Meet Amanda Vick, MCC’s new SGA president!

Accounting student, Amanda Vick, will lead the Student Government Association (SGA) at Martin Community College (MCC) throughout the 2016-17 Academic Year. Vick was elected on September 30. She is currently completing her fourth semester toward an Associate Degree in Accounting.

Vick describes herself as being a very driven, goal oriented, multi-tasker. She states, “One thing I believe in is that anything can be accomplished if you work hard.”

On her candidate application Vick commented, “I want to get the most out of my college experience, and have fun along the way.”

When asked why she decided to run for SGA President, Vick stated, “I was encouraged to do so by my instructors. They felt that I have the qualities it takes to do a good job and they said it would provide me with essential leadership training.”

Vick also stated, “Student Government is an important part of any college. Without it, how could the students get their voices heard, or how could we make changes that benefit our college?”

Vick graduated from Williamston High School in 1996. When her youngest of three children started school, Vick decided to return to school herself and enrolled at MCC. College life seems to agree with Vick because in the Spring of 2016, she was inducted into both MCC Chapters of Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honors societies.

She adds, “As part of the Student Government Association (SGA) we must find out about the students’ concerns and goals for the future. I love this college, and I like that it is small and personable; however, we don’t want it to get so small that it’s not needed anymore.”

“It is my hope to collaborate with other members of the student population at Martin Community College to increase enrollment and advertise the great things that are happening at our college. It would be good for us to get involved in the community and show that we are small but we are mighty, and we have so much to share!”

“There are a lot of MCC students with children at home. I hope that we can plan some family friendly events on the campus. I am also hoping to identify some projects that our students can support – like covered walkways between the buildings.”

“I will give my all to make Martin Community College a place everyone wants to be. The only way I know how to do things is all the way! I plan to attack every problem head on. With the right leaders there’s nothing we can’t accomplish. Let’s work hard together and make Martin Community College the best it can be.”

Vick and her husband, Michael Vick, have been married for 13 years and reside in Washington, NC. They have three children; Brianna Nicholson (16), Sabrina Vick (11), and Caz Vick (7). Upon graduation, Vick plans to continue her education and earn both a four-year and master’s degree. She hopes to eventually start a bookkeeping service that travels from business to business on an as needed basis.
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MCC’s annual security report is now available to the public. This annual report is required by federal law (Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act). The report contains MCC’s policies, procedures and programs concerning safety and security. For example, policies in response to emergency situations and sexual offenses.

Three years’ worth of statistics are included for certain types of crimes that were reported to have occurred on campus, in or on off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the college and on public property within or immediately adjacent to the campus. The complete report is available on the MCC website or accessed online at http://www.martincc.edu/?q=securityreport. You may also request a paper copy from the Office of Student Services.

Crime statistics in the report were collected from campus security and local law enforcement agencies that serve the College’s main campus and off-site centers. Also available upon request is our Daily Crime Log, which includes: crime report dates, occurrence dates, locations, nature of crimes, and the disposition of the complainants.

The remainder of this notice is continued on page 4 of this newsletter. It is only a summary of our safety and security policies, procedures, and crime statistics and we encourage all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to read the complete report on our website.
Redken Rep Speaks to MCC Cosmetology Students!

Redken Artistic Educator, Eli High (pictured above left), met with MCC’s Cosmetology students on September 20. High was invited by MCC’s Cosmetology Instructor, Curtis Hyler, to discuss her career in cosmetology. High pushed herself to rise from a bottom 80% stylist to a top 20% stylist, to salon owner, to Redken Artistic Educator. High engages stylists and salon owners through creative interactive classes. Redken, a U.S. based hair care products company, was founded in 1960 by hairdresser/chemist Jheri Redding (inventor of the Jheri Curl) and actress/model Paula Kent. Together, they pioneered the "Scientific Approach to Beauty," and revolutionized the professional salon business by introducing the concept of protein reconditioning and developing new protein based products, which they patented. In 1993, with sales at $160 million, Redken was sold to Cosmair, Inc. In 2007, Redken was named as one of the "Icons of the American Marketplace." Pictured above right, from left to right, are second year student Shayla Rascoe and first year students Kyshima Williams and Dinijazane Bazemoore. High will be returning to MCC in November to cover additional topics with the students. Hyler is to be commended for bringing experts, like High, to our campus! Events like these provide our students with a much broader and richer educational experience and set us apart from other colleges!

REAL Crisis Intervention, Inc. offers lifeline in troubled times

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
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**Timely Warning**
MCC makes timely warnings or campus alerts to the college community in the event any situation arises that is considered to be an ongoing or continuing threat to students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Warnings or alerts will be disseminated as appropriate through the College telephone alert system, the campus-wide email system; student email system, electronic bulletin boards, flyers or posters, and notices posted on the college website at [www.martincc.edu](http://www.martincc.edu). Campus warnings or alerts will notify the college community of an imminent or ongoing threat to safety, security or health and will include the nature of the threat and other appropriate information.

**Reporting Crimes and Emergencies**
The College requires all persons to report all known and suspected criminal activities and other emergencies that occur on campus to the Campus Security Officer and/or the Dean of Administrative Services. The MCC switchboard operator shall be available during normal business hours so that incidents of an urgent nature may be reported. The Dean of Administrative Services, having been notified of an incident, shall notify appropriate personnel, including law enforcement personnel, and investigate and document the incident.

MCC encourages anyone who is the victim of or a witness to criminal incidents that occur at MCC-sponsored off-campus activities to report them to the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. If a victim or witness does not wish to pursue action under the MCC system or the criminal justice system, he/she may file a report on the details of the incident with the Dean of Administrative Services without revealing his/her identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with one's wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of the campus community. Reports filed in this manner shall be included in the Annual Crime Report.

All criminal activities that occur on any MCC campus or at MCC-sponsored activities, including off-campus activities, shall be reported by the College President, or his/her designee, to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

**Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures**
MCC has established an Emergency Response Quick Reference Guide for several significant emergencies and dangerous situations. This guide is posted in all offices and classrooms on the MCC campus. In the event of an emergency please notify your instructor and/or college officials and report all emergencies to the MCC switchboard operator by dialing “0” in house or 792-1521 on private phones. If the situation appears life threatening dial 9-911 in house or 911 on private phones. You may also use the red phones located in the cafeteria and in the hall ways of each building; these phones automatically dial the MCC switchboard operator when you lift the receiver. In addition you may also contact the Campus Security Officer and/or the Dean of Administrative Services at 789-0225.

The Dean of Administrative Services or designee will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the campus community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless the notification will, in the professional judgment of the responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist victims or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency.

**Building evacuations** will occur when a building alarm (fire alarm) sounds and/or upon notification by college officials. When the evacuation alarm and/or notice to evacuate is enacted, occupants should immediately proceed to the nearest exit and report to the designated assembly point for that building. Building 1 will report to the wooded area across the street in front of the flag poles. Buildings 2, 3, and 4 will report to the grassy area between the rear parking lot and the children’s playground at the rear of the campus. The Bertie Campus will report to the front parking lot. Occupants should not reenter the building for any reason until they are instructed by the proper authority.

**Shelter-in-place** notification will be via the campus intercom system and/or by word of mouth from college officials. Should it become necessary to shelter in place due to weather, or other situations please exit rooms quickly and in an orderly fashion. Refer to the building layouts posted in each room to inform occupants of the safe routes and designated shelter-in-place areas for each building.

**Lockdown** notification will be via the campus intercom system and/or by word of mouth from college officials. Students who are on campus should seek cover in a classroom and follow the instructor’s directions. If students are out of doors they should seek concealment using extreme caution to prevent being visible target. Cell phones should be put on vibrate immediately. Access to the campus will be controlled by...
law enforcement during lockdown.

Security of and Access to Campus Facilities
Access to MCC facilities shall be provided to the public on weekdays from 7:00am until 9:00pm, except for scheduled holidays or announced periods of closure.

Campus Law Enforcement
A full-time Security Officer and support from state and local law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction over the campus provide for campus security. The Security Officer and local law enforcement officers have complete police authority to apprehend and arrest anyone involved in illegal acts, either on or off campus.

Security Awareness and Crime Prevention
Each year, during orientation and semester start-up, students are informed of services offered by the college. Instructors inform students on evacuation, shelter in place, lockdown, and other campus safety procedures. Students, faculty and staff are informed about crime on-campus, non-campus, and on public property adjoining our campus via the Annual Crime Report. Similar information is presented to new employees. Periodically during the academic year, in cooperation with other organizations and departments, the college will present crime prevention awareness and personal safety sessions. A common theme of all awareness and crime prevention programs is to encourage students and employees to be aware of their responsibility for their own security and the security of others. In addition to seminars, information may be disseminated to students and employees through crime prevention awareness packets, security alert posters, displays, videos, and articles and advertisements in the college and student newspaper and website. When time is of the essence, information is released to the college community through security alerts posted prominently throughout campus, through computer memos sent over the college’s electronic mail system and a voice mail broadcasting system.

Drug and Alcohol Policy
The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the College workplace, on College premises, or while participating in or attending any College-sponsored activities. MCC does not differentiate between those who manufacture, distribute, dispense, sell, possess, or use controlled substances or alcohol. Any MCC current employee or currently enrolled student who is convicted of violating any criminal drug statute or alcoholic beverage control statute is subject to the MCC disciplinary action policy, up to and including termination/expulsion.

Each employee or student is required to notify the College within five (5) calendar days after he/she is convicted of a violation of any federal, state, or local criminal drug statute or alcoholic beverage control statute where such violation occurred while in the workplace, on College premises, or as part of any College-sponsored activity.

Drug-Free Awareness Program
The College’s Drug-Free Awareness Program informs employees and students about the dangers of drug abuse, government policy of maintaining a drug and alcohol-free environment, any available drug or alcohol abuse counseling, rehabilitation, and assistance programs, and penalties that may be
“Girls just had to have fun at...”

Kinky Boots

The Martin Community College Foundation (MCCF) sponsored a day trip on September 17 to see a matinee performance of the award-winning Broadway hit, Kinky Boots, at the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC). Twelve women, all with ties to MCC, went on the excursion. Those in attendance included Maureen Green and her daughter Cassidy, Kismet Matthews, Sue Gurley, Debra Baker, Toshika Watson, Sharicka Brown, Victoria Wright, Robin Hines, Hannah Silverthorne, Vanasia Soumahoro and trip organizer, Judy Jennette. Green is the MCC’s Director of IR and IE, Gurley is the Coordinator of the Health Occupation Programs for Continuing Education and Baker teaches Billing and Coding classes for the Division of Continuing Education. Watson, Brown and Wright are MCC cosmetology students. Hines, Silverthorne and Soumahoro are Career and College Promise students. Cassidy is a student at North Pitt High School.

Kinky Boots was inspired by true events which affected WJ Brooks Ltd, a family shoe-making firm, located in Northampton, England. As the play depicts, the shoe factory’s sales of traditional, hand-stitched leather brogues went into decline as cheap fashionable imports flooded the market. The factory was preparing to close until a chance encounter inspired the owner’s son to try something different - manufacturing “kinky” and sturdy footwear in men’s sizes.

Eventually the story made its way to America where it was transformed into a magical stage produc-
Robin Hines and Hannah Silverthorne (left) and Vanasia Soumahoro and Victoria Wright (right) wait to order lunch at Tyler’s Tap Room in Durham.

Pictured on the back row are: Sherricka Brown, Hannah Silverthorne, Toshika Watson, Robin Hines, Judy Jennette and Kismet Matthews. Front left is Vanasia Soumahoro and Victoria Wright is front right.

Toshika Watson and Sherricka Brown await their lunch at Tyler’s Tap Room in Durham.

Toshika Watson and Sherricka Brown (L to R front) and Robin Hines and Hannah Silverthorne (L to R back) wait for the curtain to go up in DPAC.
State Employees’ Credit Union Members Award $5,000 Scholarships to Area Community College Students

Pictured above from left to right are; MCC President Dr. Ann Britt, MCC Electrical Technology Student Reco Pugh, MCC College Transfer Student Mary Angeles and SECU District 42 Senior Vice President Brent Glover. Glover presented Pugh and Angeles with certificates of recognition and congratulated them upon receiving SECU Foundation scholarships to attend (MCC).

State Employees’ Credit Union (SECU) members, through the member-funded SECU Foundation, presented $5,000 scholarships to Mary Angeles of Williamston and Reco Pugh from Lewiston, for attendance to Martin Community College.

Angeles, a single mother of five boys, is defying the odds by working two jobs as a Certified Nursing Assistant and attending school full time. While at MCC, Angeles has managed to keep her GPA high enough to be inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She plans to transfer to a nursing program once she graduates from MCC.

Pugh, a father of three, works the night shift at Syfan and is a full time student at MCC. Pugh was attending Roanoke-Chowan Community College but decided to transfer to MCC after touring the electronic technology classrooms and meeting the instructor, Dennis Turner. Pugh too, has earned a high GPA and has been inducted into MCC’s Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He plans to earn his electrical licensure from the state and create jobs by opening his own business.

Based on the Credit Union philosophy of “People Helping People,” these scholarships recognize the recipient’s desire to obtain a college degree and change their lives - as well as the lives of others – for the better. Scholarship funds will be applied to tuition and other expenses associated with their community college education.

State Employees’ Credit Union’s local Advisory Board member Dempsey Bond comments, “My fellow SECU members and I are dedicated to helping North Carolina students succeed in their pursuit of higher education. The SECU Foundation ‘People Helping People’ Scholarship program allows us the opportunity to provide resources for many deserving individuals to attain their educational goals through our State’s excellent community college system. As a representative of SECU’s membership, I am very pleased to award these scholarships to Mary Angeles and Reco Pugh.”

Annually, SECU members provide two “People Helping People” Scholarships to each of the 58 community colleges in North Carolina through the SECU Foundation scholarship program. To date, over $6 million has been awarded to help the State’s community college students further their education.

SECU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members and has been providing employees of the State of North Carolina and their families with consumer financial services for 78 years. The Credit Union also offers a diversified line of financial advisory services including retirement and education planning, tax preparation, insurance, trusts, estate planning and investments through its partners and affiliated entities.

SECU serves 2 million members through 254 branch offices, over 1,100 ATMs, 24/7 Contact Centers and a website, www.ncsecu.org. The SECU Foundation, a 501c (3) charitable organization funded solely by the contributions of SECU members, promotes local community development in North Carolina primarily through high impact projects in the areas of housing, education, healthcare and human services.
MCC’s Campus Café caters to its students, staff and faculty!

Did you know that the MCC Café offers catering services? The next time you need to provide food for group of people on campus, contact Keven Washington in the café. Washington and his staff cater MCC events like the Fall Convocation and Employee Christmas party.

MCC is indeed fortunate to have food service on its campus, especially a café with such good food and variety as ours. Many Community Colleges do not support food services aside from drink and snack machines. But MCC has a long history of making this service available to its faculty, students and staff.

With limited time and resources to drive to other locations in Martin County, students, faculty and staff are lucky to have the café as an option at meal time. Café Manager Kevin Washington and his crew (Pam, Treva and Mary Ann) provide great service and delicious food, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am through 1:30 pm.

MCC Library Offers More Services this Fall!

Over the summer, the MCC Library switched to a hosted proxy system so that we now have one off campus password for all of our databases. When you click on any database in NC Live, Credo Reference, Stat!Ref or ADAM, you are taken to the same login page and the password is the barcode number on your Martin ID card or your library card number - so we no longer have that complicated list of usernames and passwords. (On campus, all databases continue to go straight through without a password.)

Also, the Library now has an electronic subscription to The Chronicle of Higher Education. You can view any article at chronicle.com on campus or create a login using your Martin e-mail for off campus use. (This is primarily for faculty, but feel free to pass it along to students if you wish them to use the Chronicle.)

The MCC Library also offers the following services:

Library orientations - Please contact Mary Anne Caudle if you would like to have your class come to the library for an orientation or if you would like for her to come to your class. Caudle is happy to tailor an orientation to a particular program or assignment or do a general orientation on databases and other resources available to your students. Online Library Orientation - Please feel free to use the ACA online library orientation for any class (it’s not just for ACA). It provides a reasonably comparable experience to the seated library orientation offered in the library. Students can find it by clicking on the ACA Library Orientation tab on the library’s web page, or you may post the following link for your students in BlackBoard: http://martincc.libguides.com/ACA

If you wish for your students to use the quiz that is included in the guide, please e-mail Caudle and she will send you the answer key.

Also, please let the Library staff know if there are any books or DVDs you would like to see added to the library’s collection, or magazines or journals you would like the library to subscribe to.

Feel free to utilize the Library’s “Reserve Shelf.” This space is available for any items from the library collection or textbooks you might have that you would like to make available to your students in the library.

If there is anything else the library can do to help you or your students, please contact Mary Anne Caudle, M.L.S., Library Director, at mcaudle@martincc.edu or 252-789-0280.
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. While most people are aware of breast cancer, many forget to take the steps to have a plan to detect the disease in its early stages and encourage others to do the same.

Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. The United States Preventive Services Task Force recommends that if you are 50 to 74 years old to have a screening mammogram every two years. If you are 40 to 49 years old, talk to your doctor about when to start and how often to get a screening mammogram.

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, here are six things to remember and do if you know someone with breast cancer.

1. Participate in the Campus Wide Initiative and show your support by “WEARING PINK” on Friday, October 14th, 2016

2. Offer to go to doctor appointments or treatment sessions. Sometimes it’s nice to have someone along.

3. Show up. And then show up again. And then show up again. The only thing worse than having cancer is feeling alone in it.

4. Offer Specific Help. Instead of saying, “Let me know if you need anything,” offer to bring dinner tomorrow night or bring a movie and popcorn over Saturday evening.

5. Run, walk, race, donate or whatever else you can do to help find a cure.

6. And, maybe most importantly, don’t give up on yourself. It’s going to be hard, scary, emotional, and sometimes you’ll get discouraged or realize you said something stupid but the thing is, you matter.

Submitted by Crystal R. Pugh, MCC Counselor
MCC’s Strategic Plan is official!

The MCC Board of Trustees voted on September 20 to accept the new strategic plan as it was presented by Maureen Green, MCC’s Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

The Board expressed their gratitude to Green and her steering committee for developing such a comprehensive and manageable plan.

Thus, MCC seeks to build better futures by...

Improving the environment
♦ Striving to have a campus that is inviting, safe and up-to-date
♦ Making MCC a workplace that is conducive to retaining employees
♦ Improving processes to promote efficiency

Promoting student success
♦ Supporting workforce development
♦ Strengthening online learning
♦ Continuing to use data to support decision making

Increasing recruitment and retention
♦ Retaining a student centered focus
♦ Advertising and promoting the college

Facilitating communication
♦ Improving communication with students
♦ Improving communications with employees

Green is already underway with implementing the plan! Contact Green to learn more about fitting the plan into your department!

Swain and Vick Awarded Minges Scholarships

William Swain and Amanda Vick were selected as the 2016 MCC recipients of the Thomas E. Minges / Pepsi Scholarships. Each scholarship of the $1,500 scholarships will be split ($750 each) between the fall and spring semesters.

Swain, an Industrial Systems major and US Army veteran, works full time at Smithfield and attends MCC full time. He enjoys working with his hands, especially welding. Swain, a father of one, resides in Windsor and hopes to eventually gain employment at PCS.

Vick, an Accounting major and recently-elected SGA president, was inducted into the MCC Chapters of Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honors societies last May. She plans to continue her education by earning both a 4-year and Masters degree and eventually starting her own accounting business. Vick and her husband have three children and reside in Washington.

Prior to his untimely death on June 9, 2011, Thomas “Tom” E. Minges served as the CFO for the Pepsi-Cola Minges Bottling Group a family owned and operated Pepsi-Cola franchise located in Ayden, NC. The company has been distributing Pepsi-Cola products in Eastern North Carolina for more than 76 years. Tom Minges was instrumental in establishing the financial plan to support a scholarship program for eight community colleges in Eastern NC, with MCC being one of the eight.

“Scholarships of this size are a true blessing for our students,” stated Teri Leggett, MCC’s Financial Aid Technician. “We are so appreciative of the Minges’ support of our College!”

For more information about applying for the 2017 Minges Scholarship, please contact Leggett at 252-789-0204 or via email at tleggett@martincc.edu.
On September 27, several faculty and staff members from Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) arrived on the MCC campus for a Transfer Fair. The fair was held to showcase the significant savings available to students and parents through college transfer - particularly to nearby ECSU.

ECSU was well represented by faculty members from several majors like; art, aviation, biology, business, chemistry, computer technology, education, engineering, English, music, psychology, and social work. They enthusiastically talked with MCC students and interested persons about ECSU’s unique programs and explained how they can transfer prior college credits to ECSU. Several door prizes were also awarded to eligible attendees.

As an added bonus, ECSU’s Mighty Vikings Marching Band performed at 12 noon in the northeast parking lot, adjacent to the MCC Library. Several ECSU alumni were on hand to enjoy the performance and relive old times. The band played a 45 minute set of popular music for the audience of approximately 200, comprised of students, faculty, staff and alumni. The ECSU Dance Team was also performed with the band.

MCC Counselor, John Wells, organized the event. Wells stated, “ECSU really outdid themselves during their visit to our campus. We are indeed fortunate to have such a great relationship with this outstanding University. They went all out for our students and community. We are hopeful that this will become a regular event on the MCC campus!”

For more information about college transfer, contact John Wells at 252-789-0293 or jwells@martincc.edu or stop by his office 122-A in building 1.
MCC Students Observe Constitution Day

Although most of the students in Christina Measamer’s Public Speaking class aren’t old enough to vote, they offered a number of compelling reasons as to why everyone who is eligible, should vote. In recognition of Constitution Day, Measamer asked her students to give a short speech about low voter turnout in America and what they would do to encourage others to vote.

The students made several astute observations:

“Many people have sacrificed their lives so that we have the right to vote.”
“Income influences the desire to vote. Wealthier people are more likely to vote than poor people.”
“Military experience should be mandatory for all presidential candidates.”
“A third party would draw more voters to the polls.”
“Voting is a way to change things you don’t like.”
“If you don’t vote, you have no right to complain.”
“The voting system is flawed.”
“This is the first year I am eligible, and I am going to vote.”
“It is important to be an informed voter.”
“We won’t fully appreciate our right to vote until it is taken away from us.”
“Many civil rights leaders have sacrificed a lot to give us all the right to vote.”
“We, as a nation, need to do more to educate voters.”

Well said! And great job MCC students!
MCC Yard Sale!

An event to raise money for GED® test fees.

October 29 – 7 to 11 am

Martin County Farmers Market, 4001 W. Main Street Ext. (Highway 64), Williamston, NC (beside the Highway Patrol Station)

The newly increased GED® test fees (more than $100 per battery of tests) have made it difficult for many MCC students to attain their education goals. Please help by donating items to sell, volunteering to help, or by patronizing the sale - or do all three! Smaller items may be brought to MCC prior to the event and larger items may be delivered to the Farmers Market on Friday, October 28. Please have your donations already priced and clearly tagged. Contact Jeri Griffin at 252-789-0288 or jgriffin@martincc.edu, or Jennifer Phelps at 252-789-0260 or jphelps@martincc.edu. Thanks in advance for your generous support of our students!
Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the rodeo, please contact: Robert Bonner at 252-789-0295 or via email at rbonner@martincc.edu!
MCC’s Man Up Program is underway!

MCC was notified in late August that our college has been awarded a three year grant to provide a Minority Male Success Initiative (formerly 3MP) program, aka, the “Man Up” program here on the MCC campus. MCC Counselor, Crystal Pugh (pictured far right), will be coordinating the program. Pugh held an initial orientation meeting on September 21, where more than 20 students attended to learn about the program. Pugh noted that participants would be assigned a mentor and expected to meet with their mentor on a regular basis. They will also be required to attend a variety of leadership workshops throughout the semester. The deadline for this program’s first priority application is October 3. Participants who fulfill all of their obligations to the program will be eligible to join in an excursion to Washington, DC. The intent of this program is to increase the progression of first year minority male students as well as improve their utilization of campus programs and services. It’s not too late to participate in this important program. Please contact Crystal Pugh at cpugh@martincc.edu or by phone at 252-789-0268, or stop by her office located in building 1.

Martin Memos

October 1 - 20 - Selfie Contest in the MCC Bookstore (part of a national contest)
October 3 - Minority Male Success Initiative (formerly 3MP) program application deadline
October 10 - Fall Break (no classes)
October 12 - Man Up Leadership Training (Rev. Darren Whitehurst) - 5 pm, Room 14
October 22 - Chicken Mull Festival in Bear Grass
October 25 - Art and Essay Contest Deadline (Literary & Creative Arts Club event)
October 28 - Set up for MCC Yard Sale (drop off items at Farmers Market) 8 am - 4 pm
October 29 - MCC Yard Sale (Martin County Farmers Market) 7 to 11 am
November 11 & 12 - MCC Foundation Country Stampede Rodeo (Bob Martin Center)