact MCC Counselor Vanessa Tripp at 252-789-0293 or via email at vanessa.tripp@martincc.edu or MCC's TRIO Counselor, Ashlie Lilley at 252-789-0268 or via email at brett.lilley@martincc.edu.

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Priority of Service for Veterans begins at 9:45 a.m.

For questions please contact Sonona Jefferson 792-8251 or Krista Wood 792-7816.

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Martin Memos

April 8 - 12 - Advisor/Advisee Conferences for Summer and Fall Semesters

April 15 - General Registration for Summer and Fall Semester begins

April 18 - Job Fair and Career Expo, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Bob Martin Center

May 2 - MCC Open House and Hair Affair, 5 - 7 p.m.

May 9 - GED Graduation, 6 p.m., MCC Auditorium

May 10 - Class of 2019 Graduation, 7 p.m., Riverside HS Auditorium

May 16 - MCC Foundation Golf Tournament, Roanoke Golf and Country Club

May 23 - Summer Semester begins