Henry E. Frye
MCC’s Class of 2016 Commencement Speaker

A man of many firsts, Henry E. Frye, will be the commencement speaker at this year’s Martin Community College (MCC) graduation. The first African American to enter the UNC Law School as a first-year student, the first African-American Assistant U.S. District Attorney (1963), the first African-American member of the NC General Assembly since 1899 (1968), the first African American appointed to the N.C. Supreme Court (1983) and the organizer and past president of the first African-American owned bank in Greensboro, NC will share his thoughts with MCC’s Class of 2016 on Wednesday, May 11, in the Riverside High School Auditorium.

Born in the small town of Ellerbe, NC in Richmond County, Frye grew up in an era that was harsh and unjust for most African Americans. However, Frye never allowed his circumstances to define him. As he states, “Everybody can’t be a Martin Luther King. Everybody can’t be a great speaker. Everybody can’t lead a great movement. But everybody can do something.” Frye has relied on this ideal to direct his life.

After graduating as valedictorian from Ellerbe Colored High School, Frye moved to Greensboro to attend N.C. A&T State University. He graduated summa cum laude in 1953 with a bachelor of science in biology and a double minor in chemistry and air science. Following graduation, he entered the United States Air Force and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant. He served as an Ammunition Officer in Japan and Korea. Frye rose to rank of Captain during his four years with the Air Force. Frye married his college sweetheart, Shirley Taylor, in 1956 and upon leaving the Air Force in 1957, returned to Ellerbe, N.C.

After defending his country for four years, Frye returned to a state that required him to pass a written test to register to vote. His failure of that test motivated him to become an attorney so that he could prevent others from enduring the same humiliation. Frye became the first African American to complete a full law degree from the University of North Carolina, graduating with honors in 1959.

Upon graduation, Frye entered private practice in Greensboro. NC. By 1963, he was an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and in 1965, became a professor for the N.C. Central University Law School. In 1968, Frye became the first African American elected to the N.C. House of Representatives in the twentieth century. After serving in the House for 12 years, Frye was elected to the NC Senate in 1981. While still serving in the State Senate, Frye was appointed as an Associate Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court and in 1999 became the court’s Chief Justice, the first African American to ever hold the title. He served in this capacity until 2001 and then returned to private practice in Greensboro.

Frye has held leadership roles in many nonprofit, academic, professional, and civic organizations. He has served the Greensboro community as Director of the United Fund, President of the Greensboro Citizens Association, a member of the board of the North Carolina Council of Human Relations, and Chairman of the Community Unity Committee. He has also served on the board of directors of the N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Greensboro National Bank, and the American Judicature Society.

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The State Board of Community Colleges unanimously voted today to hire Dr. James “Jimmie” C. Williamson as the eighth System President for the NC Community Colleges. Williamson, currently the President and CEO of the SC Technical College System, will begin his new role on July 1, 2016, at an annual salary of $285,000.

“Dr. Williamson exceeded all of our expectations,” said Jerry Vaughan, chair of the Presidential Search Committee. “His experience brings together business, education as well as workforce and economic development. We couldn't be more pleased that he will be bringing his considerable talents to North Carolina and to our System.”

Williamson’s two years as the System President in South Carolina have included working with South Carolina university partners to smooth transfer pathways, chairing a special Senate proviso committee to develop a comprehensive workforce development strategy to narrow the skills gap, and working with companies such as Volvo, Michelin, Continental, BMW and more on industry-specific worker training. Additionally, he has been at the helm of South Carolina’s nationally recognized apprenticeship program and was named State Employee of The Year by the South Carolina Association of Regional Councils in 2015.

“One of the things that really stood out for both the Search Committee and the Board was his business experience,” said State Board Chair Scott Shook. “He has been on the educational and training side and on the employer side. That’s a unique combination, and we believe it is one that will benefit our 58 colleges and our state as we work to educate our workforce and to respond to employer needs.”

Williamson has served 27 years in higher education in South Carolina, including 20 in the SC Technical College system, rising through roles from registrar to dean to two college presidencies and then to System President. From 2008-14, he was in a leadership position with Agapé Senior, a healthcare-related industry in South Carolina. While serving in the private sector, Williamson was honored by ASHHRA with the inaugural Gary Willis Leadership Award for outstanding leadership and innovation as a healthcare human resources professional. He is a member of the Residential Care/Community Assisted Living exam construction committee for the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards and has served as a reviewer for several long-term care textbooks.

With a B.V.A and M.Ed. from Winthrop University, Williamson also holds a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina and has a long history of community service. He served as District Governor of Rotary District 7770 in 2014 -15 and has served as a board member of the SC Chamber of Commerce and as a member of various economic development boards. He is former member of the Board of Trustees of Chesterfield County School Board and a former member of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees. He has been honored by Winthrop University with the Alumni Professional Achievement Award as well as the Algonon Sydney Sullivan Award (first awarded as an undergraduate, then as Alumnus). Additionally, he was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Williamsburg Hometown Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Williamson and his wife, Kim, live in Cheraw, SC, and have two sons.

The State Board’s Presidential Search Committee was formed in April 2015. The Board signed a contract for $70,000 with an executive search consultant in October 2015 to facilitate the search process.

George Fouts, Interim System President, will continue in his role until June 30, 2016.
Dr. Deborah Wyman Visits Bertie High School

On March 22, business administration faculty of Martin Community College, Dr. Deborah Wyman (red jacket), visited Ms. Charlene Ruffin’s (beige dress) OCS classes at Bertie High School. The students participated in exercises focusing on improving leadership and team management skills. Two students, Rushon N. Bond (right) and Domonique Cherry (left) completed applications for admission to Martin Community College. Way to go Dr. Wyman!

MCC Foundation to sponsor a day trip to see ...

The Martin Community College Foundation (MCCF) is offering 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). This is the first, of what is hoped to become, a regular series of day trips to the Triangle area and an ongoing “friend raiser” for the college.

Although some segments of the trip are still being finalized, the orchestra seat tickets have been purchased and a Bear Grass Tour bus has been reserved. Departure time on the 17th will be approximately 8 am. The itinerary will include a special activity in the Raleigh/Durham area, lunch at a nice restaurant and the matinee show (2 pm) at DPAC. The bus should return to the MCC campus around 7 p.m. The anticipated fee for this trip is $200 per person, which is all inclusive. Any proceeds realized from this trip will be used to enhance MCC and support its students.

KINKY BOOTS, affectionately dubbed, Broadway’s huge-hearted, high-heeled hit, is a joyous musical celebration about discovering unexpected friendships and believing 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.

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Frye’s wife of 60 years and great base of support, Shirley Taylor Frye, has also relied on hard work and education to make things better for her family and her community. Born and raised in Fremont, NC, Taylor graduated valedictorian of Friendship High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina A&T State University with high honors in education and English. She later received a Master of Science degree with honors in psychology and special education, from Syracuse University. She started her professional career as a public school teacher and went on to work in a variety of positions at Bennett College, and N.C. A&T. She was also vice president of community relations for the Greensboro CBS affiliate, WFMY-TV. Mrs. Frye has won numerous awards and recognitions for her community work and involvement.

The Fryes have two sons, Judge Henry E. Frye Jr. (daughter-in-law Angela) and Harlan Frye; three granddaughters, Whitney, Endya and Jordan Frye Hairston (grandson-in-law Brandon) and; and one great granddaughter, Avery Hairston. Their son Harlan, is the Human Resources Director at MCC.

MCC anticipates more than 80 students will have degrees, diplomas, or certificates conferred on them at this year’s ceremony. Program awards and Distinguished Graduate awards will also be acknowledged at this event. No tickets are required for the graduation, but to respect the solemnity of the ceremony, attendees are encouraged to arrive before 7 pm when the graduates begin to process into the auditorium. Bishop Melvin Bunch, from Goddard Hill Church in Williamston, will give the invocation.

The Martin Community College (MCC) Auditorium welcomed family and friends who gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of students who completed one of the Healthcare programs offered by MCC’s Continuing Education Division at its Williamston and Windsor campuses over the past six months. Students successfully completing the Nurse Aide I, Nurse Aide II, Pharmacy Technician, or Phlebotomy classes were presented with certificates of completion and congratulated by their program administrators and instructors.

The guest speaker was Teresa Lewis. Lewis, a resident of Williamston and registered nurse who is currently working for Martin General Hospital but will soon be moving to Vidant/Pitt Memorial’s Oncology department. Lewis began her medical training at MCC. Her first credential was a Nurse Aid I (NA I) certificate. She quickly moved on to attain her NA II certificate and eventually earned both her Bachelors and Masters’ degrees in Nursing from ECU (East Carolina University).

Lewis noted that her introduction, which listed all of her degrees and certificates, did not tell the whole story. She noted that the kind words and accolades did not indicate the numerous hurdles she had to overcome to obtain her degrees. Lewis wanted the students to know that she appreciated and understood how difficult it is to simultaneously work, go to school and raise a family. But, it is ultimately worth the sacrifice.
MCC is seeking Applicants for Thomas E. Minges/Pepsi Scholarships

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: Martin Community College, Beaufort County Community College, Coastal Carolina Community College, Craven Community College, Lenoir Community College, Pitt Community College, Pamlico Community College, and Carteret Community College. The community colleges receiving this scholarship money fall within the Minges Bottling Group service area. MCC will receive $3,000 for the 2016-17 academic year. This equates to two $1,500 scholarships.

According to Jeff Minges (Tom’s cousin), “At one time the Pepsi Minges Bottling Group was thinking of starting an endowment, but everyone agreed it would be better for the company to provide scholarships to help individuals. Our family did it to stay involved with the community and show its commitment to education and Eastern North Carolina.”

To determine eligibility, those interested in applying must complete a scholarship application that will be submitted to a review panel designated by each of the colleges. The review panels will select recipients using an established set of criteria including residency in Eastern North Carolina, academic achievement, and unmet financial need, among others.

The scholarships’ criteria are as follows:

1. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen and reside in one of the following North Carolina counties: Pitt, Lenoir, Greene, Beaufort, Martin, Washington, Hyde, Tyrrell, Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, or Bertie. The applicant must live in that county for a minimum of 12 months before the scholarship is awarded. In the event that the applicant is a member of the military or an immediate family member of someone in the military, the residency requirement is waived provided the applicant is based in the affected counties for at least 12 months.

2. Recipient must be enrolled as a full time student at one of the 8 following Community Colleges: Beaufort, Carteret, Coastal Carolina, Craven, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, or Pitt. Recipients may also be high school seniors entering one of the said colleges in the fall semester.

3. Exhibit academic achievement- cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4-point scale. Academic achievements, special awards, job experience and community activities will be considered in the final decision.

4. Applicant should demonstrate unmet financial need.

5. To be eligible for the award, students must complete a scholarship package which is available at each of the 8 community colleges. Applicants must have a high school diploma, GED, or adult high school diploma.

6. Scholarships must be awarded in whole and cannot be split.

7. Scholarships can be awarded to the same applicant for a second year but the applicant must reapply and be reviewed against the other applicants that apply for that school year.

MCC’s Minges/Pepsi scholarship applications may be obtained from the Financial Aid office, located in room 20D, in building 1, on the MCC campus in Williamston. For more information or to obtain and application via email, please contact Teri Leggett at 252-789-0204 or via email at tleggert@martincc.edu. The deadline for submission is June16, 2016.

MCC Open House is Successful

More than 50 visitors attended the MCC Open House on the evening of April 5. Every program at MCC was represented at the event! Booths filled the lobby and provided information to all who attended. Refreshments were available in the Campus Café. Pictured left is Cosmetology Instructor, Annie Faye Whitehurst, who provided soothing and skin-smoothing paraffin wax treatments at her booth. To date, 26 students have applied to start cosmetology courses this fall! Recruitment is definitely a team sport!
MCC Foundation Golf Classic Tournament is set for May 19

The 25th Annual MCC Foundation Golf Classic Tournament is set for Thursday, May 19 at the Roanoke Golf and Country Club in Williamston. This event is one of the main fundraisers for the MCC Foundation.

Check-in for this flighted, super-ball format tournament will be conducted between 11:30 am and 12:45 pm. Lunch is available to registered players between 12 noon and 12:45 pm. The shot gun start is at 1 pm. There will be a social for the players and their guests after the tournament.

The $50 per player entry fee includes a round of golf with a cart, lunch, gift bag, light refreshments during the round, team photo for each player and their guests after the tournament.

Pictured above are MCC students filing into the campus auditorium for induction into the Alpha Beta Gamma and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies. Pictured form right to left are; Sherricka Brown, Kristi Godley, Barbara Hudson, Daniel LaGant, Megan LaGant, Amos Perkins Jr., Amanda Vick, Ashley White, Sheila Early, Kaylnn Slade, Reuban Unicruz and David Birdo.

MCC Inducts 35 students into ABG and PTK Honor Societies

Two local chapters of national honor societies joined forces at Martin Community College (MCC) on April 14 to induct 37 high achieving MCC students into their ranks. John Wells, MCC’s Admissions Counselor and advisor to MCC’s chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honors Society served as the ceremony’s emcee. Dr. Deborah Wyman, MCC’s Business Administration Instructor and Advisor to Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) conducted the ABG installation. Twenty-two MCC students joined PTK and fifteen were inducted into ABG. Seven students were inducted into both organizations.

PTK and AGB are both international honor society for two year colleges. PTK inductees must have completed at least 12 semester hours with a gpa (grade point average) of at least a 3.5. ABG recognizes scholarship among students in business curricula.

The ceremony got underway as Wells welcomed all attendees and noted that, “We come together tonight to honor these special students who are the cream of the crop. The students whose hard work deserves to be recognized.”

Wells then proceeded to introduce the guest speaker, MCC’s Sociology Instructor, Rhonda Breed. Breed, herself a product of the NC Community College System and 1991 inductee of PTK, had a rough start in her academic career. However, once she completed her first degree from Pamlico Community College in 1992, Breed hit her stride, moving on to ECU and earning her undergraduate degree (magna cum laude) in Psychology and a Masters in Sociology.

The inductees, first PTK then ABG, received a certificate, lit a candle symbolizing the passing of the light of education and read their respective oaths. Each new member received a white rose, the symbol of newly formed intellectual friendship.

Breed told the students, “We do not know what the future holds for us but we do know that hard work and perseverance takes us beyond where we are. In closing, my advice to you is to never stop learning, always give back, and treat others the way you want to be treated. These three things will help you reach your full potential.”

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Honors cont. from page 6 MCC President, Dr. Ann Britt, gave the closing remarks. She reminded the students that, “You demonstrate the power of education. You elevate the standards of our community. You are an example to your friends and family. You are the promise of a better future for northeastern North Carolina.”

Britt concluded with, “I am so pleased that you chose Martin Community College to be your launching pad. We, the faculty and staff of MCC, are proud to have shared in your education journey and hopefully, have inspired you to continue on your quest for knowledge. Congratulations on reaching this pinnacle in your education.”

Phi Theta Kappa inductees included; Mary Angeles, David Birdo, Keimon Blount, Kierra Boone, Sherricka Brown, Ashley Bundy, Mary-Raven Carlyle, Devan Fields, Kristi Godley, Jade Henny, Barbara Hudson, Emma Hughson, Paula Keeter, Daniel LaGant, Megan LaGant, Kathryn Leggett, Hayley Linton, Amos Perkins Jr., Johnnie Phillips, Merindy Piland, Janson Price, Amanda Vick, Katlyn Ward, Ashley White and Toni Wilkins. This is a record number of PTK inductees at MCC.

Alpha Beta Gamma inductees included; Sherricka Brown, Sheila Early, Kristi Godley, Barbara Hudson, Holly Johnson, Daniel LaGant, Megan LaGant, Vicky McKeithan, Amos Perkins Jr., Janson Price, Kaylnn Slade, Reuban Unicruz, Amanda Vick, Cheryl Whitaker and Ashley White. In addition to Dr. Wyman, MCC Instructors Vickie Murphy (Computer Information Technology) and Lynn Cale (Medical Office and Office Administration) serve as the ABG Advisors.

Sherricka Brown, Kristi Godley, Barbara Hudson, Daniel LaGant, Megan LaGant, Amos Perkins Jr., Janson Price, Amanda Vick, and Ashley White were inducted into both organizations.

The staff and faculty of MCC congratulate these hardworking students!

Pictured above are MCC’s 2016 Phi Theta Kappa inductees. Those inducted were: Mary Angeles, David Birdo, Keimon Blount, Kierra Boone, Sherricka Brown, Ashley Bundy, Mary-Raven Carlyle, Devan Fields, Kristi Godley, Jade Henny, Barbara Hudson, Emma Hughson, Paula Keeter, Daniel LaGant, Megan LaGant, Kathryn Leggett, Hayley Linton, Amos Perkins Jr., Johnnie Phillips, Merindy Piland, Janson Price, Amanda Vick, Katlyn Ward, Ashley White and Toni Wilkins.

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MCC’s HR Director, Harlan Frye, invited Dr. Jennifer Burruss (MCC’s Dean of Academics and Student Services) and Mr. Norman Cherry (MCC’s Interim Bertie Campus Director) to be the guest speakers at the Williamston Rotary Club in April. Both Burruss and Cherry represented MCC splendidly!
MCC is Seeking SECU Foundation Scholarship Applicants

The members of the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) Foundation are dedicated to actively assisting organizations and communities across North Carolina and truly believe in "People Helping People!" Thus, SECU has established a two-year scholarship program to assist North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) students in achieving academic success.

Statewide there are 116 scholarships valued at up to $5,000 each. Each North Carolina Community College will receive two (2) scholarships. These scholarships are distributed semi-annually in two payments: fall semester, $1,250 per student; and spring semester, $1,250 per student for a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters. The deadline to apply for MCC's 2016-17 academic year is Thursday, July 21.

Recipients are selected by a Scholarship Selection Committee on each campus. The criteria have been designed to give the committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship. The criteria must use the following criteria to award the SECU Foundation "People Helping People" Scholarships:

- Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina, but not a Director, employee or family member of a SECU employee.
- The applicant should be a current full-time MCC student, a high school graduate, or has completed the General Education Development (GED) program and is enrolled in an MCC associate degree or diploma program.
- Applicants must also be a U.S. citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and eligible for in-state tuition.
- Applicants should exemplify the SECU membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" by demonstrating leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
- Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.
- An applicant must demonstrate scholastic achievement and maintain a 2.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale or a high school equivalency certificate.

Recipients must use the scholarship to pay for education related expenses like; tuition, books, fees, course supplies and transportation. Recipients also agree to continue at the community college where enrolled at the time of the scholarship award for the duration of the scholarship, for four consecutive fall/spring semesters or upon completion of a diploma/degree program. Scholarships are not transferable to another student or another school.

The committee will recognize the individual most deserving of an opportunity to attend college and will consider students who best exemplify the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People", and have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement. Recipients will be selected without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religious preference, age, national origin or disability. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

There is an easy-to-complete application available in the MCC Financial Aid office and on the table in front of the Financial Aid office entrance (lobby area). Applicants must attach a short 500 word (1 page) or less essay to their application. The essay should be a bit biographical and describe the applicant's decision to further their education. For more information, please contact Teri Leggett at 251-789-0240, or via email at tleggett@martincc.edu.
MCC’s Literary and Cultural Arts Club (LCAC) sponsored its second Poetry slam in the MCC Cafeteria on April 11. Seventeen students presented original poems as well as works by favorite authors. MCC faculty and staff got in on the fun, too! (Shout-out to MCC’s Dean of Academics, Dr. Burruss for showing “leadership” and reading not one, but two poems!) MCC Instructors Dr. Rochelle Mabry, Marsha Rogers and Debra Twitchell (pictured above center with Bazemore) serve as the club’s advisors. MCC student and club president, Quante Bazemore, served as the event’s emcee. Angela Duggins prepared cookies and Rachel Reyes supplied the sound system. LeeAnn Ericksen and Marcy Raynor coordinated the event. Great team effort!

MCC’s 2016 Poetry Slam
“A great rhyme was had by all.”

More than 250 high school students visited the MCC campus on April 19. They represented Riverside High School, South Creek High School, Bear Grass Charter School, North East Regional School for Biotechnology and Agriscience (NERSBA), Bertie High School, Bertie Early College High School and Lawrence Academy - all schools located within the MCC service area of Martin and Bertie counties. Pictured right is MCC Cosmetology student Toshika White demonstrating how to create finger waves to students from Lawrence Academy. The event was designed to give the students a sense of what college is like on a day to day basis. Prior to their visit, the High School students were asked to sign up online for sessions they wanted to attend. Once on the MCC campus, they were welcomed by MCC officials and divided into smaller groups based on their areas of interest. At the end of the sessions, the students were treated to lunch and an equine presentation in the horse arena. It was great to have these students on our campus and we hope to see them again!
MCC at Kids Fest
MCC was well represented at KidsFest on Saturday, April 2. Representatives from MCC’s Early Childhood (Elaine Spellman), Equine program (Luke Williams and Erica Spears - pictured left), BLET (Wayland Mitchell) and Health Care programs (Sue Gurley) were on hand to share information and provide activities for this annual event at the Bob Martin Center. What a great team of college promoters!

EMS Trainers Get Trained
On April 25 and 26, Tim McClelland, Educational Support Service technician for Laerdal (maker of training, educational and therapy products for life-saving and emergency medical care), came to the Williamston campus for two days of extensive training with MCC’s EMS Instructors. He taught the in’s and out’s of using SimMan 3G (a life like mannequin) as a paramedic level teaching tool. Pictured right, from left to right, are EMS Coordinator Steve Anderson with instructors Jennifer Hellickson, and Jonathan Dail. SimMan will allow students to provide basic and advanced airway techniques, CPR, IV and medication administration, cardiac rhythm recognition and defibrillation, hemorrhage control, vital signs and much more. The unit is portable, but will be stored at the MCC campus in Windsor.

MCC’s Early Childhood Students Enjoy Guest Lecturers
MCC’s Early Childhood Instructor, Elaine Spellman, continues to keep her students up on the most current trends and resources in their field of study. Spellman invited two guest speakers from the Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children to meet with her students in April. Resource Center Specialist, Carolene Battle (pictured far right), was on campus April 7 to speak about using the resources at the Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children. On April 21, Regional Behavior Specialist, Kyndra Boyette (pictured with the students), gave a presentation on ‘Partnering with Families to Address Challenging Behavior.’ MCC students received 2.0 contact hours for attending and participating in this session. Way to teach Elaine!
MCC’s Automotive Advisory Committee Meets

Martin Community College’s (MCC) Automotive Advisory Committee met on March 31 to review progress and offer suggestions in regard to the College’s Automotive Systems Technology program. Pictured below right, from left to right behind the desks are committee members Chris Ongaro (Snap-On Industrial Account Manager for Industrial/Educational Division), Robert (Bob) Swisher (MCC AST Adjunct and Continuing Education Instructor), Douglas House (Retired Martin County High School Automotive Instructor) and Arthur Council (Owner of Arthur Council’s Garage). Standing in the background is Dr. Jennifer Burruss, MCC’s Dean of Academics and seated in the foreground is Mr. Al Dawes, MCC’s Automotive Systems Technology Instructor. The group discussed the need to continue MCC programming that leads students to NATEF and ASE (industry recognized) certification as well as MCC’s current effort to be reaccredited by NATEF. The committee was extremely pleased with the program’s recent upgrades to the shop as well as the addition of new equipment and tools. Members also mentioned that they have noticed a renewed connection with the local high schools, which is a very good thing for MCC. Committee member House indicated he was very impressed with the upgrades too, and sees the program only getting better. Another member stated, “I would definitely put my own kids through this program if they wanted to pursue auto mechanics.” For more information about MCC’s Automotive Systems Technology program, please contact Al Dawes at 252-789-0263 or via email at adawes@martincc.edu.

KINKY BOOTS continued... 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.

Only 20 tickets have been purchased. 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 jjennette@martincc.edu. Checks may be made out to the MCC Foundation and mailed to 1161 Kehukee Park Road, Williamston, NC 27892.

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.

An American in Paris

Something Rotten!
MCC SGA Election Postponed to Fall Semester

Due to an insufficient candidate pool, MCC’s Student Government Association (SGA) election has been postponed from this month to the Fall 2016 semester. Campus-wide notifications will be made when the new nomination and election dates have been set. Please use the next few months to consider becoming involved in the SGA. It’s great leadership training! For more information about serving on the SGA, please contact the Student Services office in building 1, room 20.

Boone Family has MCC seeing double!

Bertie County twins, Kierra (far left) and Kia (far right) Boone will both be graduating from MCC this spring. The twins are MCC students through Bertie Early College High School. Kierra has been accepted at Appalachian State University (ASU) where she plans to major in Psychology. Kia has been accepted at East Carolina University (ECU) as a Public Health Studies student. Pictured between them is their proud mother, Shavonna Boone, who is also an MCC graduate from the Medical Assisting program. This picture was taken after Kierra was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honors Society on April 14. Her mom is a PTK’er too!

Martin Memos

May 3-5 - Exams
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Registration Mondays
May 2-4 - SGA Elections - POSTPONED until Fall Semester
May 10 - Adult High School (GED) Recognition Ceremony
May 11 - MCC Graduation, 7 pm, Riverside High School Auditorium
May 16 - Summer hours begin (MCC closed on Fridays through August 6)
May 17 - Summer Semester begins
May 19 - MCC Foundation Golf Tournament
May 20 - Deadline to submit items for the Martin Messenger

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