MCC’s Director of Equine Technology, Tami Thurston, was a big winner at the twelfth annual NSBA (National Snaffle Bit Association) World Championship Show & Breeders Championship Futurity held in August in Oklahoma. Over the course of the seven-day competition, NSBA paid out in excess of $1,000,000 in cash and prizes.

The NSBA World Championship Show is recognized by pleasure horse riders, trainers and breeders as the premier event for identifying and rewarding, both excellence and talent in the recreational equine industry.

The purpose of the NSBA is to define, promote and improve the quality of the pleasure horse, to promote exhibits, events and contests in expositions and shows; the promote the training of pleasure horses, to promote interest in pleasure horses among younger horsemen and to use and encourage the use of the standard rules for holding and judging contests of the pleasure horse.

Thurston’s won while riding Willy in the Sky, aka Cole. (Show horses generally have two names, its registered name for official paperwork, and its barn name for day to day interaction.) Cole is a two year old, owned by Sandra Morgan, of Scottsdale Arizona and Langley, British Columbia. Thurston is Cole’s trainer and also coaches Morgan.

When asked, who is judged more, the rider or the horse, Thurston responds, “It just depends on the class. However, the classes I specialize in are mostly judged on the horse’s performance, but that relies heavily on the horse’s response to its training and rider.”

Thurston won in the 2-year Old Hunter Under Saddle category. Horses in this class should move in a long, low frame and be able to lengthen their strides and cover ground as in traversing hunt country while following hounds. The horse should be obedient, alert and responsive to their riders. Judges are particularly encouraged to score on manner, movement and attitude as reflected on the horse’s ears, mouth, tail and way of going.

Thurston is not new to winning at the NSBA show. She was also a Reserve Champion this year, and a Reserve Champion a few years ago.
MCS Appointee, Rick Cowan, sworn in as MCC Trustee

On August 17, Rick Cowan was sworn in as a Martin Community College (MCC) Trustee. Pictured right is Cowan being sworn in by MCC’s Student Services Technician and notary public, Randy Stokes. Cowan, has already served one three-year term as an appointee of governor Pat McCrory. He is now an appointee of the Martin County School Board and is filling the seat once held by Jean Stevens whose term ended on July 1.

Board President, Helen Davis, also announced that Tom Winslow, a resident of Oak City and a Martin County Commissioners appointee, had submitted his resignation from the board. His term would have expired on 6/30/19.

With Winslow’s resignation, the Board of Trustees now has three open positions. Two of the open seats (formerly held by Cowan and Kay Pittman) are to be filled by the NC Governor’s office. MCC is awaiting written confirmation from the state in regard to these appointments.

According to an August 25 article in the Williamston Enterprise, Governor Cooper’s office announced last week that Derrick Wilkins and Laurence Lilley, both of Williamston, had been selected to serve on the MCC Board of Trustees.

As is set forth by state law, Community College Trustees are appointed by three distinct entities; County Commissioners, local School Boards and by the office of the State’s Governor. Terms are three years long although Trustees may be re-appointed. There is no limit on the number of terms a Trustee may serve.

Cowan is an Agri Business Officer with AgCarolina Farm Credit. He is from Martin County originally, but over his career, he lived in a variety of North Carolina communities before coming back to Martin County. He is currently serving as the Chairman of the Trustee’s Buildings and Grounds Committee.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish over the next three years, Cowan states, “My main objective is to bring the community back to the College and to reconnect the College to the community.”

MCC’s interim President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, was out of town that week, and asked Dr. Brian Busch, MCC’s newly appointed Vice President, to fill in for him during the meeting.
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She has placed in many top tens over the years.

Showing horses is a part of MCC’s Equine student’s training. Thurston states, “We encourage all of our students to show in some way or another, even if it’s not their main interest. It just makes our students more well-rounded and qualified to work in the equine industry.”

Cameron Vansickle, a 2016 graduate of MCC’s Equine Technology program and resident of Tarboro, NC, also attended the event. He was braiding and banding the manes and tails for many of the competing horses. Professional banders and braiders make anywhere from $50 to $200 per horse depending on the design.

Pictured right and below are examples of Vansickle’s work.

The recognition Thurston earned at the NSBA show, reinforces the high quality of education MCC’s equine students receive from their experienced and professional instructors. Way to go Tami!

Examples of banding and braiding by Cameron Vansickle

MCC Fall Semester is off to a Good Start!

MCC started its Fall Semester on August 18. According to MCC’s Vice President, Dr. Brian Busch, MCC was at 98% of its enrollment from last year’s and the same for estimated FTE (Full Time Equivalency). In an email to the faculty and staff Dr. Busch stated, “I must say I have seen SO MANY employees all across Martin Community College doing their jobs so well and working extremely hard this week and over the course of a very busy summer so that things run smoothly for our students.” Thanks to everyone for your hard work!

Registration on 8/17.

First day of cosmetology class!

Bookstore on first class day.
Washington County resident, Thomas Wall, joined MCC’s faculty on August 16. He is the new Electric Systems Technology instructor. He brings a wide array of experience to the position.

A graduate of Columbia High School, Wall continued his education at Pitt Community College where he earned an Associate in Arts Degree in Industrial Electric / Electronic Technology. After graduating, he worked his way up to journeyman level through his work with electrical contractors in Farmville and Durham.

Wall then transitioned into the public sector, working as a building inspector for Tyrell and Martin Counties. For more than four years, he worked for the BDR (Beck Disaster Recovery) Division of SAIC (Science Applications International Corp) in Florida. While there, he supervised grant compli-

ance as it related to storm clean-up operations among government agencies throughout the Southeast. Upon returning to NC, Wall began teaching for College of the Albemarle and started his own company, Nor’Easter Electric. Wall’s varied experience will provide MCC students with a broad understanding of the electrical systems industry.

MCC is currently in the process of transforming the old electronics lab at the east end of Building One into the new BLET classroom. This transition was completed in mid-August. Since his arrival, Wall has been working closely with the MCC maintenance department to get his area up and running.

Wall states, “It’s certainly been challenging to get my class started in the midst of all these renovations to the electronics lab, but the work is progressing and I am confident that we’ll have a first rate program up and running in no time. I am most grateful to the MCC administration for making a strong commitment to building on this program and making it the best it can be. It’s an exciting time to be joining the MCC team.”

Wall’s office is located in room 29 in building 1. His extension is 277 and his email address is thomas.wall@martincc.edu. Welcome to MCC Thomas Wall!

Jason Freeman is back - although technically, he never left - because he was working part time over the past two years! Nonetheless, as confusing as that is, Freeman returned to full time status at MCC on September 1 as the College’s new Web Developer. He will be a member of MCC’s Information Technology team and responsible for maintaining and designing new and existing websites and their respective pages at Martin Community College.

Freeman, was an Information Technology Technician when he started his IT career at MCC in 2008. He moved on to Pitt Community College in 2012 where he worked as a Personal Computer Technician until returning to MCC. However, over the past five years, he has continued to maintain and update the MCC website.

A resident of Colerain, Freeman attended and graduated from Bertie High School. He earned his Freeman continued next page...
MCC Foundation to Re-visit Scholarship Structures

The MCC Foundation has begun to evaluate its restricted funds and the process by which scholarships generated by these funds are distributed. The goal is to make these funds more accessible to students and fulfill the intentions of their donors.

One of the first funds to be examined was the one established for the AST (Automotive Systems Technology) program. It was initiated in November of 1996 after a car was donated to the program and the students repaired it and sold it. The proceeds were invested and today, there is more than $7,000 in the fund. Currently the fund is to be used only for automotive scholarships. Eligible students must be attending full time and maintaining a 2.5 GPA. During the meeting, Dawes recommended that part time students be eligible for consideration as well.

Currently, the Foundation requires a minimum of $10,000 to establish an endowment.

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AAS degree in Internet Technologies from MCC in 2005. He then went on to ECU where he obtained his BS degree in Industrial Technology.

Over the past two years, Freeman has migrated the MCC website to a mobile friendly format. Thanks to his efforts, MCC is much more user friendly on smart phones and tablets. He has also worked closely with the PR Department to keep the MCC website more current and accurate. Through his work with the IT Department, he has decreased deployment time for new computers.

Perhaps Freeman’s biggest challenge over the next few months will be converting the content of the MCC website to an ADA compliant format. This is a mandate from the Federal government and will need to be completed in 2018.

Freeman’s office is currently in 16D (accessed through Donna Rogers’ office). His extension is 304 and his email address is jason.freeman@martincc.edu.

MCC’s Director of PR states, “Our web site is our greatest promotional tool. I am thrilled to have someone managing it and making it work better for the College!”

Pictured above are MCC Foundation President, Charlotte Griffin and MCC’s AST (Automotive Systems Technology) Instructor Al Dawes. Judy Jennette and Kismet Matthews also attended the meeting. They met in August to discuss a long established scholarship for the AST program. The endowment was started with the sale of a donated car that the students fixed and sold. Griffin will be taking their recommendations to the Foundation Board at their October 3 meeting.
Seven students from Bertie Early College High School (BECHS) traveled to New Orleans, LA, during the first week in June, to attend the annual ASM Microbe 2017. This event is a joint annual meeting between the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) and the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC) with more than 11,000 scientists, microbiologists, veterinarians and physicians from all over the world in attendance. From left to right are: Ashlynn Lee, Ryan Hoggard, Ashley Bell, Justin Simmons, Carrington Dudley, Cayah Jones, Jared Speight and Bruce Boller (teacher).

Pictured left are the Bertie Early College students who attended the ASM Microbe 2017 meeting in New Orleans, LA, June 1-4. This event is a joint annual meeting between the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) and the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC) with more than 11,000 scientists, microbiologists, veterinarians and physicians from all over the world in attendance. From left to right are: Ashlynn Lee, Ryan Hoggard, Ashley Bell, Justin Simmons, Carrington Dudley, Cayah Jones, Jared Speight and Bruce Boller (teacher).

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Nixon and Warren Join MCC’s Transition Advisors Team

MCC’s newest Transition Advisors are Kinsey Warren and Kanon Nixon.

Warren started in her position on July 31 and is working directly with students at South Creek High School.

Nixon joined the staff on August 1 and is working primarily with students at Bertie High School.

Warren, a life long resident of Martin County, came to MCC from a diverse background of corporate management and sales. She has managed multiple medical offices including Urgent Care in Washington and My Eye Doctor offices in Garner and Wake Forest. She has also worked extensively in sales and sales management for Turner Broadcasting and the Carolina Hurricanes.

Warren, a graduate of Williamston High School, has earned two degrees from UNC at Chapel Hill, one in Psychology - Exercise and the other in Sports Science.

Nixon comes to MCC from ECU’s Career Services Department. While there, he assisted students with admissions, choosing academic programs and course election. He also recruited, taught students on academic probation, presented career related workshops and assisted with career fairs.

Having grown up in Chowan County, Nixon graduated from John A. Holmes High School. He then continued his academic career at ECU where he earned BA’s in Business Administration and Psychology. He went on to earn his Masters Degree in Counselor Education this year and work as an intern at McClammy Counseling and Research Laboratory.

Both, Warren’s and Nixon’s positions are made possible with funding from MCC’s Completion by Design Grant (CbD). MCC is one of five in a consortium of NC Community Colleges and one of nine US community colleges selected by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to participate in the CbD initiative.

Completion by Design (CbD) has a simple, pioneering vision: working collaboratively can create integrated institutional policies, practices, processes and culture at institutional scale that both provide personalized student experiences and improve student performance and completion outcomes.

Warren’s office on the MCC campus is in Building 4, room 23A, and her office extension is 299. Warren may be reached via email at kinsey.warren@martincc.edu.

Nixon’s office on the MCC campus is also located in Building 4 room 23B. He will maintain an office at Bertie High School as well. He can be reached at extension 298 or via email at kanon.nixon@martincc.edu.
On August 18, MCC’s Interim President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, updated the State Board of Community Colleges on the progress made by Martin Community College over the past six months. He reassured them that all is well at MCC.

Dr. Boham noted that since February, the campus buildings and sidewalks have been power washed, pasture fences painted white and plans are in well under way to install programable electronic signs at the main College entrances. All of these improvements have added a great deal to the campus’ general appearance and enhanced the “curb appeal” of the College.

Trustee meetings are being held on a monthly basis and are running smoothly, with most meetings lasting only an hour or less. Sub-committees of the Trustees are in place and meeting regularly. They’re recommendations are being brought to the full board for consideration and a vote.

All of MCC’s interim positions, except for the president, have been eliminated and a position of Vice President has been created to serve as a back up if the president is gone. Vacant positions are being filled.

The President’s Council is now meeting every week, on Wednesdays at 1 pm, and the communication between departments has greatly improved. Faculty and staff are encouraged to provide input.

MCC has hired Transition Advisors for every High School in our service area (like Caldwell CC) and have opened up further channels of cooperation with both, the Martin County and Bertie County school systems as well as neighboring Community Colleges.

“We are replacing technology infrastructure that was outdated 10 years ago and making online registration and class management available through the installation of Self Serve.”

MCC is in the process of developing a strategic plan including facilities and improvements to expend our NC Connect Bond funds. A good portion of these funds will be used to enhance and improve MCC’s signature Equine program that is in dire need of refurbishing. We also plan to construct a fire training facility. And, we are examining ways in which to more effectively and efficiently utilize our square footage.

“We are in the process of increasing our service to Bertie County to ensure that the citizens of Bertie are served by MCC.”

MCC is one of only 12 colleges that grew last year. Our FTE is up and our budget is greater than last year and we did not revert a large sum of money to the state at the end of the year. The state funds allocated for raises will be distributed in the August pay checks.

The future of MCC looks brighter and the process to find a permanent president can begin.

Boham concluded his report by thanking the state board for their great interest and concern for MCC. “The citizens of Martin and Bertie Counties deserve a free standing institution that can provide services for the economic development of the community!”
MCC’s Student Government Association (SGA) Board of Directors met throughout the summer months to plan activities for the students. Pictured above left, starting left and going clockwise, are Mary Angeles, Kenneth Saunders (Amanda Saunders’ son), Amanda Saunders and Amanda Vick during their August meeting in the Library.

Among the first SGA events to be sponsored was a “Welcome Back to School” booth set up in the lobby of building 1 on August 16 and in front of the Academic Skills Center on August 17. Pictured above right are Amanda Vick, Mary Angeles and Amanda Saunders manning the booth in building 1. Throughout the day, they greeted students as they entered the building and provided them with helpful materials or directions.

The SGA also agreed to host a the Red Cross Blood Drive on August 22. Pictured middle left is Dr. Brian Busch giving blood that day. Pictured below left is SGA President, Amanda Vick, signing in donors for the Red Cross. Fifteen pints of blood were collected that day, although more than 20 willing donors signed in. Some could not give blood because their RBC was too low or they forgot to bring a picture ID. Another blood drive will be held on November 20.

Also in the works for the SGA are a Fall Fest on 10/30 and a softball tournament on 11/4. MCC will have a team in this event. If you are interested in playing on the MCC team or volunteering to help with any of these events, please contact an SGA officer. The SGA office is located in the student lounge in building 1. Please consider participating in the MCC SGA. They are your voice in the leadership of the College!
MCC Equine Students Visit the Vet

On Wednesday, August 23rd, the MCC Equine sophomore class (pictured above left) sat in on a surgery at Neuse River Veterinary Hospital in Wendell, NC. According to MCC’s Equine Instructor, Carey Stewart, “What an amazing opportunity to have during the first week of school, and a great way to get things started this semester. A huge thank you goes out to the clinic and veterinarian Dr. Bob Myers and his staff.” The horse that was operated on, Sammy (aka Big Man Sam - the father of Cash), is owned by Stewart, who accompanied the students. Sammy, (shown in the pictures above right) is doing great, and is expected to make a full recovery. The students pictured from left to right are; Leah Powers, Jessy Mallard, Alexia Binns, Brody Hickman, Instructor Carey Stewart, Ellinor Sherman, Katie Ward and Caitlyn Phillips.

Checking on Cash!

Cash, MCC’s new foal, (pictured left) gained 25 pounds over the past month, bringing his current weight up to roughly 425 pounds. Mary Dalcourt, MCC’s Barn Manager, reports, “Cash was recently seen by the vet for the first time since the day after he was born. She looked him over really well and gave him a clean bill of health. He had his first rabies vaccine and also had blood drawn for his very first Coggins test (both of which will be performed on a yearly basis from here on out.) A Coggins test checks for a highly contagious disease called Equine Infectious Anemia and is required of all horses housed here on campus. Cash stood very well for the vet and took the needle pricks like a champ! The next big step for Cash is going to be weaning him from his mother sometime in the next month or so.” Dalcourt will soon be out on maternity leave and future reports will be coming from Ashley Bundy, a 2016 graduate of the Equine program. Welcome Ashley!
MCC continues to prepare for the future!

MCC’s Maintenance Department continues to impress with the amazing transformations they have made across the campus this summer. Pictured above left is the new BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training) room, formerly Electronic Technology classroom. Electronic Technology is being moved into the old BLET room. Moving these rooms and equipment is allowing both programs to upgrade their facilities and make their class time more efficient. Prior to the move, the electronics students had to traverse the length of building 1 every day. Now the two electronics labs will be within 100 feet of each other and next door to the Industrial Systems Technology (IST) classroom and lab. Many of the IST classes dovetail with the electronics classes. New flooring and lighting was also installed in the Café kitchen (right).

Academic Skills Lab - A Great Resource for MCC Students

The Academic Skills lab is a tutorial lab to help you with any of your courses, Blackboard, email and any other questions you may have. The Academic Skills lab is located in building 4, room 41. We are excited to announce that this semester, many MCC faculty members will be assisting students with their academic needs. A faculty schedule will be going out to all students so that they will be able to see when each instructor will be assisting in the lab.

The Academic Skills Lab hours are as follows:
- Monday 8:00am- 5:00pm
- Tuesday 8:00am- 6:00pm
- Wednesday 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm
- Friday 8:00am- 3:00pm
MCC’s faculty and staff came together on August 16 to prepare for the beginning of the Fall 2017 semester. The event kicked off with a video presentation from MCC’s Interim President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham. Presentations by Dr. Busch, Harlan Frye, Maureen Green, Dr. Deborah Wyman, Steve Taylor, Dr. Deryl Davis Fulmer, Billy Barber, Amanda Vick, Daniel Price, Deborah Thompson, Judy Jennette and Elijah Freeman followed. During the new meeting, new faculty members were introduced, budgets and plans were discussed and updates on numerous programs were reported. At the program’s conclusion, lunch was served and all in attendance had a chance to catch up with each other. Dr. Fulmer then convened with the faculty to a meeting in the library.
Rhonda Breed invited to join BMG Education Advisory Group

Based on her recent participation in the Completion by Design (CbD) project, Rhonda Breed, MCC’s Sociology and Psychology Instructor was invited by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) to participate in its Education Community Advisory Group.

Over the next few months, Breed will help shape the visual identity of the committee as well as how the group will work together as a community to transform student outcomes.

The focus of this group’s efforts is first-generation students, students of color, low-income students, and working adults - the very populations targeted in the initial CbD grant program.

Congratulations Rhonda Breed for being selected for this important work!

Two scholarships opportunities

Two scholarships are currently available through the NC Community College System office. The application deadline for both scholarships is Thursday, September 7. The George W. Memorial Ballard Scholarship is specifically for Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration students. The Allen Ryan Todd Scholarship is available for students enrolled in Education, Health or Environmental Science curriculum programs. The Ballard Scholarship will grant a maximum of 90% of full time tuition, equally distributed between the Fall and Spring semesters. The Todd Scholarship offers $415 per semester for two semesters. Applicants for both scholarships must in-state students, maintain a GPA that is at or above the level required for graduation and continue enrollment at the College where they were enrolled at the time of receiving the award. The applications are available in the Student Services office of Martha Williams (Room 1-20 in building 1). For more information, please contact Williams at 252-789-0245 or via email at martha.williams@martincc.edu.

More MCC Foundation trips on the horizon

The MCC Foundation is planning to offer a day trip or two during the new academic year. The trips are planned to provide a dutch lunch at a fun restaurant and orchestra seating for a 2 pm matinee performance on a Saturday. Generally, the group departs around 8:30 am and returns around 7 pm.

DPAC’s upcoming theater season includes the following shows: Circus 1903 (9/30/17), School of Rock (12/2/17), On Your Feet (1/6/18), Les Miserables (2/3/18), The Color Purple (4/7/18) and The Sound of Music (4/21/18). DPAC has also announced that the smash hit, Hamilton, will be included in its 2018-19 season. An informational packet with show descriptions and dates is available upon request.

If you are interested in seeing any of these shows, please contact Judy Jennette at 252-789-0310 or via email at judy.jennette@martincc.edu.

REAL Crisis Intervention, Inc.

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In order to ensure that every college student has the opportunity to succeed, it is important to consider all the factors which will have the potential to affect their future success. Research has demonstrated that the food we eat has a direct effect on our physical, social, and emotional health and with the widespread promotional campaign for healthy schools and institutions we have witnessed in recent months, we are faced with an opportune time to further the commitment to healthy living. Moving into the new millennium it is necessary to ask whether we understand what constitutes a healthy and nutritious diet and whether we have changed our food consumption habits accordingly.

The lack of a healthy diet is the main cause of many of the diseases affecting society such as coronary heart disease and various types of cancer. The aim of eating healthily is to maintain physical health and prolong life through preventing the development of diseases which are caused by a dietary component or a combination of dietary components. As a counselor, I put a lot of energy and thought into modeling a healthy lifestyle, from exercising to preparing healthy meals and snacks, to making sure my nieces and nephews go outside for active play as much as possible. A key factor to a healthy lifestyle is knowing that fruits and vegetables are important, as essential building blocks of any diet. Not only are they loaded with vitamins and minerals which are essential to healthy living and are important for the prevention of illnesses, but they also help fill you up, as part of a balanced diet. By increasing your intake of fruits and vegetables, it will boost your immune system, as well as build resistance to common illness and infections. Furthermore, fruits and vegetables can leave you feeling great and looking better, as part of a healthy diet, which can be an all around improvement for your well being.

The United States Department of Agriculture recommends filling half of your plate with fruits and vegetables at each meal. This may sound initially like a large proportion of your daily overall intake, although it is essential that you strive to meet this target most days, for the benefit of your physical and mental health. Additionally, by filling our meals and increasing satisfaction at meal times. On top of that, the natural goodness contained within these ultimate healthy foods will provide the necessary energy to fuel you through the day, and give you the determination and drive to progress through a course of exercise to improve overall fitness.

Certain food groups like sugar, grains, and dairy could be having a negative impact on your health and fitness without you even realizing it. Are your energy levels inconsistent or non-existent? Do you have pains that can’t be explained by over-use or injury? Are you having a hard time losing weight no matter how hard you try? These symptoms are often directly related to the foods you eat even the “healthy” stuff. So, you need to strip them from your diet completely. Eliminate the most common craving-inducing, blood sugar disrupting, gut-damaging, inflammatory food groups for a full 30 days.

On September 1st, challenge yourself to 30 Days of Healthy Eating and Living! Push the reset button with your health, habits, relationship with food, and the downstream physical and psychological effects of the food choices you’ve been making. 100% for the full 30 days.
Kim Matthews is MCC’s new Biology Instructor

Kim Matthews joined the MCC faculty on August 18. She is the new Biology instructor. She is filling the seat vacated by Janay Dennis at the end of the Summer Semester.

Matthews, currently a resident of Martin County, graduated from Washington High School before entering East Carolina University (ECU) where she earned a BS degree in Biology (with a concentration in Anatomy and Physiology) as well as a Masters degree in Public Health (with a concentration in Health Education and Promotion). She recently completed 18 credit toward a Masters Degree in Biology at Clemson University in South Carolina.

Over the past seven years, Matthews has worked in public health - first at the Greenville branch of the NC Department of Health and Human Services and second, at the Beaufort County Health Department. Prior to that, she taught science at Williamston High School for seven years and worked as an adjunct faculty member for Central Carolina Community College.

Dr. Deryl Davis Fulmer, MCC’s Interim Dean of Academics stated, “I am so glad to have an instructor of Ms. Matthews caliber joining our faculty!”

MCC offers Upswing, a free online tutoring program that can help assist you in any subject area. This is a great tool for when you are working on papers and homework at home and need assistance. The MCC website features an Upswing icon on the home page. When you click on the upswing icon please select new user at the bottom which will prompt you to enter your Martin email address. Once you have entered your Martin email address go to your email and you should see an email from Upswing allowing you to create your account. If you have any issues with using this program please see Mary Carson in the Academic Skills lab, room 41 for assistance. This service is made possible through a Completion by Design (CbD) grant. MCC is one of five in a consortium of NC Community Colleges and one of nine US community colleges selected by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to participate in the CbD initiative. CbD has a simple, pioneering vision: working collaboratively can create integrated institutional policies, practices, processes and culture at institutional scale that both provide personalized student experiences and improve student performance and completion outcomes. Please take advantage of this valuable resource!
As part of an ongoing partnership between the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC) and Bertie Early College High School (BECHS), Mark Phillips, Statewide Operations Vice President of the NCBC, traveled to Bertie Early College High School on August 23, to deliver an equipment donation to the school’s Biotechnology Instructor, Bruce Boller.

The equipment included three P-1000 micropipetters, a storage rack for the equipment as well as 30 boxes of disposable tips for these instruments. These items will be used by Boller’s Biotechnology students to continue the operations carried out in the School’s lab.

Boller’s Biotechnology students are continuing their work toward establishing a biotechnology company, Falcon Biomanufacturing. Students working in this program use recombinant bacteria to produce recombinant protein which, when optimized, will be sold to researchers at North Carolina State University and possibly other research or manufacturing facilities in the future.

Through this work, BECHS students gain the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue educations and careers in the biology, microbiology and biotechnology fields.

Boller has been associated with the North Carolina Biotechnology Center for more than twenty years and has partnered with them on several projects in the past. The biotechnology program at BECHS has benefitted greatly from this partnership - primarily through training workshops Boller has attended and other equipment donations.

Over the past five years, Phillips has attended the Annual Biotechnology Symposium held at BECHS each spring. During his visits, Phillips witnesses the impressive work being carried out and presented by the students. He also takes the time to share his knowledge of biotechnology careers and educational/employment opportunities with the students.

In the future, Boller plans to use Phillips’ many contacts within the biotechnology industry to schedule videoconferences with industry leaders and professionals from local industries as well as those across the state via the Internet.

MCC enjoys a strong working relationship with BECHS. Currently, 160 BECHS students are enrolled in Fall Semester classes at MCC. Many of Boller’s students transfer their MCC credits to NC State University to pursue degrees in or related to biotechnology. The partnership creates a win - win scenario for the partners and especially the students. Montez Bishop is MCC’s Transition Advisor at BECHS.
Reporting Crimes, Emergencies and Safety Issues at MCC

Report all known and suspected criminal activities and other emergencies that occur on campus to the MCC switchboard operator by dialing “0” in house or 792-1521 on private phones. If the situation appears life threatening dial 9-911 in house or 911 on private phones.

You may also use the red phones located in the cafeteria and in the hallways of each building; these phones automatically dial the MCC switchboard operator when you lift the receiver.

In addition you may also contact:

Campus Security Officer at 217-3653
Dean of Administrative Services at 789-0225
Asst. to the President for B & I/Safety & Security at 789-0303
Martin County Sheriff’s Office at 252-789-4500 daytime & 252-789-4555 after hours

New MCC Library hours and updates

The MCC Library and its computer lab hours have changed this year. They now close at 7 pm.

Food is still not allowed in the library but beverages with lids are now permitted.

Parents who bring children under 16 to the library must supervise them and keep them quiet so that those studying around them are not disturbed.

Computers are equipped with Internet access and Microsoft Office 2016 (Word, Excel and PowerPoint).

Connecting Borrowers with SBA Approved Lenders (SBA Programs and Funding)

SBA will provide information and resources for aspiring and existing entrepreneurs who want to start or expand a small business. SBA is a platform agency that also supports over 120 lenders in North Carolina that fund start-ups and existing businesses. SBA also funds the largest mentoring network in the country to help individuals starting a business, create a business plan, funding, marketing, social media, and franchising such as SCORE, Small Business and Technology Development Center Network, and The Women’s Business Center of NC.

PRESENTER: Patrick Rodriguez - Small Business Administration (SBA)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Martin Community College
Building 4 – Room 3

To Register call 252.789.0201 or visit www.ncsbc.net (Click on Contact Your Local SBC, Click Martin County, Click Register Next to the Seminar).

Walk-Ins are welcome (call ahead to make sure seminar will be held). Seminars are subject to cancelation, due to low registrations – Register in Advance!
Martin Community College Minority Male Success Initiative Presents

THE MAN UP LEADERS EMPOWERMENT SEMINAR

All MCC minority male students who are interested in membership and believe they represent the high ideals of a quality educational experience, success, brotherhood and community service are encouraged to attend. Attendees are encouraged to wear casual business attire.

Wednesday, 9/20/17, 6 pm
Room 14 in Building 1

For more info, contact Crystal Waters, Program Director and Counselor
252-789-0268
crystal.waters@martincc.edu

Faculty and staff are also welcome to attend.
MCC is underway with SACSCOC reaffirmation Process
Submitted by Maureen Green

Every ten years Martin Community College undergoes a reaffirmation process in order to maintain its accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC.) SACSCOC is the accrediting body for colleges in many states in the southeast and a few colleges in other countries. Accreditation is very important for colleges because it means that they have undergone a rigorous examination and have been deemed worthy of being accredited by this independent body.

Martin is beginning the process of reaffirmation. We prepare for this reaffirmation by submitting narratives about what is happening here on campus and by planning a campus-wide project. The project is called a QEP which stands for Quality Enhancement Plan. This cycle’s QEP is going to be focused on improving retention and success in online classes. The QEP committee is hard at work planning the project so it will be beneficial to students enrolled in those classes.

In October of 2018, a SACSCOC committee will visit campus to ensure that Martin is complying with all of the SACSCOC standards and to hear our plan for the QEP.

Reaffirmation is going to be everyone’s business so we wanted to give you a heads up about what is to come.

MCC Will Observe Constitution Day on September 18

MCC will observe Constitution Day on Monday, September 18 this year. The event will be held in the MCC Café at 12 noon and is hosted by the MCC Literary and Cultural Arts Club (LCAC). Members of the LCAC will present a short program of selected readings focused on the constitution and liberty. After the 30 minute presentation, lunch (a hotdog, chips and a drink) will be provided to all participants.

In preparation for this event, during the week prior, constitutional questions will be displayed on the campus TV monitors and posted on the MCC Facebook page each day. There will be a new question each morning and its answer will be posted in the afternoon.

Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day) is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is normally observed on September 17, the day in 1787 that delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document in Philadelphia. When Constitution Day falls on a weekend or on another holiday, schools and other institutions observe the holiday on an adjacent weekday.

The law establishing the present holiday was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the Omnibus spending bill of 2004.

Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known as "Citizenship Day". In addition to renaming the holiday "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," the act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions, and all federal agencies, provide educational programming on the history of the American Constitution on that day. In May 2005, the United States Department of Education announced the enactment of this law and that it would apply to any school receiving federal funds of any kind.

According to Dr. Deryl Davis Fulmer, MCC’s Interim Dean of Academics, “This day is a great teaching moment for our students. It is important for every American to understand the document that sets forth our freedoms.”
**Moon Pies and Sun Drop Served at MCC’s Eclipse Party**

On August 21, MCC’s Student Government Association (SGA) treated students, faculty and staff to an Eclipse Party! Approximately 50 participants gathered in the parking lot beside the library to don special viewing glasses and witness the 90% eclipse of the sun. Around 2:40 pm, the moon began to move in front of the sun and the daylight began to diminish. Everyone was treated to Moon Pies and Sun Drop in honor of the rare occurrence! A special thanks to Mary Anne Caudle, Maureen Green and Daniel Price for thinking up this event!

**Martin Memos**

September 4 - MCC closed for Labor Day  
September 7 - Deadline for the Todd & Ballard Scholarships (see pg. 13)  
September 18 - Constitution Day Observance, 12 noon, Campus Café  
September 19 - MCC Trustee Board meeting, 7 pm, Room 14  
September 20 - Man Up Interest Meeting, 6 pm, Building 1, Room 14  
September 29 - Shred Day at SECU Bank in Williamston from 9 am to 12 noon  
October 9 - 10 - Fall Break for Curriculum Students  
October 10 - Faculty work day

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