MCC’s 2016 Convocation Sets Tone for Campus-wide Customer Service!

MCC faculty and staff kicked off the new academic year with a fun and informative convocation held on August 16.

Dr. Brian Busch emceed the event. Dr. Britt welcomed everyone and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to MCC.

Maureen Green then gave an informative presentation about MCC’s new strategic plan. (Please refer to the story on page 11 for more about this.) Green noted that as she worked with the entire campus to develop the plan, the overarching theme was “Great Customer Service.”

Billy Barber then provided the group with a handout titled, “Martin Community College - Campus Safety 2016,” which covered Emergency Procedures; MCC’s new Text/Voice/Email Alert System (see more on Page 3); Reporting Crimes, Emergencies and Safety Issues; and Campus Crimes and Incidents. Barber reminded everyone that Larceny was the number one crime on campus and that it is imperative to keep vehicles and offices locked when unattended.

Daniel Price then covered the Loss Momentum Framework with the group and how to recognize when students are stumbling or becoming sidetracked in completing their education goals. This tied into Green’s presentation on Customer Service as it relates to MCC’s Strategic Plan.

The entire event was then tied together by guest speaker Stephen Mizell, a certified trainer and coach with both the nationally known John Maxwell Team and as an Associate Trainer with internationally known, EQUIP Leadership. Both, The John Maxwell Company and EQUIP are committed to leadership development. Mizell has taught leadership principles around the world. In addition to his John Maxwell affiliation, Mizell serves as Lead Pastor at Open Door Church based in Edenton, and owns two businesses related to the foodservice equipment industry. Mizell gave an inspirational talk about customer service and why it is so important to every organization. He noted that everyone comes to your business for a reason; to improve their life, to provide more for their children, to escape from a bad situation at home, etc., and that our job is to discover what that reason is and help them attain their goal. Mizell received a standing ovation as he concluded his presentation.

The convocation ended with a delicious lunch catered by the Campus Café. Many said that it was the best convocation they had ever attended.
Student Engagement Workshop well attended and well received

Dr. Rob Johnstone was the guest speaker at MCC’s Student Engagement Workshop

MCC’s Engagement Workshop which was conducted on August 3, at Deadwood in Bear Grass. The event was very well attended and well received!

Fifty-three attendees, comprised of educators and administrators, were on hand to hear about “Loss Momentum Framework” (LMF) as it applies to both High School and College students and Guided Pathways. Numerous members of the MCC faculty participated as well as representatives from Riverside High School, South Creek High School, the Martin and Bertie Counties’ School System offices, NERSBA and Bertie High School.

Daniel Price, MCC’s CBD Project Leader, kicked off the event with discussion about LMF and how to recognize when students are stumbling or becoming sidetracked in completing their education goals.

Price also covered goal setting for students in Developmental Math and English and discussed how to adapt the LMF to an individual classroom. This individualized planning technique is of key importance in the process of engaging a young adult learner.

Dr. Rob Johnstone, founder of the National Center for Inquiry & Improvement (NCII), was the featured speaker after lunch. Dr. Johnstone works nationally to help 2-year and 4-year colleges create structures and processes that increase student completion.

Johnstone led the discussion about Guided Pathways. This topic has evolved nationally as more and more students enter colleges, only to drop out or languish within the system for far longer than they need to – wasting vast sums of money and preventing many students from obtaining a degree with their limited financial aid. His comments helped participants to see “the process” of attending college through the eyes of students with no experience in navigating such systems. It is often daunting and overwhelming for many students.

There was no charge for the one day workshop. The event was funded by a Completion By Design (CBD) grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. MCC is one, in a consortium of five NC Community Colleges, to receive this funding.

Pictured right, from top to bottom, are MCC employees; Daniel Price, Vicky Murphy, Marty Flynn, Carey Stewart, Josh Noonan, Dr. Brian Busch and Rhonda Breed as they participated in the Student Engagement Workshop on August 3.
MCC has new Text/ Voice/Email Message Alert System

MCC now offers a message alert system. Students, faculty and staff can now be reached via text, voice and email with important college-related information - like weather related college closings, evacuations, lock downs and other events of a serious nature.

To ensure that the system works properly, please make sure your current phone numbers and email addresses are on file.

If an employee needs to update their information, please contact Mike Curry via email at mcurry@martincc.edu. The email should clearly state what changes need to be made.

Students should report their changes to the Registrar’s office located in room 36A, in Building 1.

If you’re not sure what’s currently in the system, be sure to check in at the appropriate department and find out. Remember, we all have a part in making this system work as well as it should!

MCC’s Campus Café offers great food, convenience and affordability!

Few people realize how fortunate MCC is to have a café 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.

The newly renovated café offers a comfortable space in which to relax and visit with friends, a lounge area in which to kick back and watch TV, or just study quietly in a corner.

The menu offers a wide variety of tasty and affordable items for both breakfast and lunch. Washington reports that this year, he has consolidated the menu to his most popular breakfast and lunch items. Breakfast wraps, cheeseburgers, fresh baked biscuits and omelets are just a few of the campus favorites. The café frequently offers specials like pizza and lasagna.

Washington and his staff also cater MCC events like the Fall Convocation and Employee Christmas party - both of which showcase the true talent of Chef Washington.

So the next time you’re wondering where to go for a meal or a snack, check out the Campus Café! If we all support it, we will continue to enjoy it for years to come!
Fong Lan Friedman hones her English skills at MCC

Fong Lan Friedman (pictured above right), originally from Taipei, Taiwan, and now a resident of Williamston, NC, has lived and worked in America for more than 30 years. She worked for 27 years at The Little Panda, a family-owned restaurant in Ahoskie, NC. But it wasn’t until she married Craig Friedman (Director of the Bertie Martin Regional Jail) in 2004 that she realized how little conversational English she actually knew. While working with her family and vacationing in Taiwan every year, Fong Lan spoke in Mandarin Chinese far more than English. And although she was proficient enough to become a US Citizen in 2002, she still knew that she wasn’t ready to travel around the US when her husband retires. Thus, Fong Lan approached Joe Phipps, (pictured above left) MCC’s Senior Basic Skills Instructor and Basic Skills Lab Coordinator to see if he could help her. Phipps was quick to respond by locating a translation program and preparing materials that could print out words and phrases in Mandarin and work with Fong Lan to translate them back in to English. Fong Lan states, “This has really helped me. Now, I am starting to write and read in English. It is getting easier to understand.” Phipps states’ “Fong Lan is a great student! I am honored to be her instructor.”

First welding class in Bertie is success

Pictured above are the students who recently completed MCC’s Continuing Education welding class in Bertie County. From left to right are; George Lee, Ryan Sanderlin, Quomonte Gilliam, Marvin Outlaw, William “Billy” H. Dunn, III, Demonté Speller, Joseph Bazemore, Taishon McGlohon and the instructor Jarvis Parker. Not pictured is Darnell Lee. Parker stated that many of the students owned their own businesses or worked for businesses that frequently need small welding jobs done on the premises. This class provided them with the skills to do these jobs. The majority of students were from Bertie County. The next welding class is scheduled to start on Monday, September 12. The class will meet from 6 to 9 pm, on Mondays and Thursdays, at the Bertie Complex Center (old Bertie High School) in Windsor. Interested parties can contact me at 252-794-4861 or email me at dthompson@martincc.edu.
Dr. Michael McCann joins MCC Faculty

McCann began his teaching career at Sam Houston State University in Texas. While there, he initiated a Masters Degree program in Forensic Science and taught general, physical and Instrumental Analytical Chemistry. He then worked for a time as a senior research scientist before making his way to North Carolina and returning to college education. Since relocating to NC, Dr. McCann has worked as an Associate Professor of Chemistry at Mount Olive College and as a Chemistry Instructor at Coastal Carolina Community College.

In 2007 and 2008, McCann did research for the National Institute of Environmental Science (NIES) in the NC Research Triangle Park. During this time, McCann became familiar with their molecular dynamics software, AMBER, and created a Beowolf Cluster (commodity-grade computers networked into a small local area network with libraries and programs installed which allow processing to be shared among them) for the NIES. McCann has also formed collaborative relationships with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations, the Wake City/County Board of Investigations and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has helped students obtain employment with some of these prestigious institutions.

MCC President, Dr. Ann Britt stated, “With Dr. McCann’s credentials and experience, we are certain that he will be a great asset to our College. With so much emphasis being placed on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education, Dr. McCann’s vast knowledge and experience in chemistry, will certainly provide our students with a strong and practical foundation in science. MCC is thrilled to attract an instructor of Dr. McCann’s caliber.”

Dr. Michael McCann is MCC’s new Chemistry Instructor.

Dr. Michael P. McCann is the newest addition to the Martin Community College (MCC) faculty. He is filling one of the two positions left vacant when Barbara Daly retired last May. McCann, a resident of Dudley, NC, comes to MCC with a solid base of college teaching experience as well as considerable experience in both forensic and environmental science.

Upon completing High School in New Jersey, McCann entered Dickenson College in Pennsylvania where he earned a B.S. in Chemistry. From there, McCann moved on to earn his M.S. in Chemistry from Western Kentucky University and then to the University of Tennessee where he received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry.
MCC Foundation sponsoring a day trip to see ... 

Kinky Boots

BROADWAY'S HUGE-HEARTED HIT!

The Martin Community College Foundation (MCCF) is offering a day trip on September 17 to see a matinee performance (orchestra seating) of the award winning Broadway hit, Kinky Boots, at the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC). This is the first of what is hoped to be a regular series of day trips to the Triangle area and an ongoing “friend raiser” for the college.

Trip participants will leave Williamston at 9:00 am in a Bear Grass Tours bus and arrive around 11 am at 21c, in the heart of downtown Durham. 21c is a 125-room boutique hotel, contemporary art museum, cultural civic center, and home to Counting House restaurant all wrapped into the historic Hill Building. The group will have lunch in the Counting House restaurant’s private dining room.

The Counting House, led by Executive Chef Josh Munchel, presents a global perspective on regional, North Carolina cuisine. A showcase for high-quality seasonal ingredients, the Counting House celebrates North Carolina’s rich heritage of fresh seafood with a menu that features rotisserie and roasting techniques.

After lunch, attendees will have an opportunity to tour the art galleries of 21c. 21c was founded by Laura Lee Brown and Steve Wilson, contemporary art collectors and preservationists who have a passionate belief in the power of innovative and thought-provoking art to transform communities. Brown and Wilson founded 21c with a mission of broadening the audience for and deepening appreciation of contemporary art.

In keeping with the theme of the play, the new 21c exhibition, Dress Up, Speak Up: Costumes and Confrontation, will be on view September 2016 through June 2017. The exhibit includes works by 25 artists from more than a dozen countries. Bedecked and bejeweled, the figures populating Dress Up, Speak Up occupy fluid space and time, evoking past and present, fact and fiction, memory and desire, to illuminate the complexity of contemporary identity.

For those more inspired by architecture, the 1937 Hill Building is an iconic piece of Art Deco architecture in Downtown Durham. It was designed by Shreve, Lamb and Harmon (who also designed the Empire State Building in NYC and the RJ Reynolds Building in Winston-Salem), and has all the hallmarks of the sleek, modern style of the time. The Durham Loan & Trust Company, later Central Carolina Bank, was the primary tenant, with the department store Continued on next page....
Continued from page 6…
Ellis-Stone on the ground floor. The Hill Building was acquired by 21c Museum Hotel of Louisville, KY (a boutique hotel chain) and recently renovated.

The group will depart 21c by bus to arrive at the front door of DPAC by 1:30 pm, to enjoy the 2 pm matinee of KINKY BOOTS. KINKY BOOTS, affectionately dubbed, Broadway’s huge-hearted, high-heeled hit, is a joyful musical celebration about the friendships we discover, and the belief that you can change the world when you change your mind. Inspired by true events, KINKY BOOTS takes you from a gentlemen’s shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan.

The show is about Charlie Price, a man who is struggling to live up to his father’s expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory’s future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

With music by Grammy® and Tony® winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, direction and choreography by two-time Tony Award-winner Jerry Mitchell (Legally Blonde, Hairspray) and a book by Broadway legend and four-time Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein (La Cage Aux Folles), KINKY BOOTS is the winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Choreography.

Light snacks and beverages will be served on the bus during the ride home. The anticipated time of return should be roughly 7 pm.

The all-inclusive fee for this trip is $200 which includes; the bus transportation, lunch at the Counting House, orchestra seating for KINKY BOOTS, refreshments on the bus and all tips. Eighteen tickets are currently available. Proceeds from this trip will be used to enhance MCC for its students and faculty.

To reserve a seat for this trip, please contact MCC’s Director of PR and Institutional Advancement, Judy Jennette, 252-789-0310 or via email at jennette@martincc.edu. Checks may be made out to the MCC Foundation and mailed to 1161 Kehukee Park Road, Williamston, NC 27892.

Other upcoming shows include; An American in Paris (January 7, 2017), Something Rotten (April 8, 2017) and The King and I (June 10, 2017). If you are interested in any of these shows, please contact Jennette to be placed on the contact list.

With music by Grammy® and Tony® winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, direction and choreography by two-time Tony Award-winner Jerry Mitchell (Legally Blonde, Hairspray) and a book by Broadway legend and four-time Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein (La Cage Aux Folles), KINKY BOOTS is the winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Choreography.

Light snacks and beverages will be served on the bus during the ride home. The anticipated time of return should be roughly 7 pm.

MCC bids farewell to SBC Director, Larry Biggs

It is always good when someone is able to say they left a place better than they found it, and Larry Biggs can certainly say that about his time at MCC! Biggs was the Director of MCC’s Small Business Center (SBC) for two years. While here, he developed a large following throughout the community, expanded the services of the SBC, established regular hours on the Bertie campus and made it possible for many entrepreneurs to start or enhance their businesses. He left MCC on August 12 to begin working for The Support Center, a community development financial institution (CDFI), as their eastern region representative based in Greenville. As such, he will continue to work with local clients and organizations like the Small Business Center in making business loans. Thus, we are happy to know that he will continue to be in the area and work with our local small businesses. Thank you Larry, for a job well done! We will miss you!
It’s time for Student Government Association (SGA) Elections

Student Government Associations (SGA) have long played an important role on college campuses. SGA provides students an opportunity to gain practical experience in democracy and self-government through participation in the organization and control of student activities. All curriculum students paying activity fees are eligible to participate in SGA.

It is time for MCC to elect its new Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Officers! The Officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity Officer. We encourage all students to take part in this important process. If you are interested in running for office, you must first fill out a Candidacy Form; a form (PDF) is attached. Eligible candidates must:

- Have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Be enrolled in a curriculum program.
- Maintain a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester during service as an officer.
- Have completed at least one full-term semester at MCC prior to taking office.
- In addition, the President must be entering his/her second year at MCC.

Each candidate must submit the candidacy form, a color photo of himself/herself, and a 300-500 word essay that accomplishes the following:

- Introduces the candidate to the MCC student population,
- Considers/discusses the importance of student self-government and leadership on a college campus, and
- States why the candidate is the "best-person" for the selected office and how he or she will fulfill the mission of that office.

Essays and photos (JPEG format) should be submitted electronically to Academic Affairs and Student Services via email to mwilliams@martincc.edu. To ensure receipt of email, subject line must read “2016 MCC SGA Elections.” The college can assist a student in creating the color photo; visit Ms. Judy Jennette in Building 1, Room 15B. The candidacy form should be returned to the Student Services Department in Building 1, Room 20. All candidacy materials must be submitted by the candidate by Friday, September 9, 2016, 4:30 p.m. to be eligible to run.

Once submitted, the candidacy request will be verified for student eligibility; the candidate will be notified once their candidacy request is approved or denied. Candidates must be approved by the college in order to campaign. Photos and essays will be publicly available for our student body and community—though primarily for our students—to view, read, and become familiar with the candidates.

Candidates may introduce themselves at the MCC “Town Hall Meeting” to be held on September 15, 2016. Elections will be held Monday, September 19, through Friday, September 23, 2016, so a timely application is very important.

A summary of important dates follows:

- **August 22, 2016 – September 9, 2016** Potential Candidates Must Submit Candidacy Information to Student Services
- **September 9, 2016 – Last Day to Submit Candidacy Information**
- **September 15, 2016 –** MCC “Town Hall Meeting”
- **September 19, 2016 –** Elections Begin
- **September 23, 2016 –** Elections Close

Visit Student Services (Building 1, Room 20) for more information. We look forward to an exciting election and a strong and productive SGA. Be a leader, and proudly represent your fellow students at MCC!
Maxim Healthcare Services, a BCBSNC vendor, will be on the MCC Campus on September 22nd, from 11am to 2 pm, in Room 14 of Building 1, to provide flu shots to employees, retirees and dependents covered by the Plan or BCBSNC.

Just show up, appointments are not needed. Bring your Insurance card to the clinic. Children ages 4 to 17 must be accompanied by their parents. Children under 4 must go to a physician for seasonal flu shots. Family members and employees not covered by BCBSNC will be charged $30 per seasonal flu shot.
Pictured above are MCC’s most recent Dental Assisting graduates. They are (from left to right) Beth Cox, Sarah Peele, MaryRaven Carlyle, Katie Long, Amber DeJong, Gabrielle Byrum, Madison Ambrose, Victoria Robbins and Amanda Gray Womble. Peele, Long, and Womble are from Martin County. Cox, DeJong, Ambrose and Robbins reside in Beaufort County. Carlyle hales from Pitt County and Byrum from Chowan County.

Pinning Ceremony held for MCC’s Dental Assisting Class of 2016

MCC’s (Martin Community College) fourteenth Dental Assisting Class, the Class of 2016, held their pinning ceremony on Thursday, August 4, in the campus auditorium. The guest speaker was Lauren Grimes, CDA and RDH. A celebratory reception for the students, their family, and friends immediately followed the ceremony. Pictured from left to right are Beth Cox, Sarah Peele, MaryRaven Carlyle, Katie Long, Amber DeJong, Gabrielle Byrum, Madison Ambrose, Victoria Robbins and Amanda Gray Womble. Peele, Long, and Womble are from Martin County. Cox, DeJong, Ambrose and Robbins reside in Beaufort County. Carlyle hales from Pitt County and Byrum from Chowan County.

MCC’s Dental Assisting program is a very competitive program. Potential students must apply by March 15, 2017. For more information about MCC’s Dental Assisting program, contact Shelby Brothers at 252-789-0239 or via email at sbrothers@martincc.edu. To learn more about the program on line, visit the MCC website at www.martincc.edu.
MCC’s Strategic Plan is almost ready for launch!

During the Fall Semester Convocation held on August 16, Maureen Green, MCC’s Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, unveiled the College’s proposed strategic plan to the faculty and staff. Green has been working on the plan for several months in preparation of SACS COC accreditation. Planning is a key component of the accreditation process. It is also mandated by state statute 1B SBCCC 400.97. The plan is awaiting discussion and approval of the MCC Board of Trustees.

Green’s steering committee was comprised of Dr. Ann Britt, Dr. Brian Busch, Cindi Jernigan, Jackie Gillam, Steve Taylor, AJ Tyson, Ryal Watkins, Stephanie Kimball and Dr. Jennifer Burress. She and the committee collected and shared data with faculty, staff, students and the general public. Through extensive interviews and surveys, the committee was able to garner the priorities of the staff, students, and community in order to establish a clear sense of direction for the future of MCC.

Common themes that surfaced during the surveys and interviews were:

♦ Campuses need to be updated... wifi in buildings
♦ We would like to be better at retaining employees
♦ Some processes take too long

However, the overarching theme of all the comments received was; GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE!

Green went on to explain how these results were assorted to four recurring themes that became the proposed plan:

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

Maureen Green explaining the proposed MCC Strategic plan at Convocation on August 16.

♦ Advertising and promoting the college
Facilitating communication
♦ Improving communication with students
♦ Improving communications with employees

Green is hopeful that the plan will be approved before the end of 2016.
September is National Health Observances Month

Most people know that eating fruits and vegetables is important for good health, but most of us still are not getting enough. Eating fruits and vegetables has many health benefits. People who eat a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables can help lower their risk for heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer. Eating healthy can also help prevent obesity and high blood pressure. We can use the month of September to raise awareness about the importance of getting enough fruits and vegetables.

Here are just a few ideas:

- **Attend the Fruit and Veggies - More Matters Workshop** presented by:
  
  **Crystal Pugh**
  
  MCC Student Services Counselor
  
  Thursday, September 15th, 2016
  
  10 am in Bldg. 3 Room 37

- Use the MyPlate calculator to get a personalized daily food plan.
- Encourage and challenge your family to try a new veggie or fruit every week.
- Next time you go shopping, buy vegetables and fruits in a variety of colors.
- Be physically active at least 2 1/2 hours per week.
**Whoa there!**

The MCC Bookstore is now stocking horse tack! Bits, harnesses, spurs, snaffles, brushes, combs, clippers, cinches, scrapers, bridles, leather gloves, saddle pads, braiding thread, shampoo, conditioner, detangler, bands, stethoscopes and hoof picks, just to name a few of the items! Just one more way MCC helps its students succeed!

---

**New Medical Billing and Coding Class available through Con ED!**

MCC’s Division of Continuing Education is now offering hybrid classes in Medical Billing and Coding. Hybrid classes are taught both online and in the classroom.

With the massive changes to the insurance industry brought on by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medical Billers and Coders are in high demand. These classes (Medical Billing and Coding Part 1 and Part 2) are designed to teach students how to use ICD.10 (the 10th revision of the International Classification of Diseases) in billing and coding procedures for all types of businesses engaged in billing, filing or coding medical insurance claims. Examples of employers include hospitals, clinics, doctors’ offices, insurance agencies and government agencies.

Medical Billing and Coding Part 1 is focused on insurance. This 110-hour course prepares an individual for entry level healthcare billing and coding positions. Course topics can include but are not limited to; the roles and responsibilities of this position, managed health care, life cycle of an insurance claim, legal and regulatory considerations, coding regulations, reimbursement issues, claim instructions, medical terminology, filing commercial claims, insurance plans, Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare and Workers’ Compensation.

Medical Billing & Coding Part 2 focuses on ICD.10. This 70-hour course builds on prior knowledge of entry-level healthcare billing and coding positions. Concentration is on intensive study of ICD.10 Coding for third party reimbursement. Medical Billing Coding Part 1 or Medical Office experience are a prerequisite for this course.

The instructor for both of these classes is Debra Baker. Until her retirement in 2015, Baker worked at Beaufort Community College (BCCC) as the Lead Instructor of the Medical Office Technology program.

For more information about the availability of these classes, please contact MCC’s Health Occupations Program Coordinator, Sue Gurley, at 252789-0261 or via email at sgurley@martincc.edu.

---

**MCC Cosmetology Graduates Excel!**

One hundred percent of MCC’s Cosmetology graduates have passed the NC state licensing exam between February of 2104 and May of 2016! This speaks volumes about the level of instruction MCC students receive. Cosmetology instructors, Curtis Hyler and Annie Faye Whitehurst, provided these students with what they needed to pass. Pictured above is Crestacia “Stacey” Brown, who was one of the class of 2016 to pass the exam in May. Congratulations to these great students and instructors!
Janay Dennis joins MCC faculty as new Biology Instructor

Janay Dennis made it just under the wire to begin teaching Biology at MCC during the opening week of the 2016 Fall Semester. She is filling one of the two positions left vacant when Barbara Daly retired last May. Dennis, who is relocating to Eastern North Carolina from Charlotte, NC, will soon be joined by her husband who has roots in Greenville, NC. Dennis comes to MCC with a vast array of experience in both teaching and research.

Upon completing High School in Charlotte, Dennis entered Saint Augustine’s College in Raleigh where she earned a B.S. in Biology in 2005. After receiving her undergraduate degree, she immediately entered Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio where she attained an MS degree in Biology.

Dennis has taught a wide variety of biology courses for several Community Colleges in Ohio, including; Lorain, Stark State, Cuyahoga and Lakeland. She also worked as a graduate Biology Instructor while attending Case Western Reserve University.

Among the classes she taught were; Biological Chemistry, Human Anatomy and Physiology, Human Biology, General Biology and Medical Terminology.

Prior to accepting her new position at MCC, Dennis was a Visiting Professor of Biology and the Laboratory Manager for Chamberlain College of Nursing in Charlotte. While there, she taught Fundamentals of Microbiology and Human Anatomy and Physiology. She also coordinated all general lab science courses.

Dennis has also worked extensively as a Graduate Research Student for a variety of medical research centers in Ohio and North Carolina. She has performed and monitored experiments in molecular parasitology, cancer biology, cytoskeletal dynamics and cancer cell migration, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, airway biology and molecular biology.

Although Dennis went off to college thinking she would end up working in a lab doing research, after working as a teaching assistant during graduate school, she realized how exciting it was to inspire budding scientists in the classroom. She especially enjoys making science relevant to non-science majors. She notes, “I recognize that science education has become a major facet of today’s workforce. I try to inspire my students by connecting biology to their everyday lives.”

MCC President, Dr. Ann Britt stated, “Janay Dennis will add even greater strength to MCC’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Program. Her tremendous experience in lab work will certainly help her students to connect their studies to careers in science – especially as they relate to helping humanity. MCC is most fortunate to have Ms. Dennis as a member of its faculty.”
yee Haw!

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!

25th Annual Stampede in the Park

Rodeo

MCC Foundation Annual Fundraiser
November 11 & 12, 2016
Sen. Bob Martin Ag Center

Call 252-789-0242 or email dhardison@martincc.edu
Tickets: $12 for adult & $6 for kids 11 and under
File to run by September 9

MCC Student Government Association Election Days are September 19-23

Martin Memos

September 9 - Deadline for filing to run for Student Government Association (SGA)
September 15 - Town Hall Meeting for SGA candidates
September 15 - Fruit and Veggies - More Matters Workshop at 10 am in Bldg 3 room 37
September 17 - Day trip to see the musical Kinky Boots at DPAC (see pg. 6 for details)
September 19-23 - Student Government Association (SGA) election days
September 22 - Flu Shots available on Campus from 11 am to 2 pm in room 14
September 23 - Deadline to submit items for the Martin Messenger

October (TBA) - The Art of Dressing Fashion Show (Nicholson Scholarship fundraiser)

MCC is an equal opportunity employment institution.