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## **BCC's Jessica Amato Has Work Chosen for NCCCS Art Exhibit**

Jessica Amato, a student at Bladen Community College, had two photographs chosen for display in the North Carolina Community College System Art Exhibit.

NCCCS President H. Martin Lancaster initiated the annual art contest eleven years ago to showcase the talents of the students, faculty and staff members in the community college system. Each year, the works chosen are put on display in the NCCCS office building in Raleigh for a year. The many people visiting the building walk through hallways that are more like art galleries.

According to Jack McDuffie, BCC's Director of Marketing the Public Relations, Jessica's work is already at a professional level. Her choice of subjects, treatment of light, and use of various photographic techniques make her work both beautiful and unique.

Jessica, who lives in Elizabethtown, said she had always been interested in art. Art teacher Donna Melvin peaked Jessica's interest in photography by introducing her to photography as art.

After completing her Associate in Arts in College Transfer at Bladen Community College, Jessica plans to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She is considering majoring in business or photography or both. They are certainly complementary fields.

The two works Jessica has on display in Raleigh are entitled, "Six Ways to Sunday" and "Bathing in Blue."

**CONTRATULATIONS, Jessica, on pictures well-taken!**

## *What's Happening*

### MARCH:

31: Superpower Sch. App. due

### APRIL:

1: Ambassador Applications due

2: NET Test

12: Defensive Driving Class

14: BCC Found. Sch. App. due

14-18: Spring Fling / Spirit Week

15: NET Test

15: Armed Forces Sch. Apps. due

16: Advisory Committees Lunch/Meetings

17: NET Test

23-25: Registration for summer

23: AHS/GED Grad. Rehearsal

24: ΣΔΚ Induction Ceremony

24: Defensive Driving Class

25: Coco Loco Beach Music Event

25: Distance Course Evaluations due

30: Graduation Rehearsal

### MAY:

1: Spec. Ops. Sch. App. due



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### BCC's "Men of Standard" Provide Public Service Forum

The Minority Male Mentoring Program, "Men of Standard", hosted an educational public service forum on Thursday, March 20th in the Bladen Community College Auditorium.

Members of "Men of Standard" presented briefings on subjects that are vitally important to college students. Topics discussed were

- Substance Abuse
- Healthy/Positive Relationships
- Prioritizing.

This event was designed to allow students to educate their peers on issues that are often difficult to discuss with faculty, staff and family members. This will create an atmosphere for students to reach out to other students and form a bond that will strengthen our college and aid with student retention.

### BCC's Birthday Calendar

#### APRIL

- 2 — LEE ANNE BRYAN
- 3 — AUDREY LEWIS  
HARRIET HOBBS
- 9 — SALLY VALENTINER
- 11 — NASH HESTER  
HILDA MCDONALD
- 13 — RAY WHITE
- 15 — ANGELA PAIT
- 21 — CYNTHIA THOMPSON
- 22 — CHRISTINE MCDONALD
- 26 — MARVA DINKINS  
SAMANTHA POPE
- 29 — FAYE TURNER



### Answers to S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Lexicon



### TAXING TIME

- 1-B; 2-H; 3-D; 4-A; 5-C; 6-G;  
7-I; 8-J; 9-L; 10-K; 11-F; 12-E.



### BCC's Relay For Life Report

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

8 a.m. May 2nd to 8 a.m. May 3rd  
at Elizabethtown Middle School

Bladen County Relay for Life has raised over \$27,000 for research and treatment of cancer. BCC's Cancer Kickers are part of that fund-raising effort.

The BCC Cancer Kickers have had a successful month. The Easter Basket Raffle earned \$500.00. The LPN and ADN students hosted a Hot Dog Sale on March 20 which brought in \$275.50.

**So far, we have raised approximately \$2,151.00.**

Here's an update on BCC's efforts:

#### Winners of the Easter Baskets were...

- Kyla De Leon
- Edgard Estiguy
- Bethany Davis
- Helen McDonald

Thank you so much for your support!

**Hot Dog Sale:** The students in the LPN and ADN programs hosted a Hot Dog Sale during lunch on Thursday, March 20 in the Student Lounge. The students did an excellent job.

**Corporate Sponsors:** *Davis Grain and Pinestraw* and *Bradley Taylor, Electrical Contractor* have pledged to be Corporate Sponsors with a donation of \$100.00 each. If you or someone you know would like to become a corporate sponsor, contact Twyla Davis before April 3.

**Luminaries** are available for \$10.00 each. These can be purchased In Honor of and In Memory of cancer patients. Relay for Life Team members have luminary forms.

Plans that are in the works are a booth at the Planter's Day Festival on **March 29** and a booth at the Spring Expo at Lu Mil Vineyard on **April 5**.

**Departments are invited to sponsor a fundraiser** during the month of April. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated.

For information: <http://events.cancer.org/rflbladenncc>

Or contact Twyla Davis or Doris Horne



### Planning to Become A Teacher?

Shari Willis, with the Education Department at Fayetteville State University is looking for a few good prospective teachers! She will be available to talk with you ( 10 a.m. to Noon) on Wednesday, April 16th in the Student Center.

Please bring an unofficial copy of your college transcript with you when you meet with Ms. Willis. You may obtain an unofficial copy of your transcript by requesting one from Faye Turner in the Registrar's office. Request should be made before the day of your meeting with Ms. Willis.

### Nurse Entrance Test Schedule for Spring 2008

Upcoming test dates are:

April 2, 2008	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.
April 15, 2008	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.
April 17, 2008	Thursday	9:00 a.m.

Address any questions to Tommy Rains At 879-5565, or Yvonne Willoughby at 879-5593.



### US Department of Homeland Security US Customs and Border Protection



The US Department of Homeland Security is actively recruiting Border Patrol Agents to prevent terrorists and their weapons from entering the United States, detect and prevent the smuggling and unlawful entry of undocumented aliens. Border Patrol Agents are eligible for a starting salary between \$36,658 and \$46,542, the opportunity for up to 25 percent of salary in overtime pay, and the full range of government benefits, including health insurance, life insurance, and law enforcement officer retirement coverage.

Candidates must be under age 40, be able to pass a medical examination and fitness test, and successfully complete a background investigation. They must also be able to learn the Spanish language.

For more information, interested students should visit the Web site, [www.cbp.gov/careers](http://www.cbp.gov/careers) or call 1-877.277.9527.

### GRADUATING IN MAY???



You need to apply for graduation immediately if you will complete your degree, diploma, or certificate requirements by May 2008. Follow these steps:

1. Contact your assigned faculty advisor to help determine your eligibility for graduation.
2. Pay your graduation fee in the cashier's office. (Degrees, diplomas-\$20.00; certificates-\$5.00.) **The graduation fee must be paid regardless of the student's desire to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

Bring proof of payment to the registrar's office (Bldg. 2, Rm. 110 or 111) to complete a graduation application for the academic year 2007-08.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR for GRADUATION EVENTS

- April 23 at 5:45 p.m. AHS/GED Graduation Rehearsal
- April 30 at 3:00 p.m. BCC College Graduation Rehearsal
- May 8 at 7:30 p.m. AHS/GED GRADUATION
- May 9 at 7:30 p.m. BCC COLLEGE GRADUATION

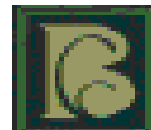
### Bladen Community College *Ambassadors*

The Bladen Community College Foundation sponsors the Ambassador program for BCC each year. Ambassadors serve as hosts at college events and as representatives of the college in the community.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR 2008-2009 ARE DUE APRIL 1.

#### BENEFITS:

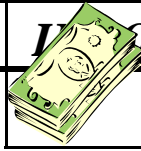
- \$350 scholarship per semester
- \$150 bookstore allowance per semester
- Ambassador blazer with school emblem
- Ambassador golf shirt
- Leadership training



#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have completed 12 semester hours at BCC with a GPA of 2.5 or better by the end of the Spring Semester 2007
- Carry a minimum load of 12 semester hours per semester
- Complete an Ambassador Application

Applications are available from Anthony Thomas or Sally Valentin in the Student Services Division in Building 2.



**NOW is the time to apply for**

**scholarships for NEXT YEAR!**

Many scholarships are available at Bladen Community College to help with your college expenses.

The BCC Foundation administers a large number of scholarships. Some have specific requirements of the students. However, rather than your having to read through a description of each to see if you can apply, the Financial Aid Office of BCC has a one-time standard application. You fill out the application, and they submit your name for all scholarships for which you meet the criteria. Applications are at the Financial Aid Offices in the Student Center Building and are **DUE ON APRIL 14TH**.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS are offered by organizations and agencies outside Bladen Community College. To help you know what is available, a number of scholarships are listed below. PLEASE NOTE that most of these have a deadline for submission. If you have questions of need help on the scholarships below, contact Tommy Rains in Student Services..

### Armed Forces Scholarships

The **Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA)** is now accepting applications for scholarships from Cumberland and bordering county residents, Ft. Bragg/Pope AFB employees (civilian or military) or their dependents. Last year, 10 scholarships totaling \$20,000 were awarded to local students.



For an application form, send an e-mail request to brian.bennett-03@pope.af.mil or candace.tate@pope.af.mil; or simply call (910) 394-4209 or (910) 394-4079.

**All applications must be postmarked 15 April 2008.**

### Association Of Special Operations Professionals Scholarship

The **Association of Special Operations Professionals** is offering \$1,000 scholarships for high school and college students. All students are eligible.

Applicants must submit a typed 300-500 word essay explaining future goals and how you plan to use your area of study to achieve them, two letters of recommendation, and transcripts.

**The deadline for applications is May 1, 2008.**

### ALL ABOUT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

**All About Education** is offering one \$5,000 scholarship to anyone 13 or older based on their 250 word or less answer to the following question:

"How will a \$5,000 scholarship for education make a difference in your life?"

Apply online at: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

**The deadline to apply is April 30, 2008.**

### Superpower Scholarship

The Superpower Scholarship offers 5 - \$1,000 scholarships. Applicants must answer the following question in 250 words or less:

"If you were granted the superpower to manipulate time, how would you use it and why?"

Apply online at:

<http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

**The application deadline is March 31, 2008.**

### Marine Corps Scholarships

**Marine Corp Scholarships** are available to students with a 2.0 GPA and are:



- Sons and daughters of active duty or reserve US Marines.
- Marines who have an Honorable Discharge, or Medical Discharge.
- Active duty or reserve US Navy Corpsmen who are serving or have served with the US Marine Corps.
- Registered as a sophomore, junior or senior.
- From families with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$77,000 or less.

If you feel you qualify, see Tommy Rains in Student Services for a complete application package.

### FAFSA Form Information

The deadline for filing FAFSA forms to qualify for state aid (CC Grants, NC Student Incentive Grants) was March 15th. **HOWEVER**, you may still file your FAFSA for federal aid such as the Pell Grant..



## DISTANCE LEARNING

### *Education at the Speed of Life.*

### It's Student Evaluation Time in Distance Courses

Beginning March 25th, distance student evaluations will be made available online for students to give input about their experiences taking distance courses.

All students taking any type of distance courses should make an effort to complete evaluations of your courses. Evaluations are required whether you are taking a telecourse (T), teleweb course (TW), hybrid (H), or online course (OL).

Evaluations are now available at [http://www.bladen.cc.nc.us//dl1pp/DE\\_WS/forms.html](http://www.bladen.cc.nc.us//dl1pp/DE_WS/forms.html).

**Students need to complete evaluations before the April 25, 2008 deadline.**



### Distance Education Illuminates with Elluminate

The Distance Education Department is happy to announce the incorporation of Elluminate in its tools for distance learning.

Elluminate is a Web-conferencing and Web-based training tool designed to allow innovations such as online professional development for faculty, interactive virtual office hours, Blackboard training for students, and other sessions from virtually anywhere so long as participants are online to join the Webinar.

On Tuesday, April 15, 2008, Elluminate representative Brent Carter will be on campus to demonstrate Elluminate. The professional development session for all faculty members will be held in the Teaching Auditorium from 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.

With computing technology like Elluminate, concepts such as virtual office hours and virtual department meetings are now a reality.



## EVENING COLLEGE

### *Education's Second Shift*

Students are stopping by to read the announcements on the board in Building One and although the **Suggestion Box** has not been overflowing, there have been some submitted. Most have been about - what else - FOOD!

The Dean and administration are addressing this issue. As more information becomes available, we'll be sure to get it out to you. Remember, your suggestions are completely anonymous so please do share your good ideas for improvements. However, if anonymity is not a concern, you are also welcome to email them to Kathy McGurgan, [kmcgurgan@bladencc.edu](mailto:kmcgurgan@bladencc.edu), and she will pass them on.

Soon we will have a **bulletin board** mounted on the wall in the lobby of Building One. You are welcome to use it for 'Books-4-Sale' and 'Share-A-Ride' notices.

Also, the **Summer Schedule** is out. **Mark your calendar for April 1st** and be sure to make your appointment with your advisor for early registration.



## SGA News

### Spring Fling / Spirit Week April 14-18

**BCC's traditional Spring Fling has GROWN!**

Below are the plans for the week. Get ready for fun!

**Monday: PICTURE THIS!** Auditorium, 1:30-7:30 p.m.

A group is coming to campus to create funny t-shirts...pictures...tattoos



**Monday-Tuesday: SGA SPRING ELECTIONS**

Voting for President and six senators for next year.

**Thursday: TALENT SHOW > LUNCH > SOFTBALL**

- Talent Show at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium with prizes for the winners.
- Lunch on campus provided by SGA.
- Annual Faculty/Staff vs. Students Softball Game

**Friday: VOLLEYBALL GAME at 1 p.m. All invited.**

## BCC Foundation

### BCC Goes Coco Loco IV



Come

and enjoy

live music, dancing,  
and hors d'oeuvres

Friday, April 25th 8:00—11:00 p.m.  
at LuMil Vineyard

Featuring  
The Coco Loco Party Band

Tickets: \$15

Call 879-5519

### BCC's SGA at N4CSGA Conference

BCC Student Government Association members Jason Brit, Robert Singletary, Chad Smith, Kel Purdie and Chris Taylor will be traveling to Durham for the N4CSGA Spring Conference to be held March 28—30. SGA Advisor Teresa Hester will accompany the BCC delegation.

The conference will held at the Sheraton Hotel in the Research Triangle Park area. The conference theme is **Putting Your Best Foot Forward**.

These students are spending their weekend to learn how to better lead BCC's Student Government Association.

### BCC Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament



The Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, May 29th at the Carolina Sands Golf Course between Elizabethtown and White Lake. Get your team together and enjoy the day at a great golf course.

For more information on these events, watch future issues of THE EAGLE or call Stephen Prince at 879-5519.

### SGA President Graduates from Student Leadership Program

Bladen Community College's Student Government Association President Jason Britt graduated from the North Carolina Community College Student Leadership Institute on February 29, 2008. The ceremony was held in the Marriott Crabtree Valley.

The Institute focuses on training community college students for future business and public sector leadership positions.

The program kicks off each June and runs through February of the following year. Britt attended a week-long kickoff training program last summer. He was one of 30 students throughout the North Carolina Community College System selected to attend the program.



Jason Britt  
SGA President

Story and photo by Jack McDuffie

**Judge Rozier Challenges Audience at Black History Month Event**



District Judge Vince Rozier Jr., at the Black History program at BCC on February 28, challenged those present to "look in the mirror" to see how they view themselves today and compare it to what they would like to be in the future.

"I decided to come here and ask each of you a few questions," Rozier said. "Have you looked in the mirror lately? What did you see?" He explained that to be successful in life an individual must be able to envision where he or she wants to be in life five years in the future and work toward making that vision a reality.

Rozier said that often young people are sidetracked by what seems the easy way to reach an objective, such as getting involved in the illegal drug trade. He pointed out that doing so often leads to a very negative outcome.

He said that it is incumbent individuals to take responsibility for their life and free themselves from the "childish ideas of their past" that prevent them from becoming the person they want to be.

Rozier is a graduate of Tar Heel High School, where he was valedictorian of his class. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and his Juris Doctorate at North Carolina Central University School of Law. He is a District Court judge in Raleigh.

The Black History Month program was sponsored by Men of Standard, a minority male mentoring group at BCC.

Story and photo by Jack McDuffie

**BCC's Global Education Can Take YOU There**



*You've seen it in movies, read about it in books, eaten its food in your dining room. It was the center of the Ancient World, birthplace of the Renaissance and is the beautiful, relaxing country you think it to be. It also provides us with recipes we love to cook and eat.. It is ITALY and, with careful planning, you can go there in May, 2009.*

*BCC's HUM 120: World Cultures class will be studying Italy in the spring of 2009 and the study will culminate with an 11-12 day trip to visit, sightsee, sample the food and get to know the people.*

*NOW is the time to make your plans and start saving your spending money for the trip. Get on the mailing list now.*

*For all the details, contact course instructor Barbara Morrison at [bmorrison@bladencc.edu](mailto:bmorrison@bladencc.edu) or call 910.840.3845.*



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**BCC Offers Summer Camps to Local High School Students**

BCC will offer local high school students a unique opportunity to learn new skills this summer in a fun and fulfilling environment. Called summer camps, the three programs will focus on different areas and be available to students who will enter grades 9 - 12 in the coming school year. Camp hours will be 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

The **Math/Science Summer Camp** will be held June 23 – 26 and focus on forensic science. It will include forensic science experiments and incorporate math principles to solve crime. Topics of the labs will include Blood Spatter Analysis, Bullet Trajectory, Fingerprinting, DNA Analysis and "Autopsy", which will be a lab on dissection of pigs.

The second summer camp will be called **Summer Chillers: Mysteries in Film and Literature** and will be held July 14 - 17. It will cover Literary Criticism, Mystery Reading, Creative Writing and Fine Arts.

The third camp will be held July 21 – 24 and will be entitled **Life Skills: Dealing with Life in a Fast Paced World**. This camp will cover drug abuse, staying away from gangs, making important life decisions, teen problems and general concerns of high school students.

All of the camps are tuition free and open to 20 students on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply for the program, call Carnell Pait at 879-5512.



## Advisory Committees Luncheon & Meeting April 16th

Bladen Community College is fortunate to have many people from the Bladen County community who serve on BCC's Advisory Committees.

Local businesses hire many of our graduates. Each year, some of those employers visit our campus and meet with the faculty who teach in the curriculum that trains their workers. They help the college keep focused and updated on what knowledge and skills our students need to become successfully employed.

Educators from both public schools and universities in our general area work with the College Transfer faculty to make sure our curriculum meets the needs of students coming from the public schools and going to the universities.

BCC annually hosts a luncheon for the Advisory Committee members and provides for meeting facilities for the committees. The 2008 luncheon and meetings are Wednesday, April 16th from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Instructors need to make plans for their classes that meet during that time.



## ΣΚΔ (English Honor Society) Schedules Induction Ceremony

The Nu Alpha Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta at Bladen Community College will be holding its annual induction ceremony on Thursday, April 24, 2008. The ceremony will take place in the teaching auditorium at 12:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend as outstanding students are honored with induction.

For information, contact Mrs. Williams in Bldg. 1; 879 - 5545.



## Have you received a Traffic Ticket in Bladen County?



You'll save money on your insurance rates and sharpen your driving skills by attending Defensive Driving class. The District Attorney, Clerk of Court, and Judges have approved this program developed by the National Safety Council.

Classes are scheduled on April 12 (7:30 a.m.—Noon) and April 24 (5:30—10:00 p.m.). The fee is \$50.

For more information contact Bladen Community College at (910) 879-5586.

# S-T-R-E-T-C-H

## YOUR LEXICON

## TAXING TIME



*From the beauty of Spring to the IRS due date for filing taxes! Each year the government gets about 38% of the money you earn through one tax or another. Can you identify SOME of our United States taxes?*

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. ___ capital gains tax     | A. Tax on items from another country; usually included in price when sold to consumer    |
| 2. ___ excise tax            | B. Tax on money you made from buying property and selling it for a profit.               |
| 3. ___ export tax            | C. Tax on money you made from working or received from retirement / Social Security      |
| 4. ___ import tax            | D. Tax on goods leaving the country  |
| 5. ___ income tax            | E. Tax on items you purchase; lower rate on foods in North Carolina                      |
| 6. ___ inheritance tax       | F. Tax included in price of every gallon of gasoline / diesel fuel for non-farm vehicles |
| 7. ___ luxury tax            | G. Tax on money / items you receive from an estate at a person's death                   |
| 8. ___ penalty               | H. Tax on items made and consumed (used) within the country                              |
| 9. ___ personal property tax | I. Tax on high priced items that is higher than regular sales tax.                       |
| 10. ___ property tax         | J. Tax on your ineptness at paying taxes...for paying too little or too late             |
| 11. ___ road use tax         | K. Tax on real estate including buildings  |
| 12. ___ sales tax            | L. Tax on items like your car, furniture, pets, etc.                                     |

Answers on page 2