SGA Spring Fling was fun!

After more than a year of dormancy, the MCC’s SGA (Student Government Association) at MCC has come back stronger than ever! The SGA went all out with its Spring Fling event on March 27.

CEP, Inc. was contracted to provide a variety of activities throughout the day. These included Battle Ball, Bongo Ball, Bling Nation, Headliners, American Pop Star and XBOX Domination Extreme. Students were able to shoot each other with nerf balls, roll around in larger than life size plastic balls, play their favorite Xbox games, make music videos with their friends, and have their face transposed onto dancing animated figures and recorded on a DVD.

The SGA also organized a talent show, set up a variety of outdoor games and provided lunch for the students, faculty and staff. Many employees noted that an SGA event like this had not occurred in many years and that it was a welcome change.

All were impressed with the talent show performances. Eight students and one employee took to the stage and offered a wide variety of tunes - from rap, to country, to pop, to gospel, to folk music.

SGA President, Amanda Vick, stated, “The SGA officers and especially its advisors, Dr. Janay Dennis and Christina Measamer, really got behind this event and made it successful. I am so thankful for their support! I hope this event will encourage more students to become involved with SGA - especially in the upcoming elections.”

See more Spring Fling pics on pg. 9
Seventeen of MCC’s “Man Up” Students Visit DC

Thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Community College System, seventeen students representing Martin Community College (MCC) were able to tour two historically black universities and two significant cultural sites in Washington DC and Baltimore. The three day event, referred to as the “Man Up” Educational Excursion, was paid for with grant funding from the Minority Male Success Program, formerly known as 3MP. The program was developed in the late 1990’s to provide leadership training for minority males.


Chaperones and mentors for the group included MCC Counselor, “Man Up” Program Coordinator and tour organizer Crystal Waters, MCC Human Resources Director Harlan Frye, MCC’s BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training) Coordinator Wayland Mitchell and MCC Public Relations Director Judy Jennette.

The group started their tour on Monday, March 6, with two significant cultural sites, the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Air and Space Museum – both part of the Smithsonian - the world’s largest museum and research complex, with 19 museums, 9 research centers, and affiliates around the world.

Having just opened in September of 2016, the group started at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the newest addition to the Smithsonian museums. This impressive facility was designed by David Adjaye, a British Ghanaian architect. Adjaye worked with three other architectural firms to design the $500 million building. He chose a crown motif from Yoruba sculpture to give the museum its distinct exterior. The museum has four levels with the lowest level focused on slavery and the Civil rights movement. The top floor highlights African American entertainers in music, visual arts, dance and theater. The next floor down, pays homage to African American achievements in education, sports, the military and medicine.

Upon entering the building, the students could not grasp how they could spend two hours in one museum. But as they were leaving, many commented on how they did not get to see all of the exhibits and wished they had more time to spend in the museum.

After a quick lunch, the group then toured the National Air and Space Museum. They spent about an hour viewing a number of planes, gliders, space capsules as well as the original Wright Brothers plane, which started mankind’s love affair with flight. The entire group then entered the Lockheed Martin Imax Theater to see the 3-D movie, “To Dream,” a forty minute feature film about the contributions and importance of engineering throughout history.

The students particularly enjoyed their dinner at Bus Boys and Poets. Busboys and Poets is a restaurant, bookstore, lounge, and theater in Washington, D.C., founded in 2005 by Andy Shallal. It has been described as a haven for writers, thinkers and performers from America’s progressive social and political movements. The restaurant’s trendy interior and poetry readings by both, local and professional poets, proved to be quite inspiring. MCC student and 11th grader at Riverside High School, Shamar Benson, took a turn at the microphone and offered his thoughts about being young and looking toward the future.

Early the next morning, the students were making their way to Baltimore to tour Morgan State University (MSU). MSU serves an average enrollment of 7,700 students in programs from the baccalaureate level through the doctorate. Founded in 1867 as the Centenary Biblical Institute, MSU changed its name in 1890 in honor of the Reverend Lyttleton Morgan, who donated land to the college. MSU awards more bachelor’s degrees to African-American students than any campus in Maryland. An above-average percentage of Morgan graduates enter graduate and professional school. MCC’s students were impressed with MSU’s growing campus and the enthusiasm of their student guides (one in MCC’s civil engineering program and the other in architecture).

The students then returned to Washington, DC for a tour of the US Capitol building. The guide took the students through the space directly under the rotunda, which was originally constructed to be the crypt of President George Washington. However, as the guide explained, Washington preferred to be buried at his beloved Mt. Vernon. Upon his death, Martha Washington refused to move her husband’s body to the Capitol.

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Because Congress was in session, the tour was limited to the basement, the rotunda, and a couple of the chambers adjoining the rotunda. Several impressive paintings and statues, depicting significant moments and people in US history were on display in all of these areas. Many of the MCC students had their picture taken in front of the statue of civil rights icon, Rosa Parks, which was the first of the hall’s statues to be commissioned by Congress in 140 years. Parks was added to the collection in 2013. Parks was also the first woman, second African American and third civilian to lie in state in the Capitol.

On Wednesday morning, the students were delivered to Howard University, which is currently celebrating its 150th anniversary. Like so many HBCU’s (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Howard was founded after the end of the Civil War in 1867. Howard is a private, research university comprised of 13 schools and colleges and serves an average of 11,000 students per academic year. Howard is particularly well known for its law school, of which, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall is an alumni.

MCC Counselor, “Man UP” Program Coordinator and trip organizer, Crystal Waters stated, “Our Nation’s capital, with its vast array of national treasures, incredible history and daily influence on our lives, proved to be a great source of inspiration for our students. Exposure to such a fast paced and culturally diverse environment certainly broadened their horizons. I am so thankful that MCC’s new leadership was willing to support this excursion.”

Pictured above, are the seventeen Man Up Success Leaders who participated in an educational excursion to Washington DC in March. The trip was made possible by a Minority Male Success grant awarded to Martin Community College (MCC) in September. They are standing front of the statue cast of “Freedom,” the bronze version of which, adorns the top of the US Capitol building dome. Pictured above are Shamar Benson, Dashawn Clark, William Corey, La’Jharus (LJ) Evans, Joseph Gorham, Jesus Hernandez, Chris Holliday, Byron Horton, Dallas James, Khalil Jefferson, Jordan Jernigan, James Jones, Damian Morgan, Reco Pugh, Armani Speller, Catrell Speller and Patrick Smiley. See more pictures on page 4!
More pictures of MCC’s “Man Up” Success Leaders in Washington, DC

Pictured above is Khalil Jefferson, a Career and College Promise student attending both MCC and Riverside High School, at the Smithsonian’s African American History Museum in Washington, DC. He is in the central gallery of the Arts and Culture floor of the museum.

Pictured far right, are two of MCC’s Industrial Systems Technology students, Reco Pugh (left) and Chris Hollday (right), as they stand in front of a statue of King Kamehameha, the first king of all the Hawaiian Islands, in the US Capitol.

Pictured immediately right are MCC students standing in front of Howard University’s Crampton Auditorium as they prepare to begin their tour of the campus.

Pictured above are two of MCC’s Automotive Technology students and Bertie County residents, Patrick Smiley (left) and Byron Horton (right), as they stand in front of “The Spirit of St. Louis” in the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum. The Spirit of St. Louis is the custom-built, single engine, single-seat monoplane that was flown solo by Charles Lindbergh, on the first solo non-stop transatlantic flight from Long Island, New York, to Paris, France in 1927.
In February, Dr. Brian Busch was showing off the newest addition - and fifth child - to his family, Julia Raye Busch. She arrived the day after he was named Acting President of MCC. This was on top of his already being the Associate Dean of Student Services and the Interim Dean of Academics. Many noted that Dr. Busch looked remarkably calm for someone with so many responsibilities.

In a note to the faculty and staff, Dr. Busch said, “I want to offer a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for the recent congratulations card and the gift. Julia Raye is growing quickly. She is growing well and is close to sleeping through the night. I told a few of you, though, that I am the only one around my house who is truly “sleeping like a baby.” My sweet wife, Kelly, does the hard work of taking care of our newborn almost all hours of the day.”

Congratulations to Dr. Busch and his family!

Dr. Busch is a busy guy!

MCC’s Interim President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham (pictured above), was the guest speaker at the Williamston Rotary Club on March 7. Dr. Boham, a former Rotarian himself, updated the group about recent changes at the College and how he is working with the Trustees to prepare for a formal presidential search. Former President, Dr. Ann Britt, retired on March 14, after 17 years of service to the College. Dr. Boham started working at MCC on February 1 and will continue to do so until a new president is selected. Up until June 30 of last year, Dr. Boham was the President of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute for 21 years. Dr. Boham states, “This is an exciting time for MCC, as it prepares to transition into a new era of leadership. I am honored to be working with this community in guiding this important process. A strong and responsive Community College is vital to Martin County’s economic development. I want to assist the Trustees in finding the best leader possible in working toward this goal.”

Boham Speaks to Rotary Club

Dr. Boham is the guest speaker at the Williamston Rotary Club on March 7.
We’re ready to roll!

You’re invited to Martin Community College’s Open House for its newly renovated Automotive Shop April 20 from 10 am to 7 pm
MCC’s NA (Nurse Aide) I class shows off their new medical supply kits during a break. When a medical supply company could not fill MCC’s order, Health Care Coordinator Sue Gurley and Book Store Manager Debra Hardison put their heads together and came up with a “Plan B” - assemble the kits in-house and personalize the bags with MCC logos. Hardison ordered extra bags to sell in the book store, which are available for $20.85. Pictured from left to right are; Lakeisha Spruill, Tiara Grimes Shameaka Higgs, Daisjoa Basnight, Tonya Johnson, Reshonda Wiggins, Ethel Winborne and Kiara Williams. NAI’s are trained to provide basic health care and are the back bone of many medical facilities. Many NA I and NA II students have jobs before they complete the program. The next Healthcare recognition ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 27 in the MCC Auditorium.
MCC was well represented at the 2017 "GET THE LIFE YOU LOVE" Job Fair and Career Expo that was held on March 9 at the Bob Martin Ag Center.

MCC was one of the 51 employers and 11 resource agencies represented at the event. An estimated 215 job seekers attended.

MCC was a co-sponsor of the Job Fair along with NC Works and Martin Enterprises. The purpose of the event was to connect job seekers of all types - current and prospective college students, career changers, veterans, the unemployed, and the underemployed - to local and regional employers. MCC faculty and staff, were on hand to assist job seekers in developing the skills they need for particular careers. All reported that a number of interested people stopped by their booth. Marty Flynn, MCC’s Medical Assisting Instructor stated that 12 attendees completed inquiry cards for her program. Business Administration Instructor Dr. Deborah Wyman reported that she spoke to at least 25 individuals about her program.

In addition to Flynn and Wyman, those on hand from MCC were Dental Assisting Instructors Shelby Brothers and Colleen Dillon, BLET Coordinator Wayland Mitchell, Bertie Campus Administrator Deborah Thompson, Career Center Instructor Maggie Simpney-Mensah, Small Business Center Administrator Lena Jackson, Business and Industry Liaison Billy Barber, Health Occupations Coordinator Sue Gurley, Electronics Instructor Perry and Electronics Technology student Ben Leggett, Basic Skills Director Jeri Griffin, HRD Coordinator Brenda G. Moore, Counselors Crystal Pugh Waters and John Wells, HRD Instructor Herman Rankin, and AJ Tyson, the Dean of Continuing Education. Way to go MCC Team!

No, it’s not MacBeth holding that skull above, it’s Colleen Dillon manning the Dental Assisting Booth at the Job Fair. Below is Mr. Herman Rankin, assisting job seekers with completing forms and applications.

MCC Electronics Student, Ben Leggett, demonstrates a PLC training machine.
More MCC Spring Fling fun...

Big thanks to the MCC maintenance Department for setting things up!

Patrick Smiley prepares to do... Battle Ball!

Linwood Rhodes, Jr.

Samitris Lyons & Novella Jennings

Morgan Ireland

Abigail Spencer

Melvette Armond

Aylonnah Woods

Johnathan Williams

Crystal Waters

Meagan Hurdle and her daughter
Miss Penny keeps everyone in suspense!

Despite everyone’s prediction that MCC’s brood mare, Miss Penny, would foal in March, she seems to be holding on to her little dividend until the end of the tax season. Thus, the contest to name the baby continues.

MCC’s SGA is sponsoring a “Name the Baby” contest for the new foal’s barn name. The winner will receive a $25 gift certificate in the MCC Café. To enter, stop by the MCC library, fill out an entry slip and drop it in the designated box.

Members of the Equine Club and Equine Technology Faculty will select the winner. The deadline to enter is supposed to be Friday, April 7, but this may be extended. The winning name will be announced after the birth of the foal. Since the sex of the foal will not be known until it is born, entrants are encouraged to submit both male and female names.

According to Tami Thurston, Director of MCC’s Equine Technology program, “It is not uncommon for a horse to go for 12 months with a pregnancy. Usually it’s 11 months, but each birth is different. Miss Penny is not in distress.”

We are now predicting that the winner will be announced in the April edition of the Martin Messenger.

Dr. Janay Dennis Introduces NC Bionetwork to her students

Submitted by Dr. Janay Dennis

The lady pictured below is Mrs. Erin Bingham, she is the Eastern Region Engagement Coordinator for the NC Bionetwork, which is part of the NCCC System. On the right is Jordan Jernigan, an A.S. Student at MCC who is currently enrolled in BIO 112, which is General Biology II.

What’s going on? The students are currently learning how neurons work and their applicability to biotechnology. One of the applications is through the ability of the neurons to essentially take over the movements of your partner, which is a method commonly utilized in the military. This is done through electrodes that are placed near the radial nerve of the subject whose movements you want to control as well as the person that is sending the stimulus. In this, you see that Jordan is using his arm to control the arm muscle movements of Mrs. Bingham via a mediator, which is a TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulator) device.
Steve O’Neal bids MCC Farewell

Sheriff Deputy Steve O’Neal is leaving MCC in April to begin working at the Martin County Courthouse. O’Neal has been with MCC three years. The staff and faculty threw a surprise farewell party/luncheon for O’Neal on March 30. A mock crime scene greeted O’Neal as he entered the room. If someone had actually died, it would have been from overeating! According to the staff, “The real crime is that Steve is leaving.”

MCC Provides PLC Training at AHN

MCC’s Business and Industry Liaison, Billy Barber, has organized and kicked off the first round of on-site PLC training at Ann’s House of Nuts (AHN) in Robersonville. A PLC, also known as a programmable logic controller, is a digital computer used for automation of typically industrial electromechanical processes, such as control of machinery on factory assembly lines, amusement rides, or light fixtures. PLCs are used in many machines, in many industries.

The portable PLC training equipment was purchased with funds from a $300,000 grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation. State training funds were also obtained by Barber to contract with Dr. Ranjeet Agwlear (pictured above), an Industrial Technology professor at ECU, to provide training on the equipment. Some of the grant funding was also used to upgrade the PLC equipment in MCC’s Electrical Technology classrooms.

There are seven students being trained at Ann’s House of Nuts. This first session is geared toward the fundamentals of operating PLC equipment. Once this session of training is complete, a second, higher level, of training will be offered. Local industries or businesses interested in providing on-site training are encouraged to contact Barber at billy.barber@martincc.edu
The MCC Foundation Board has approved another day trip to the Durham Performing Arts Center. The Foundation has committed to ten orchestra seats for the Saturday, June 10, matinee performance of The King and I. One of Rodgers & Hammerstein's finest works, THE KING AND I boasts a score which features such beloved classics as “Getting To Know You,” “I Whistle a Happy Tune,” “Hello Young Lovers,” “Shall We Dance” and “Something Wonderful.” Set in 1860’s Bangkok, the musical tells the story of the unconventional and tempestuous relationship that develops between the King of Siam and Anna Leonowens, a British schoolteacher whom the modernist King, in an imperialistic world, brings to Siam to teach his many wives and children. This trip will cost approximately $130 which will include the theater ticket and transportation. Please contact Judy Jennette at judy.jennette@martincc.edu or via phone at 252-789-0310 if you would like to reserve a seat.
**Congressman G.K. Butterfield to visit MCC Campus on 4/18**

Congressman G. K. Butterfield has scheduled a visit to the MCC campus on Tuesday, February 18. The purpose of his visit is to speak with MCC students and employees about his work in the US Congress. And, as a congressman, he also wants to meet with students and employees to learn about their expectations of the Federal Government as it relates to Eastern NC and their daily lives.

MCC is among the first stops Congressman Butterfield is making on his tour of educational facilities in the congressional district he represents. **Congressman Butterfield will meet with our students from 12 noon to 1 pm, in room 14, in Building 1. MCC’s SGA will provide pizza and drinks for those in attendance.**

Butterfield is a life-long resident of eastern North Carolina. Raised in Wilson, Congressman Butterfield attended Charles H. Darden High School and worked in the Civil Rights Movement as a young adult. Congressman Butterfield graduated from college and law school at North Carolina Central University in Durham, NC. After earning his law degree, Congressman Butterfield founded a law practice in Wilson and served the community in that capacity for 13 years. He is best known for his successful litigation of voting rights cases that resulted in the election of African-American elected officials throughout eastern North Carolina.

In 1988, Congressman Butterfield was elected as Resident Superior Court judge. In this role, he presided over civil and criminal court in 46 counties of North Carolina. For two years, he served on the North Carolina Supreme Court by appointment of the governor. Butterfield retired from the judiciary after 15 years of service and successfully ran for Congress. He was elected to serve the First District of North Carolina in the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election on July 20, 2004, where he continues to serve today.

Congressman Butterfield is very interested in affordable health care, education, investments in rural communities, veterans, renewable energies, and federal programs that support low-income and middle-class Americans. During his visit, he not only hopes to find out what MCC students think about these issues, but he also hopes to identify other issues that need to be addressed in this district.

MCC’s Dean of Student Services and Interim Dean of Academics, Dr. Brian Busch, stated, “This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to become involved in their government and to meet their congressional representative in person. I hope that we will have a large number of MCC students turn out for this significant event.”
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “That unless we learn to live together as brothers and sisters, we will die apart as fools.” It is my opinion that this lesson will be put to the test in the coming years. Being a peacemaker is much better than being a troublemaker. Many of us are asking whether we will have peace or trouble in the United States. I suspect when you ask your neighbor about this time in history, they will automatically think in racial terms. Yet, I think that the lack of respect and intolerance we had for each other also plays a role. King stated, “I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.”

King had more than his share of critics. Many thought he was an extremist. There was a segment of the population that believed his methodology was too mild, that nonviolence would simply not work. As I have read more about his life, he believed in man’s humanity and goodness. He believed there was good at the center of everyone’s core. Some would opine that this notion is on trial today. His nonviolent approach to reconciliation was recognized by the world when he won the Nobel Peace Prize. He was a product of the South and he experienced the evils of injustice and denial based upon his race. Yet, King read and studied Gandhi and other scholars and decided nonviolence was the road to take.

The implementation of this strategy came at the high cost of being jailed on numerous occasions. It seemed his jail experiences only strengthened his resolve to continue the struggle. Despite jail, he set his sails on making America a land where equal opportunity was the rule and not the exception. In his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, he said, “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

Unfortunately, in 2017, we are still wrestling with issues of race, gender and class. Hate, mistrust and injustice are still being practiced in this great nation of ours called America. It is way past time for us as a people to lift one another up, because when we do, we ourselves are made better. Many years ago, I remember my mom saying, “Precious, sometimes you have to shame people into doing right.”

In thinking back, I believe King made America ashamed of how it was treating some of its citizens. Are we still ashamed in 2017?

In a speech, King gave in Memphis on April 3, 1968, he said, “I don’t know what will happen now. We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn’t matter with me now, because I’ve been to the mountaintop and I don’t mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life; longevity has its place. But I’m not concerned with that now. I just want to do God’s will. And He’s allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I’ve looked over. And I’ve seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you.”

We live in some exciting but dangerous times now, but as King reminded us, we must have a sort of dangerous unselfishness. Let us strive to be our brother’s and sister’s keeper. We need more dignity and more respect when it comes to each other.

When we do, we will overcome sooner and not later.
On March 21, the MCC Board of Trustees held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Prior to starting the meeting, two new Trustees, JoEllen Rogers and Curt Saunders, were sworn in by County Clerk Tonya Leggett (pictured in the middle right). Rogers, a retired school teacher, and Saunders, a CPA, were appointed by the Martin County Board of Education and the Martin County Commissioners respectively. Rogers and Saunders are filling the unexpired terms of Dr. Shirley Fields and Jackie Gillam whom both stepped down from the board in January. Pictured above, from left to right in the back row are: Amanda Vick (MCC’s SGA President), Tom Winslow, Secretary William “Ed” Thompson, Dwayne Baker, Board Chairman Helen Davis, Vice Chairman Carroll Jones and Rick Carawan. On the front row from left to right are: Jean Stevens, JoEllen Rogers, Clint Saunders, and Willie Peele. Not pictured are Dempsey Bond and Kay Pittman. This was the first meeting the Trustees have had with Interim President, Kenneth A. Boham. (Pictured lower right with chairman Helen Davis.)
Spring Cleaning is Underway at MCC!

Thanks to a wide array of spring cleaning projects, you may need your sunglasses to make your way across campus these days! The building facades and sidewalks are in the process of being pressure washed, the fencing around the horse pastures has been repaired and painted white and new dumpsters have been delivered. The automotive shop is also undergoing a vast amount of cleaning and organizing. Several old vehicles have been hauled away and a Conex storage container has been ordered to provide much needed storage for the program. MCC’s maintenance Department has been working with instructor Al Dawes to get the shop cleaned and ready for its Open House on April 20. These improvements demonstrate that we take pride in our campus!
MCC Supports KidFest

The 13th Annual KidsFest was held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 10 am until 1 pm, at the Bob Martin Agricultural Center in Williamston, NC. MCC’s Early Childhood Instructor, Elaine Spellman, manned a booth to promote the program. Three of her students, Mary Williams, Marcy Raynor, and Ashley Williams volunteered to assist young children with various arts-n-crafts projects. A special thank you goes out to MCC Math Instructor, Daniel Price, who obtained a donation from Deadwood Restaurant to support KidsFest.

Spellman states, “Once again, it was a fun, family-friendly, community event for children of all ages!”

(picture contributed by Elaine Spellman)

Free Shredding Day

Courtesy of the Local Government Credit Union

Saturday, April 22

10 am – 1pm

Martin Memorial Library

200 N. Smithwick St., Williamston, NC

Man Up students learn about the importance of career choices

Pictured above is Mr. Chris Droessler, Career and Technical Education Coordinator for the North Carolina Community College System. He was the guest speaker for the Man Up program on March 29. Droessler emphasized how important it is for young people to give serious thought toward matching their skills and talents to their educational pursuits and potential careers. He emphasized that earning potential should not be the only consideration in choosing a career - fulfillment and happiness should also be a part of the equation. A quote from Vince Lombardi summed up the content of Droessler’s presentation. “The measure of what we are is what we do with what we have.”
MCC Horse Sale is set for April 21

In cooperation with the MCC Equine Technology program, the MCC Foundation has set Friday, March 27 for a Horse Sale in MCC’s Equestrian arena located at 1161 Kehukee Park Road in Williamston, NC.

Horses from the MCC herd have been selected for the sale and will be auctioned off to bidders who want to give a horse a good home.

This sale is part of managing MCC’s Equine stock. Consignment horses are also welcome with proof of Coggins.

Bidders are invited to arrive at 5:30 pm to enjoy a casual dinner, view the horses at 5:30 and attend the auction at 6 pm.

All proceeds from the sale benefit the MCC Foundation which is the nonprofit arm of the College. The Foundation raises money for scholarships and special projects that benefit the College.

For more information, please contact Tami Thurston at 252-789-0318 or tthurston@martincc.edu.
The first item of business for MCC’s new IT (Information Technology) Director, Elijah Freeman, was completing long-planned upgrades the campus wifi system. The old wifi service was spotty on the main campus and was nonexistent in the equine facilities. Many students and faculty had requested an upgrade, but funds were tight and there never seemed to be enough money to make a full scale commitment to the project.

A few months ago, MCC’s Dean of Administration, Steve Taylor, worked with the Trustees to find the funds needed to finally purchase and install the equipment.

Once the money was in place, Freeman wasted no time in ordering the equipment and coordinating its installation. Although there are still a few glitches being worked out, Freeman reports that the wifi service is working much better now.

Freeman has also been working tirelessly to get the Bertie County Campus in Windsor connected to the Williamston campus. This too, has been needed for a long time.

Freeman’s long range plan is to focus on improving all of MCC’s Information Technology (IT) infrastructure.

Bertie Campus Mainstay, Margaret Askew Retires

After 22 years of dedicated service as a coordinator and recruiter for Martin Community College in Windsor, Margaret Askew has retired.

Her coworkers, family and friends feted her with a retirement party at Rib Eyes Steakhouse in March. Pictured above from left to right are; Margaret Askew, Norman Cherry and Jeri Griffin. Cherry is the interim Director of the Windsor Campus and Griffin is MCC’s Director of Basic Skills.

In her position, Askew recruited students for MCC’s Compensatory Education classes which are offered through MCC’s Division of Continuing Education. She also evaluated and tested mentally disabled adults for placement in various programs and guided them toward fulfilling independent living.

Askew cared deeply about her students and improved many lives through her compassionate and dedicated work. Thank you Margaret for a job well done!
SGA Elections
April 18-20
SGA is your voice at MCC!

VOTE
You will be emailed a ballot!

Martin Memos

April 3 - Deadline for SECU Scholarships for Continuing Education Students
April 7 - Deadline to enter the “Name Miss Penny’s Baby (Foal)” Contest in the Library
April 9-10 - “Man Up” Educational Excursion to Norfolk, VA
April 10 - Registration Mondays begin for Summer and Fall Semesters
April 11 - SGA Open Meeting at 1 pm in the Board Room of Building 1
April 14 & 17 - MCC closed for Good Friday (4/14) and Easter Monday (4/17)
April 18 - Congressman G.K. Butterfield visits MCC in Bldg. 1, Room 14, noon
April 18 - 20 - SGA elections (ballots will be emailed to eligible students)
April 22 - LGFCU sponsored free shredding at Martin Memorial Library from 10 am - 1 pm
April 24 - FAFSA (Financial Aid) Day, 9 am to 4 pm, Career Center in Building 1, rm. 22
April 27 - Healthcare Programs Recognition Ceremony - 6 pm, MCC Auditorium
May 3 & 4 - Exam days

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