

The Martin Messenger

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MCC wins big at the AQHA Congress!

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In October of 2018, MCC's Equine Program Director Tammi Thurston and Equine Technology student Bailey Troutman each traveled to Columbus, Ohio to compete in the 2018 All American Quarter Horse Congress. Both brought home major awards

This show is the largest single breed horse show in the world and is held annually at the 360 acre Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio, and is hosted by the Ohio Quarter Horse Association.

Thurston rode and won a Champion Title on Im Willy Good Today (pictured right). Thurston's significant win came in the Two-Year-Old Open Hunter Under Saddle category. The horse is the brother of the winning horse Thurston rode last year, Willy in the Sky. She also rode and placed on a horse named Marey Poppins. Thurston trained both horses on her farm, Thurston Quarter Horses, which she and her husband Paul own and manage.

Thurston feels that being active in competitive equine events like this keeps her teaching skills well-honed and relevant for MCC students. She stated, "I am so appreciative of the College's support of my involvement in events like this."

MCC equine student, Bailey Troutman (pictured on page 9) also competed in the Quarter Horse Congress. Troutman, a seasoned competitor, began showing horses at age 6, and at-



Pictured above are Tammi Thurston on Marey Poppins at the American Quarter Horse Show in Ohio in October 2018. She is flanked on the left by her son Carter and her husband Paul .

tending the Congress at age 11. This year she competed on two horses, Shining Hot Sparkle (aka Dakota) and Al Have this Dance (aka Al). She took fifth and sixth place awards on Dakota and 13th and 14th place awards on Al.

Troutman, who hails from Smithfield, Virginia states, "I love showing horses. It's my passion. I enjoy every category, except jumping, and I love both English and Western styles of riding."

Troutman chose to attend MCC for its well-rounded program and quality of instruction. She learned about the program when she met Thurston on the show circuit.

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MCC Foundation's 2018 Rodeo was a Great Ride!



Bull Riding



Bronco Riding

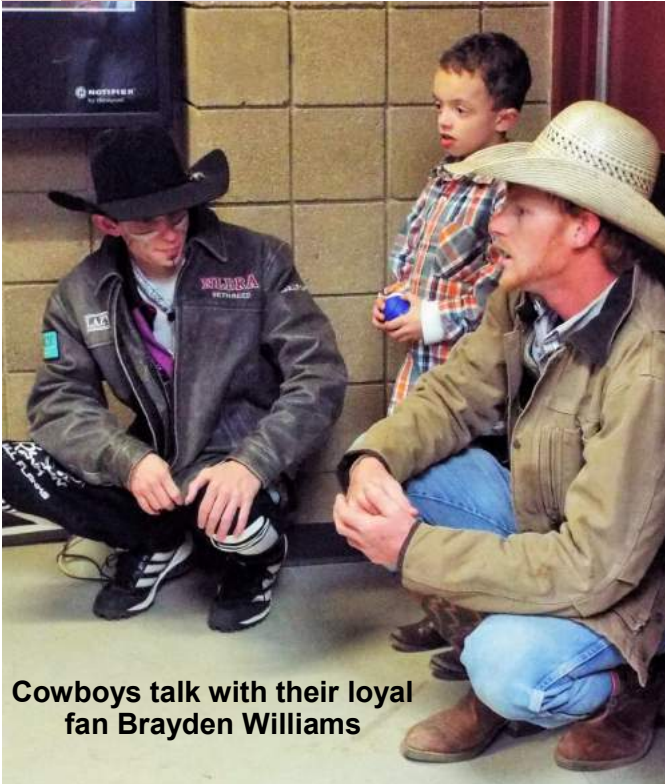
This year's rodeo was the 2018 grand finale competition for the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA). The addition of this status to the rodeo brought in more riders and top notch competitors. The action photos of the rodeo were taken by Annette Murray, Support Services Technician in the MCC print shop. Great job Annette! And thanks to the many volunteers who made it successful!



Steer Wrestling



Women's Calf Roping



Cowboys talk with their loyal fan Brayden Williams



MCC Equine student Bailey Troutman presenting the American Flag



MCC Foundation Board members, Charlotte Griffin and Jackie Gillam counting ticket receipts



MCC Drill Team performing to the "Greatest Showman"

The MCC Foundation's 27th annual Stampede in the Park Rodeo was held on November 9 and 10 in the Senator Bob Martin Agricultural Center. This was a very special event because Robert Bonner, the event coordinator for 20 years, has announced his pending retirement in June of 2019. Bonner was recognized publicly at the conclusion of the Saturday night show.

This event is the largest annual fundraiser for the college. Foundation President, Charlotte Griffin, reported to the MCC Trustees on November 20 that the rodeo cleared somewhere between 16 and 20 thousand dollars this year.

MCC's equine students presented the colors and its drill team provided a fabulous routine choreographed to music from the 2017 movie, "The Greatest Showman."



Barrel Racing

MCC Cosmetology student, LaTeah Rodgers, Inspires

In 2011, while LaTeah Rodgers, an alumni of MCC's Medical Assistant program (Class of '07) was at work in a doctor's office, she suffered a stroke. By the end of that day, her speech and ability to walk were impaired.

According to Rodgers, "My entire life had just been turned upside down. I hate to say it, but it didn't take long for anxiety and depression to set in."

Little did the young wife and mother know that she had just started down a path toward recovery that would take five years to complete and that MCC would be a prominent place on that path.

Rodgers states, "The stroke changed the way I process information. The ability to focus became very difficult for me. Once simple tasks became major obstacles for me. I was overwhelmed."

She was ready to throw in the towel and allow the stroke to define her, but Rodgers' mother, Phyllis Durham and her husband, William Rodgers, encouraged and pushed her. After five long years, as Rodgers tells it, "With the help of faith, prayer, and my family, I ventured back into the world."

But re-entering the world of work was not easy. Rodgers returned to medicine for four months but soon realized that she could no longer do this type of work. She

knew that she needed to do something less structured and more creative.

Her mother, a lifelong cosmetologist and owner of Durham's Hair Care in Robersonville, recognized her daughter's creativity and ability to connect with other people. She encouraged her to pursue a degree in cosmetology.

Thus, on August 17, 2017 Rodgers embarked on training for a new career by entering MCC's Cosmetology program. She completed the program in December of 2018.

According to Rodgers, "MCC's Cosmetology program has been a very good experience for me. It's a great career choice because it fits around my medical issues, and like my former career, allows me to still help people and uplift them with a smile."

When asked about her recent graduation, Rodgers states, "It's a bittersweet moment. I have loved my time in the program and will miss my instructors and classmates, but I feel very prepared to take the state boards in January. Currently, MCC's Cosmetology students have a 100% passing rate for the state exams."

However, MCC hasn't seen the last of Rodgers. She says that she is staying on a bit longer to take some business classes.



"They will help me to be a better business person when I join my mom in her salon." Plus, she hopes to teach Cosmetology in future!

Curtis Hyler, the director of MCC's Cosmetology Department stated, "It was a real pleasure to teach LaTeah. She relates beautifully with the customers which, is a key component of success in this business."

Rodgers adds, "My motto is, don't let the disability take control over you, you take control over it - both mentally and physically."

A message from Dr. Deborah Wyman...

Certifications from independent associations/organizations may be valuable to you and some employers! Explore certifications at [careeronestop.org](https://www.careeronestop.org) by visiting this URL:

<https://www.careeronestop.org/site-search.aspx?keyword=certifications> (additional fees may apply)

MCC Students win MS Penny Wars at NCPTA Conference



Pictured above left are MCC PTA students accepting their third place prize during the NCPTA Conference Quiz Bowl. Pictured right are MCC's second year PTA students with Instructor Jamie VanEssendelt (far left) and Program Director Dr. Dean McCall (far right) at the conference.

MCC's second year Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Students attended the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association (NCPTA) 2018 Fall Conference in Greensboro, NC from October 18-20. While there, they attended a variety of physical therapy courses, networked with vendors, met potential employers and licensed PT/PTAs, and got to know fellow student PT/PTAs.

The students also participated in a conference quiz bowl. More than 20 teams of student PT/PTAs competed. MCC's team was in first place for most of the time, however, in the end, the MCC team walked away with the third place prize. MCC also distinguished itself by winning the conference's Penny Wars. All monies raised from this event went to Multiple Sclerosis research.

PTA Instructor Jamie Van Essendelt and Program Director, Dr. Dean McCall, both accompanied the students to this year's conference. Van Essendelt stated, "This was a great opportunity for our students. I was so proud of the way they represented our college and our program."

Congratulations To MCC's distinguished PTA program and students!



Northern Herring Completes Leadership Training

Callie Northern Herring, Director of MCC's Small Business Center, recently completed a leadership training program offered through the Washington / Beaufort County Chamber of Commerce. The program provides participants with an in-depth look at specific topics of community interest, such as local government, education, health resources, non-profit organizations, law enforcement and the courts, and economic diversity. Congratulations to Northern Herring!

MCC Trustee's Meeting Conducted on November 20

The MCC Board of Trustees met on 11/20/18 at the College's campus in Williamston.

Dwayne Baker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order. The consent agenda was the first item to be 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:

- ◆ Regular Trustee meeting on October 2
- ◆ Executive Committee meeting on October 25: 1) Ratification of a pay and classification plan 2) Ratification of implementing the pay and classification plan
- ◆ Curriculum Committee meeting on November 14: 1) Ratification of plan to offer curriculum courses at Bertie Correctional Institute pending SACS COC approval

MCC President, Dr. Paul Hutchins, updated the board on the following items:

- ◆ Thanked everyone, especially Robert Bonner, for all the hard work on the MCC Foundation's annual Stampede in the Park Rodeo fundraiser. The MCC equine drill team did a wonderful half time show. Event officials are predicting a profit of \$22,000. (see pages 2 and 3)
- ◆ The SACS COC team sent correspondence thanking Maureen Green and the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) committee for their hard work prior to and during their visit
- ◆ The President's one-on-one meetings with every MCC employee has progressed nicely.



Pictured above left is Trustee Chairman Dwayne Baker and MCC President Dr. Paul Hutchins at the November 20 meeting. Pictured right is MCC's Vice President, Dr. Brian Busch and Dean of Administrative Services/Capital Project Coordinator, Steve Taylor.

To date, there are only ten employees left to see.

- ◆ Billy Barber, MCC's business and industry liaison, attended a recent Advanced Manufacturing meeting in Rocky Mount. The State's Secretary of Commerce announced that there are 2,000 jobs in the pipeline.
- ◆ Work continues on transferring funds from MCC's general fund to the Foundation and or one of its Fund Authorities.
- ◆ Clarence Biggs, a Foundation Board Member Emeritus, has established a scholarship fund for Continuing Education students.

The Trustees voted on the following items:

- ◆ Unanimously approved a Service Animal Policy. (Prior questions about insurance issues had been satisfactorily answered.)
- ◆ Unanimously approved a right-of-way for infrastructure to the county's new 911 call center.

Steve Taylor, MCC's Dean of Ad-

ministrative Services/Capital Project Coordinator reported that the campus door project is now on fast track and 90% of doors are done.

MCC's Vice President, Dr. Brian Busch reported on enrollment trends. He also noted that the Self Serve (online registration) beta groups going very well.

Amanda Wells noted that employees can now access their W2's and earnings statements on Self Serve.

Dr. Hutchins announced that after 21 years of service, Mr. Willie Peele has submitted his resignation from the Board of Trustees. Trustee Jones agreed to serve as the interim secretary until Peele's seat is filled. Peele is an appointee of the Martin County School Board.

The Trustees also met on 12/18/18 at Deadwood. Their short business meeting to approve minutes and classroom designs was followed by a Christmas social. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for 7 p.m. on 1/15/19, Williamston campus.

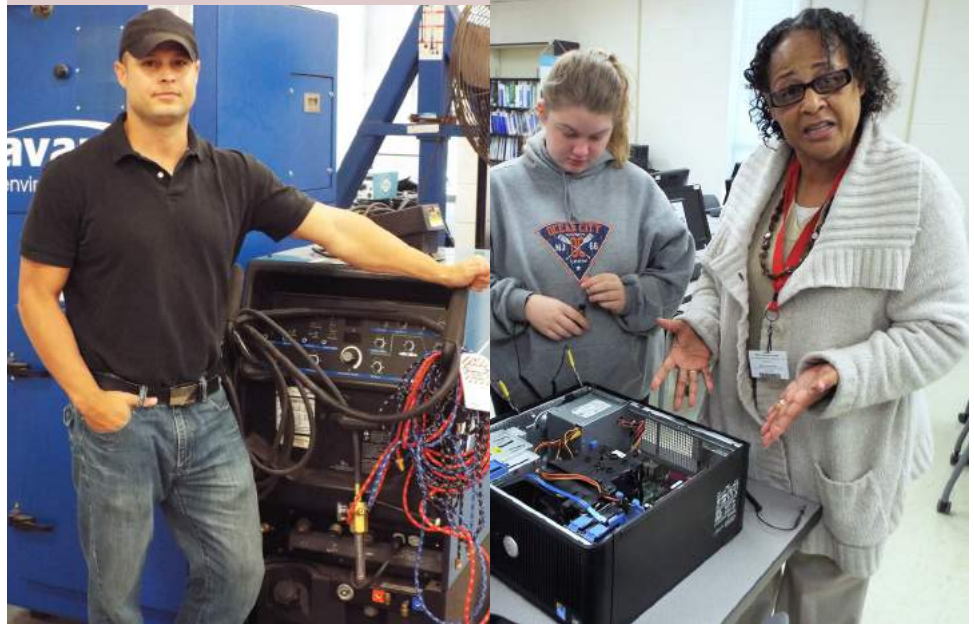
Media Club Hosts Pajama Party



MCC's Media Club hosted a Christmas Social in the Library on December 13. The event was designed to provide fun and relaxation after a week of exams. Students, faculty and staff were encouraged to wear PJ's and enjoy refreshments and games. This was the first event the club has sponsored on campus and it was well attended. Pictured above are students Jasmine Howard and Tamara Mitchell-Medford and below is Maureen Green, still sporting her SACS COC victory crown.



Watkins and Murphy are new MCC Division Heads



Ryal Watkins has been selected to be the Division Head of the Advanced Manufacturing and Automotive Systems Programs and Vickie Murphy is now the Head of Career and Technical Education Programs. They both started their tenure at the beginning of the Fall 2018 Semester. Watkins' position is a new one and Murphy replaced Elaine Spellman. Watkins has been with MCC since 2010 and Murphy since 2012.

The other two Divisions are College Transfer led by Daniel Price and Allied Health headed up by Marty Flynn.

Division Head positions were instituted at MCC in 2017. They assist the Dean of Academics, Dr. Deryl Davis Fulmer in managing the faculty and instructional programs.

In his new position, Watkins will oversee the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (HVAC), Welding (coming soon), Industrial Systems, Automotive Systems, Electrical Systems, and Commercial Refrigeration Technologies.

Murphy is overseeing Office Administration, Accounting, Business Administration, Entrepreneurship (coming soon), Criminal Justice, Cosmetology, Information Technology, Early Childhood Education, and School-Age Education.

Murphy, who also serves as MCC's Instructor of Information Technology, earned an Educational Specialist in Educational Technology degree from Walden University and a Master of Science in Information Technology from Capella University. She also received her Bachelor of Science in Business Education from ECU and an Associate of Science degree in Information Systems from Craven Community College in New Bern.

Watkins, who is also MCC's Instructor of Industrial Systems Technology, earned an Associate of Science degree in Welding Technology from Beaufort County Community College.

Congratulations to both Watkins and Murphy!

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 will begin January 1st, 2019 and will close April 15th, 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.

ECU makes Study Abroad program available to MCC

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.





Pictured above in English riding attire is Sandra Morgan, owner of the horse Im Willy Good Today. To her left is the horse's trainer and Director of MCC's Equine program Tammi Thurston, her husband Paul and their son Carter. Morgan's assistant, Brie, is standing on the right with Willy's trophies.



Whuz up with Moxie?



Pictured below, on her winning horse AI, is MCC student Bailey Troutman. To her immediate left are her parents Scott and Pam Troutman. Next to them are her trainers Matt and Beth Gouthro their son Cole.

MCC's 8 month old filly, Moxie (pictured above), has gained more than 68 pounds since October and now weighs in at 537 pounds. MCC's Barn Manager, Mary Dalcourt reports that Moxie's weaning process was delayed when they discovered she was an escape artist. Each time they would move her mother, Ritzi, to another paddock and bring in a new horse to bond with her, Moxie would escape between the fence rails and go in search of her mother. Thus the weaning process was delayed until after the holidays. When the weaning finally does begin, a mare named Patty will be Ritzi's surrogate. Patty is being prepped for insemination this spring.

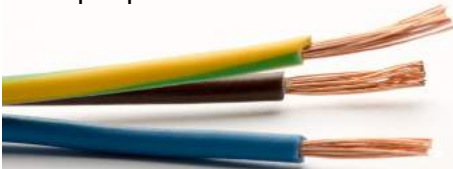
Brian Phelps Joins Maintenance Team



Brian Phelps, a resident of Williamston, has joined the MCC Maintenance team. He began on January 2.

Phelps, a graduate of Williamston High School, has been working in the electrical trade since October 2016. His previous experience in maintenance is with Carolina Store Fixtures, Anne's House of Nuts, and Big City Gyro and Pita.

According to Walter Wheeler, MCC's Director of Facilities and Grounds, "Phelps' extensive experience in electrical wiring and maintenance are a welcome addition to the department. We handle a lot more electrical equipment than people realize."



Carla Godwin is EMS Coordinator



On January 2, Carla Godwin joined MCC's Division of Continuing Education as the Coordinator of Emergency Management Services (EMS). Godwin is replacing Steve Anderson who retired at the end of December. She will work with EMS providers throughout MCC's service area to develop and provide training at all levels on the EMS spectrum.

Godwin most recently served as the Training Officer for the Pasquotank-Camden EMS Department. Previous positions include Training Officer for Bertie County's EMS, Assistant Supervisor for Wilson County EMS, and teaching part-time for College of the Albemarle, Roanoke Chowan, and Wilson Community Colleges.

Godwin earned an AAS from Wilson CC in Emergency Medical Science and her BS from Western Carolina University in Emergency Medical Care. She is currently enrolled in UNC Pembroke's MBA program.

Erik Boone is new Online/Distance Learning Coordinator



During the development of MCC's QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan), which focuses on student readiness to take online classes, a key component of the plan was the hiring of an Online/Distance Learning Coordinator. This vision became reality on January 2 when Mr. Erik Boone joined the College's staff.

Boone comes to MCC from Southeastern Community College in Whiteville NC, where he served as an E-Learning Specialist since 2010.

Boone earned his BS in Psychology from Fayetteville State University and is currently enrolled at Liberty University in the MS Instructional Design program.

Boone's office is located in room 4 in building 3. His wife and two children will be moving to Martin County in June. Welcome to MCC Mr. Boone!

Hugh Rogers - He's Electric!



After an extensive search, Hugh Rogers was hired to lead MCC's Electrical Systems Technology program at MCC. He started during the fall semester of 2018.

Rogers brings considerable teaching experience to MCC. Prior to joining our faculty, he worked as an electrical instructor at College of the Albemarle (COA) in Elizabeth City. He also taught for Lee and San Juanito Colleges in Texas, James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville, and Pitt Community College in Greenville.

Rogers also has extensive experience as an Electrical Technician and Electrician throughout the Eastern NC region.

Rogers earned an Associate degree in General Education and a diploma in Electrical Installation and Maintenance. He is also an NCCER Certified Electrical and Core Instructor. He also holds an NC Electrical License #16530-L.

Justin Fuller is MCC's New Success Coach



In November, Justin Fuller became MCC's new Minority Male Success Coach. MCC is sharing this position with Pitt Community College and six area high schools around Greenville.

Prior to becoming a regional Success Coach, Fuller was in the Air Force. While in the military, he served in mortuary support as well as search and recovery missions. Fuller notes, "During my time in the Air Force I had the opportunity to visit various places all over the world. I've been to Ireland, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Germany, Cyprus, Canada, and a few places stateside.

Fuller adds, "My main function in this position is the personal, academic, and professional development of our students. I want to help MCC students to achieve their fullest potential in any and every way."

Fuller is on the MCC campus on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is located in room 48B in Building 4. He can be reached at 252-975-0296 or via email at justin.fuller@martincc.edu

Guy Leggett Now Leads HVAC Program



MCC alumna (Class of 99) and former Maintenance Director, Guy Leggett, quietly joined the MCC faculty during the fall semester of 2017. Leggett, a resident of Bear Grass, is parlaying his AAS degree in Commercial Refrigeration Technology from MCC and his sixteen years of HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) experience to manage all aspects of this vitally important and growing industry.

Leggett is also the former owner and operator of Air Pro, Incorporated for six years as well as the Food Service Maintenance Supervisor for Pitt County Schools for the seven years prior to joining MCC.

Leggett is licensed in commercial refrigeration, H-2 and H-3 HVAC, CFC Universal, and Limited Electrical.

Leggett has spent the last year rebuilding and enhancing MCC's HVAC program and enrollment in his program is growing!

MCC's Annual Christmas Party Was Da (Randy) Bomb!



Allied Health Division



Office of the President



Party Games!



IT Department



Division of Continuing Education



Alice Cotton, Steve Taylor and the Photo Bomber



Small Business Center



Front desk attendants



Faculty



Auxiliary Services



Lena Jackson receiving the GEM Award



Student Services Department



Maintenance Department with Santa Robert



Cynthia Price Winner of the Door Decorating Contest

Faculty Spotlight on Dr. Deborah Wyman



Above, Dr. Wyman addresses the students and attendees of MCC's 2018 Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) induction ceremony. ABG is an honor society for business students enrolled in two year colleges.

This spotlight is a new feature in the Martin Messenger! Each issue will shine the light on one of MCC's faculty members to demonstrate the quality and commitment they each bring to the students attending Martin Community College!

Dr. Deborah Wyman joined Martin Community College (MCC) in January 2014. Dr. Wyman's teaching style and philosophy have brought stability, credibility, reliability, and academic rigor to the accounting and business administration programs at MCC.

Dr. Wyman holds her students accountable and responsible for their own work, which in turn leads students to have higher self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-reliance. She shows stu-

dents that she values and respects them by being available to them in person, by telephone, or by email (including evenings, weekends, holidays, and vacations) and listening and responding to them in a timely manner. Even if the issues are personal, Dr. Wyman cares about her students as human beings and listens to them, helps if she can, and refers them to appropriate college or external resources when needed. She encourages her students to stand up for themselves and to be proud of themselves and the contributions they can make in their communities.

Dr. Wyman supports students' efforts for gainful employment by recommending that they enroll in the work-based learning course. This course gives students an idea of what it is like to work in a professional environment. While they are doing this, even though it is not required to administer the course, Dr. Wyman talks with the student weekly and helps the student navigate not only the technical aspects of the position, but the nuances experienced in an organizational culture; again, this builds confidence and self-esteem.

Dr. Wyman offers to be a reference for students who are applying for jobs, which demonstrates to the student that she believes in them and wants them to succeed in the work world. She takes it a step further and contacts students, even after they have graduated, when she hears about appropriate positions. This action tells the student that she has confidence in their knowledge, skills, and abili-

ties, and thinks they are worthy candidates who will successfully contribute to an organization.

Finally, Dr. Wyman advises the Alpha Beta Gamma Scholarly Association (ABG) on campus. This association provides recognition and opportunities for scholarship and leadership, and Dr. Wyman fully supports and urges students to take full advantage of belonging to ABG.

Dr. Wyman has been nominated for the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award with the North Carolina Community College System.



Dr. Wyman also served as the Chairman of MCC's Quality Enhancement Plan Committee during its recent SACS COC reaffirmation process. This was a two year commitment of time and the plan, now referred to as "MOXIE" (Martin Online eXcellence in Education) passed with flying colors! Wyman also attends recruiting events to promote the College's Business and Accounting programs.

MCC Recruits at Ag Expo



Martin Community College was well represented at the 2018 Northeast Regional Agriculture Expo on November 7. Pictured above at the MCC booth are MCC's Criminal Justice Instructor George Donald Dixon, Ambassador Kirsten Cooper, and TRIO Counselor Ashlie Lilley. Al Dawes, MCC's Automotive Systems Technology Systems Instructor was also on hand and MCC Equine students also promoted their program. The group distributed program brochures, candy and bottled water to the throng of high schoolers attending the event. MCC's Maintenance Department was instrumental in setting up the booth.

The Expo kicked off at 9:30 a.m. with an opening ceremony. Mark Doane, the Interim Superintendent of Beaufort County Schools welcomed the students and vendors to the event. The presentation of the colors was performed by the Horse Life 4-H Club of Washington County. The FFA Officers from NERSBA (Northeast Regional School for Biotechnology and Agriscience) called the gathering together and invited several speakers to the stage.

The annual event was held in the Bob Martin Agricultural Center in Williamston. More than 1,000 FFA (Future Farmer of America) students, representing high schools in Martin, Hyde, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Pitt, Washington, and Bertie Counties attended the event. More than 60 exhibitors had booths set up both inside and outside of the arena. All of the booths highlighted products or services related to agriculture.

Library Builds MCC Archive



With the launch of its new College Archives, the Martin Community College Library is working hard to preserve the history of the college. Space has been set aside in the library's local history room to house documents and artifacts covering the college's 50-year history. Catalogs, handbooks, scrapbooks, graduation programs, a wide variety of other kinds of documents, photographs, and videos have already been collected; and former Library Director and adjunct faculty member, Sudie Reason, is in the process of cataloging and properly storing items in the Archives. "Unfortunately," Mrs. Reason stated, "there are gaps in the collection, so we need help in filling these gaps."

Faculty, staff and students, as well as members of local communities, who have documents such as graduation programs, Stampede in the Park rodeo programs, issues of student newspapers, labeled photographs, or other Martin Community College memorabilia and are willing to donate them to the College Archives are invited to drop them off in the library in Building 2 at the college. For questions, call the library at 252-789-0238.

In addition to the College Archives, the Local History room contains: The Easter Rogerson Mizell Family Genealogy Collection Information about Martin County historic buildings Books about Martin County and nearby counties Historical copies of Our State magazine (formerly State and The State), Confederate Veteran magazine and Civil War Times Illustrated magazine Microfilm of The Enterprise from 1901 to the present Microfilm of deeds, wills, marriage records and census records from Martin County's history and that of nearby counties.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. *Submitted by Mary Anne Caudle*

Biggs is Big Supporter of Foundation

In August, during an MCC Foundation Board of Directors meeting, Clarence Biggs announced that he would be stepping down from the Foundation Board at the end of 2018. Biggs has served as an MCC Foundation board member since 1992. Prior to that, he worked at MCC in several capacities. He was the Dean of Student Affairs, a special consultant and served as MCC's interim president on three occasions.

As stated in a Foundation Board resolution of recognition, "Over his 49-year career with Martin Community College and the Foundation Board of Directors, Clarence Biggs has distinguished himself with his deep knowledge and abilities related to higher education. The Martin Community College Foundation Board of Directors would like to express its utmost gratitude to Clarence Biggs for his sound advice and valued council and all that he contributed during his time at MCC."

Despite his departure from the MCC Foundation's Board of Directors, Biggs continues to enthusiastically support both the Foundation and the College. He informed the Board that upon his exit, he would be providing funds to assist MCC students interested in taking Continuing Education courses. Fees for some of these classes, like Nurse Aid I (NAI) and Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) can range from \$300 to \$700. He challenged the Board members, as well as the community at large, to support the work of the College and its students by supporting the Foundation.



Pictured above are MCC President Dr. Paul Hutchins, MCC Foundation Board Member Emeritus Clarence Biggs and MCC's Director of Continuing Education, Nathan Mizell. Biggs is presenting a check in support of scholarships for MCC's Continuing Education students. Biggs encourages everyone in Martin and Bertie Counties to support the students at Martin Community College. As a lifelong educator, he knows the transformative power of education.

MCC Equine Students Attend Intercollegiate Event



Several MCC equine students attended and competed in the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association) in October. The event was held at St. Andrews Equestrian Center in Laurinburg, NC. Pictured above, from left to right, are MCC equine students Mikaela Valocick (holding Harrison Toole), Abigail Smith, Neena Cruz Black, Me, Lauren Linton, Maddison Medlin-Wilkins, Gina Jensen, and Brody Hickman. Pictured below left is Equine Instructor Carey Stewart holding her son Harrison. He won the blue ribbon for cuteness! Stewart noted that her students represented the College beautifully!

Finish Line Tuition Grants

Governor Cooper's Finish Line Grants program is now available to help community college students who face unforeseen financial emergencies complete their education and training.

Finish Line Grants can help with car repairs, medical emergencies, and electric bills. Eligible students must have completed or be enrolled in 50% of their degree or credential and have at least a 2.0 grade point average.

Updated guidelines and frequently asked questions can be found at on the Finish Line Grants webpage. 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.

Artistic Students



Students in MCC's Industrial Technology Systems class are getting creative! They are welding horseshoes into works of art and selling them in the Campus book store! Proceeds benefit both the welding and equine programs. Great work guys!

Sad Farewell



Sadly, on December 19, MCC's precious colt, Cash, died in a tragic accident. As a curious young horse, he apparently climbed into one of the hay feeders and could not get out. He panicked, which caused the feeder to flip over and caused him serious injury. Despite heroic efforts by faculty and staff to save Cash, he died at the scene of the accident. He would have turned two in May. After watching Cash grow and develop over the past year and a half, we are tremendously saddened to lose him.

Burroughs Recognized



MCC's own Patricia Burroughs and her husband Major received an Appearance Award from the Town of Williamston in 2018! She keeps everything here, and at home, in great shape!

REAL Crisis Intervention

REAL Crisis Intervention, Inc. is a non-profit agency offering free 24/7 counseling and an extensive referral service. REAL provides: Counseling, Information & Referral, Sexual Assault Services, Advocacy, Suicide Intervention/Prevention, Pitt Resource Connection, Dial-A-Teen, Community Resource Connection, and Outreach/Education. They are located at 1011 Anderson Street, in Greenville, NC. You may contact REAL in the following ways: by phone at 252-758-4357, by email at realcrisis@embarqmail.com, or on the web at www.realcrisis.org



Need help?

Center for Family
Violence Prevention

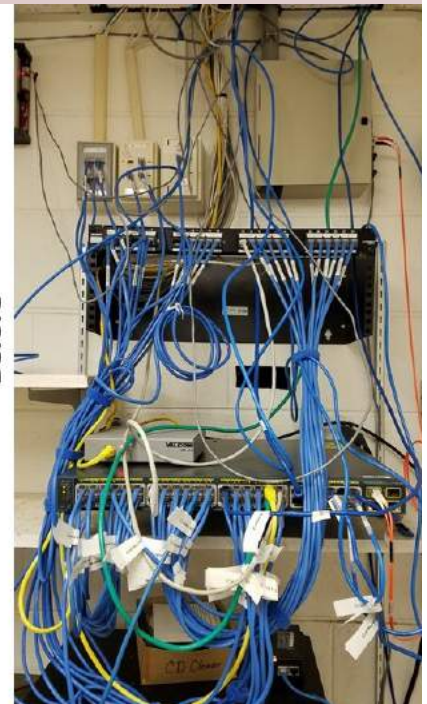
24 Hour Crisis Line

(252)752-3811

TOLL FREE (800)537-2238

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Projects Paving the Way to a Better Campus



Before



After



In December, MCC's roads and parking lots started the resurfacing process (pictured above). This major improvement should be completed in January. Pictured below is Jeff Lewis putting the finishing touches on Jason Freeman's newly renovated office space in building 1. Pictured right are some of the IT improvements made possible with the 2018 Cannon grant.



Meet MCC's First Ambassadors!



During the MCC Christmas luncheon Dr. Hutchins and MCC's Foundation President Charlotte Griffin announced the confirmation of the College's first Ambassadors! Pictured above from left to right, beside Griffin, are Kirstin Cooper, Jasmine Howard, and Jason Phelps. Lilly Cox, pictured in the inset, could not attend the event. Stay tuned for more about these students in the next edition of the Martin Messenger!

Martin Memos

- Now through Jan. 31 - MCC's Annual Library Books, DVD's and Audio Books sale
- Jan. 14 - BLET Completion Ceremony, 6 p.m., MCC Auditorium
- Jan. 14 - MCC BLING is here! Order MCC emblazoned items at www.martinbling.com
- Jan. 15 - MCC Trustee meeting, 7 p.m., Building 1, Room 14
- Jan. 15 - BLET spring session begins (Registration forms at www.martincc.edu)
- Jan. 21 - MCC closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday
- Feb. 18 - CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training begins
- March 1 - MCC Mini-Mester begins