MCC kicks off season of giving with record setting blood drive!

MCC’s Chapter of PTK (Phi Theta Kappa), an academic honors club, sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on the MCC campus on November 28. This drive was tremendously successful in that it collected 26 pints of blood, the most ever at MCC! The last drive, held in January of this year, collected 19 pints.

Students, staff and faculty came forward to give life saving blood during a time when it is needed the most - the holidays. Red Cross representatives said they will schedule enough equipment and personnel to collect 30 pints on their next visit! Way to go MCC!

MCC Automotive student, Patrick Smiley (above right), was one of the donors’ 26 pints of blood collected during the 11/28 drive. The MCC photo bomber, Randy Stokes (in background), also donated blood. Smiley is also an active member of the Minority Male Success Program.

MCC Phlebotomy students, Cadesha Young (above left), and Eniajah Hardy (above middle) prepare to give blood as their instructor Amber McMullen (back middle) looks on. The Red Cross worker (above right) was very impressed with the enthusiastic turn out of MCC blood donors.

MCC/NERSBA (Northeast Regional School for Biotechnology and Agri-science) students and PTK members, Kathryn Leggett (above left) and Johnnie Phillips (above right) signed in donors during the during the 11/28 blood drive. Leggett is from Jamesville and Phillips is from Farmville.
Stampede In the Park Rodeo is successful thanks to team work!

The MCC Foundation hosted its 25th Annual “Stampede in the Park” rodeo November 11 and 12 at the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center in Williamston. This event is a major fundraiser for the MCC Foundation, which raises money for scholarships.


MCC equine students presented colors and a drill team show during half time.

The event’s organizer, Robert Bonner stated, “This was another successful rodeo for the Foundation. Our many sponsors were generous and our amazing volunteers made everything behind the scenes run smoothly. Although not all of the receipts are in, I know that we made money on this event.”

The action photos of the rodeo were taken by Annette Murray, Support Services Technician in the MCC print shop. Way to go Annette!
MCC Foundation Board president, Charlotte Griffin, selling tickets in the main office.

Rodeo competitors riding around the arena.

MCC Equine Drill Team

MCC Foundation Board member, Tyler Warren (L), and MCC’s Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds, Walter Wheeler (R), collected tickets at the gate.

Team calf roping

Bull riding
MCC’s “Man Up” Program is Going Strong

The Minority Male Success Program (aka Man Up) at MCC were very busy in November. They sponsored the “Can Do” fund drive, attended a workshop on “Finances in 2016 - How to be Financially Stable” and another workshop “Roadblocks: Chasing the Golden Ticket.”

The group’s first Community Service Project was collecting canned foods and cleaning supplies up until November 19, in Williamston and Windsor, to assist victims of Hurricane Matthew and its aftermath. Club members contacted local service agencies to identify those most in need and coordinate the dissemination of the food. More than 700 items, totaling over 500 pounds of food was collected. Any items not distributed to flood victims were donated to the Martin County Food Pantry.

Also, the first Leadership Training session for the group was held on November 2. Mr. Brent Glover, the Sr. Vice President of SECU’s (State Employee Credit Union’s) District 42 met with the group to discuss - “Finances in 2016 - How to be Financially Stable.” Glover covered a number of issues that make for financial health - borrowing money, saving money, credit history and most importantly, paying bills on time. He also emphasized the tremendous importance of saving for retirement and the vast difference between starting the process in your 20’s as opposed to starting in your 50’s.

On November 16, MCC’s own Brenda G. Moore, HRD Program coordinator, led a discussion on “Roadblocks: Chasing the Golden Ticket.” This session focused on Zig Ziglar’s “Fifteen Steps to a Healthy Self Image” and “Ten Points in Building Sound Self Esteem.” Ziglar built an internationally successful motivational and self help company and was the author of several best selling motivational books. Moore encouraged the young men to consider the motivational words of Ziglar and to think and act positively and see the good in others.

Students interested in joining this group may contact MCC’s Minority Male Success Coordinator, Crystal Pugh at 252 - 792 - 0268 or by email at cpugh@martincc.edu. Members are assigned mentors and expected to attend leadership development meetings and outings.

Byron Horton and his mother, Carrie Crowe teamed up to make the Can Do Fund Drive a success. Horton was an organizer and Crowe encouraged missionaries in Bertie County to join in. She added 200 cans to the effort!
Brent Glover, Sr. VP of SECU’s District 42 met with MCC’s M3P participants on 11/2 to discuss - “Finances in 2016 - How to be Financially Stable.”

Brenda G. Moore, MCC’s HRD Program coordinator, met with MCC’s M3P participants on 11/16 to lead a discussion on “Roadblocks: Chasing the Golden Ticket.”

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On November 5 and 6, the MCC Equine Program hosted the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association) on our campus. Several colleges sent students to compete in this event. Among them were Campbell, St. Andrews, Liberty University, NC State and Appalachian State. This is an annual event on the MCC campus and was cohosted this year with students from NC State University. The IHSA promotes competition for riders of all skill levels, who compete individually and as teams at regional, zone, and national levels. All six of MCC’s riding students earned placed in one or more categories. The students who did not compete, helped to make the show run smoothly. According to MCC’s Equine Program Director, Tami Thurston, “This is a great venue for our students to learn about organizing and producing a horse show. This event really helps our students grow and develop as team players and it’s just a lot of fun.”

Pictured right are all of MCC’s students. In the standing row from left to right are; Caitlyn Philips, Jana Hansen, Brody Hickman, Shailey Bodenhamer, Ellinor “Ellie” Sherman, Alexia Binns, Ashley Bundy, Merindy Piland and Carey Stewart. In the kneeling row from left to right are Tami Thurston, Allison Tripp, Coral Johnston, Bethany Hollis, Leah Powers and Catherine Johnson.
Ag Expo Draws more than 1400 High School Students to Martin County

The fourth annual Regional Agricultural Expo was held at the Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center on November 3. MCC hosted two booths manned by Dr. Brian Busch, John Wells and Judy Jennette. The recruitment team greeted roughly 1400 FFA and High School students from Bertie, Pitt, Beaufort, Martin, Hyde, and Tyrrell Counties. Many students and teachers stopped at the MCC booths for information!

Pictured at the top right is the event’s opening ceremony featuring the FFA’s meeting ritual of introducing the officers (standing in front) and describing their assigned duties. Several state and local dignitaries (seated in back) were also on hand to bid welcome to the students and speak to the vital importance of agriculture in NC and the world.

Pictured in the middle is Dr. Brian Busch, MCC’s Associate Dean of Students Services and Academics, and currently, the Interim Dean of Academics. He is standing in front of the College’s generic display which features all of MCC’s programs.

Pictured at the bottom is MCC Counselor, John Wells, in front of the Equine Program booth. This display is of particular interest to FFA students interested in working with horses.

The MCC team distributed small MCC emblazoned bags of goodies to the students that stopped by the booths. This year, the students were particularly interested in the Industrial Systems, Early Childhood, Equine, Medical Assisting and the Physical Therapist Assistant programs. This is a great event for reaching out to future students!
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

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.

MCC to sponsor College Fair on 12/6

Martin Community College will host a College Fair on Tuesday, December 6, from 1 pm to 3 pm, in the Lobby of Building 1. Students interested in transferring to a four year college or university should plan to attend. The following colleges are participating:

- Barton College
- Campbell University
- Catawba College
- Chowan University
- DeVry University
- East Carolina University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Ft. Hays State University
- NC Wesleyan College
- Western Carolina University
- UNC Wilmington

This is a great opportunity for students to meet representatives from a variety of institutions and learn first hand what each has to offer in terms of financial aid, one-on-one instruction, housing, programs and the like. Many MCC credits should transfer to four-year universities and colleges, thus allowing an MCC student to start as a sophomore or junior as they transfer - and save thousands of dollars!

For more information, contact John Wells in room 1-22A in building 1 or via email at john.wells@martincc.edu.
Ann Chamblee (pictured left), the Director of Nursing at Creekside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Ahoskie visited with MCC’s current NA I class on November 3. Chamblee spoke to the students (pictured above) about the high demand for skilled Nurse Aids I and Nurse Aids II as well as Medication Aides. She discussed her company’s competitive wages and benefits and told them about the many opportunities to advance in the field. Creekside is owned by Signature Health Care based in Louisville, KY and Chamblee’s regional office is located in Hertford, NC. Sue Gurley, MCC’s Medical Programs Coordinator for the Division of Continuing Education, noted, “Nurse Aids are in high demand. Nursing homes and long term care facilities are always looking for well trained NA’s. This class of 15 students is large, but many of them will have jobs before they complete the class. Typically, when NA’s do their clinical training, the facilities where they work get to see the student’s work ethic and rapport with co-workers and patients. Clinical training is a great recruitment tool for the nursing facility as well as a calling card for the student.” Pictured above right in the inset is NAI student, Kiara Williams, working on a classroom simulation mannequin. Chamblee will be the guest speaker for the health careers recognition ceremony on December 6, at 6 pm, in the MCC auditorium.
MCC PTA Students wed on October 29!

Brooke Fisher and Brooks Mansfield were married October 29, 2016 in North Topsail Beach, NC. The bride and groom are both 2014 graduates of MCC’s Physical Therapist Assistant program. Their instructor, Dawn Parker (pictured far left) attended the wedding and sent in this photo. Brooke works at Shoreline Physical Therapy which specializes in sport and spine injuries and Brooks works at Davis Health Community, an assisted living facility for both short and long term residents. Both businesses are located in Wilmington. The couple, who met in the PTA program at MCC, has purchased a home in Hampstead, just outside of Wilmington. Congratulations to the newlyweds and to the MCC graduates who have started fulfilling careers!

MCC Counselor, Crystal Pugh Weds Tron Waters

MCC’s own Crystal Pugh wed Tron Waters on November 26 at Weeping Mary Missionary Baptist Church in Lewiston Woodville, NC. The church was filled to capacity with friends and family. Not surprisingly, Pugh-Waters, a great cheerleader for our students, had her hair styled by MCC cosmetology graduate, Shaundavia Brown Outlaw. Brown Outlaw, who graduated in May of this year, has already opened her own salon, A Beautiful Image, in Hamilton, NC. Brown Outlaw also did the hair for one of Crystal’s bridesmaids and cousins, Tenisha Gilliam. Pictured right (from left to right), are Tenisha Gilliam, Shaundavia Brown Outlaw and Crystal Pugh Waters. The couple has not yet decided where they will reside but Waters has planned a surprise honeymoon destination for his beautiful new bride in December. Congratulations to Crystal and Tron on their marriage as well as to Brown Outlaw on opening her new salon!
**First project for Connect NC bond funds - electronic doors**

The MCC Trustees are preparing to make the first draft on MCC’s share of the NC Connect Bond funds to make security improvements across campus. The “security project” will replace and/or repair 57 exterior doors (including mechanical room doors) and some door frames as needed; including: hinges, closers, egress devices, locksets and ADA openers where applicable. The project will also include installation of electronic access control and monitoring for all entrances and replacement and integration of all intrusion detection systems and components. The access control system will replace the exterior key system with card credentials for access. Exterior doors can be controlled on timers and the system will provide for an instant/automatic lockdown if needed for emergencies.

Billy Barber, who manages MCC’s notification system states, “If you would like to know more, contact Barber at billy.barber@martincc.edu or call 789-0303.”

**MCC’s SGA, PTK and ABG clubs are joining forces to sponsor a campus wide Toys for Tots Drive from now until December 15. Drop off sites are in buildings 1 (lobby), 2 (library) and 4 (skills center).**

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**Need assistance with the FAFSA? SECU can help!**

Submitted by Leigh Brady, EVP – Organizational Development for SECU

If you missed out on getting assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on October 29th – FAFSA Day, additional help is on the way. State Employees’ Credit Union (SECU) will be offering its support to college-bound students and families the week of December 5th – 9th during normal business hours in all 257 offices statewide. Branch personnel will be available throughout the week to answer questions and help with the completion and electronic filing of the FAFSA for the 2017-2018 college academic year.

The annual FAFSA event is a program offered by College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NCASFAA) and State Employees’ Credit Union. SECU’s seven-year partnership with CFNC and NCASFAA to offer free volunteer assistance continues to be successful in raising community awareness, providing access and the opportunity for student families to complete the FAFSA, a required document to be considered for all federal and most state financial aid for college, career school or graduate school.

“The Credit Union’s participation in the FAFSA event will help CFNC and NCASFAA serve even more North Carolina students and families,” says Krista Loew, SECU Vice President of IRA Services. “SECU is committed to using its resources to help applicants better understand the process of planning for college and applying for financial aid. The Credit Union’s joint collaboration with CFNC and NCASFAA is a worthy investment toward the educational and financial future of North Carolina students and we look forward to helping them complete the FAFSA.”
World AIDS Day is observed each year on December 1 and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and remember those who have died. Started in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day. Over 100,000 people are living with HIV and globally there are an estimated 34 million people who have the virus.

Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history. Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition. Despite this, each year around 6,000 people are diagnosed with HIV. Many people do not know the facts about how to protect themselves and others. The stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and Government that HIV has not gone away and that there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education. World AIDS Day is an opportunity to show support to and solidarity with the millions of people living with HIV.

An easy way to show your support for people living with HIV is to wear a RED RIBBON on World AIDS Day, or “WEAR RED” on Friday, December 16th, 2016.
Mr. James Cox, a NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) designated ETL (Evaluation Team Leader), joined local automotive experts Jennifer Council and David Swisher on November 19 to evaluate MCC’s Automotive program for its fitness to retain its NATEF reaccreditation. Cox is an automotive instructor at South Johnston High School in Four Oaks, NC, where his department has been recognized as one of the top automotive programs in the nation.

Cox and his team were very complimentary of the recent improvements to the MCC Automotive shop, especially the enormous inventory of new tools. They were concerned about some administrative and storage issues, but at the end of the day, Cox felt good about the program. He noted in the exit interview that MCC would hear back from NATEF in a few weeks. Al Dawes is to be commended for his months of hard work in preparing for this inspection!

Accreditation of MCC’s automotive training program brings with it program credibility, prestige, recognition, and overall program improvement. Connecting MCC to NATEF’s nationally recognized standards creates a win-win scenario for our students, College and local automotive businesses by attracting serious students and producing high quality employees.

Pictured above right (from L to R) are Ford Master Technician at Bill Clough Ford in Windsor David Swisher, MCC’s Automotive Instructor Al Dawes and NATEF’s ETL James Cox as they review administrative records during their 11/20 evaluation of the Automotive Program for NATEF reaccreditation. Below (from L to R) are Shop Manager and Technician at Jimmy Council’s Auto Repair in Williamston Jennifer Council, Swisher and Cox as they prepare to begin the evaluation process which took a little over six hours. MCC is very thankful to Swisher and Council for taking time out of their busy schedules to assist in this process! Input and support from our local businesses is vital to the success of our College!
Rhonda Breed Attends NCCSP Conference in Asheville, NC

The NC Community College Sociology and Psychology Association held their 17th annual conference in Ashville, NC on November 2-4. MCC’s sociology and psychology instructor, Rhonda Breed, attended the event, which utilized “Mystery Classroom Theatre” as their conference theme.

Several colleges from NC were represented and the event included presentations by instructors, NCCSPA officers, and textbook publishing representatives. The three main presentations were, “Examining Mental Health in the Classroom”, “Trans* Students in the Classroom”, and “Being Mindful in the Classroom.” The latter was followed by a “mindful meditation practice” that included participation by all attendees.

On the final day of the conference, there were table sessions on “Poverty in the Classroom.” Many good ideas were shared, including the creation of food pantries for needy students, clothing centers (offering free, gently used professional clothing) for students to use for job interviews and class presentations, and centralized resource centers to help students access needed services—from childcare to utility payments.

Ms. Breed stated, “Although we are small at Martin, I believe we have the ability and the heart to do the things that other, larger colleges are doing.”

The NCCSPA grew out of a grant funded initiative that started in 1999 and has continued to grow over time. This is the second year that Ms. Breed has represented Martin Community College.

SGA President joins MCC Board of Trustees

Pictured above in front is Amanda Vick, Martin Community College’s (MCC) new Student Government Association (SGA) president as she signs documentation affirming her swearing in by Martin County Clerk of Court, Tanya Leggett (right), during the Board’s meeting on November 15. Looking on from behind is SGA advisor, Christina Measamer. Vick was elected SGA president by MCC students on September 30. In this capacity, Vick also serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the MCC Board of Trustees. Vick has been extremely busy over the month of November. She is working toward re-establishing the SGA on the MCC Campus after a two year period of dormancy. The first SGA meeting will be held on December 6, at 1 pm. If you are a full time student at MCC and are interested in participating in the SGA, please contact President Vick for more information. She can be reached at av20319@mcc.martincc.edu
Clients from Martin Enterprises stopped by the MCC Library on November 10 to donate a variety of braille magazines to the facility’s literary collection. Pictured from left to right above are Sarah, Terry, Fannie, Deborah, Curtis, Kim, Dominique, Tara and Erma. These materials were sent to Martin Enterprises via the National Library for the Blind. Martin Enterprises serves a number of blind clients. Martin Enterprises, based in Williamston since 1972, is a non-profit, community rehabilitation program. It operates an adult developmental vocational program, two group homes, a vocational services program, psychosocial rehabilitation, and a CAP-MR/DD program for adults with developmental disabilities. The program’s goal is to provide opportunities, training, and supports for individuals to assist them in becoming as independent as possible at home, at work, and in the community. The agency provides job training, job placement, and work activities for its clients.

ABG Honors Club is Selling Candy Bars

MCC’s Business Students’ Honors Club, Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) is sponsoring the sale of “World’s Finest Chocolate Bars” across the campus. The tasty treats will be available through ABG members and the campus book store until May of 2017. Funds raised will be used to support club activities throughout the year. Pictured left is Amanda Vick, MCC’s ABG Club president, holding a box of the chocolate bars. The bars sell for a $1 each and are available in five delicious flavors.
Martin Memos

December 1-15 - Toys for Tots Drive on Campus
December 6 - College Fair- 11 colleges & universities (1-3 pm in the lobby of Bldg. 1)
December 6 - Health Care Completers Recognition Ceremony (6 pm, MCC Auditorium)
December 13 - Reading Day / Faculty Work Day (no classes)
December 16 - End of Fall semester
December 19 - All grades due by 10 am
December 21 - January 2 - College closed for holidays
December 22 - Payday
January 3 - Faculty Work Day
January 3 - BLET training begins
January 5 - Spring Semester classes begin

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