



# The Eagle

Volume XIV, Number 5

April 30, 2008

## In This Issue

### PAGE 1: NEWS

College Graduation Speaker  
High School Graduation Speaker

### PAGE 2: GENERAL INFORMATION

Dr. Page: Champion of Children  
Presidential Search Candidates  
BCC's Relay for Life Team Report  
Birthday Calendar  
EAGLE Contributors

### PAGE 3: SPIRIT WEEK

Picture This  
Tee-shirts and Elections  
Advisory Committee Meetings  
Fashion—Food—Fun (Softball)  
Volleyball  
Relax and Enjoy  
Thanks SGA

### PAGE 4: CAMPUS EVENTS

Reading BCC Students  
National Library Week  
Mozart Opera on Campus  
McKenzie Nominee for State Award

### PAGE 5: DISTANCE & EVENINGS

Upcoming Distance Changes  
Evening Communication

### PAGE 6: NEWS & FOUNDATION

Special Thank You  
Bloodmobile Report  
Scholarship Golf Tournament  
BCC Goes Coco Loco IV  
Two Students Honored in Raleigh

## What's Happening

### **APRIL:**

30: Graduation Rehearsal

### **MAY:**

1- 7: Examinations  
8: AHS/GED Graduation  
9: BCC College Graduation  
20: Summer Registration  
21: End Summer Registration



## McIntyre Is BCC's College Graduation Speaker

Mike McIntyre represents North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District in the House of Representatives in Washington. However, on Friday evening, May 9th, he will be speaking to those graduating from Bladen Community College and their families and friends.

McIntyre has represented our area in Congress since 1996. In Congress, Rep. McIntyre is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, Co-Chairman of the Business & Technology Task Force of the Blue Dog Coalition, Co-Chairman of the Rural Caucus Task Force on Jobs, Economic Development and Transportation. Additionally, he has been a leader on law enforcement issues, an avid defender of our senior citizens, and a strong advocate for improved health care and education.

A leadership survey by the Wilmington Star-News found that Congressman McIntyre is the area's "most powerful and effective leader." Not only was he ranked first among government and political leaders, but he was also "first among all leaders," which included those in positions of business and civic leadership as well.

A Morehead Scholar at UNC, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa as a political science major in 1978 and received his Juris Doctorate in 1981.

## Phillips is BCC's High School Graduation Speaker

The Honorable Nancy Phillips will deliver the commencement address to BCC's students receiving high school completion documents on Thursday evening May 8th.m.

The students graduating have completed their work for Adult High School diploma or General Education Development (GED) diploma. About one of every seven students receiving high school completion documents do so at community colleges.

Judge Nancy Phillips graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a B.S. in Home Economics. Judge Phillips has also been a business owner and is a designer of needlework. She is a 1990 graduate of Campbell University Law School and was in private practice for eight years, specializing in criminal defense and civil cases. She was appointed to District Court Bench of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District by Governor Hunt in 1998.

She is married to Dr. Bruce Phillips of Elizabethtown and is the mother of three adult sons and the proud grandmother of two little girls. She is an active member of the Elizabethtown Optimist Club, a member of the Board of Directors of Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina and a member of Wesley's Chapel United Methodist Church of Elizabethtown.



**Bladen Community College**  
P.O. Box 266, Dublin, NC 28332  
Dublin, NC 28332

*A Superior  
Performance  
College*

(910) 879-5500  
1-800-619-1406  
<http://www.bladenc.edu>



### President Page Receives Champion for Children Award

Bladen Smart Start presented Bladen Community College President Dr. Darrell Page its **Champion for Children** award in a special ceremony held Thursday, April 17.

In presenting the award, Bladen Smart Start Executive Director Lillian Bryant praised Page for his involvement in and support for the program from the very beginning when the local Smart Start was little more than a vision. She described Page as a "trendsetting pioneer" whose vision had a major impact on the improvement in day care teacher education levels in the county.

"When a leader lends themselves to this kind of support for others, you get a collaboration that leads to powerful impact on the beneficiaries of the services," said Bryant.

Dr. Page said he was humbled to have been selected for this award and praised Bryant for her leadership in making Bladen Smart Start such an effective organization in promoting the welfare of local children.

He also praised others at Bladen Community College for their part in developing and delivering the childcare education programs that have been such an important part of the Smart Start effort. "It is truly a group effort," he concluded.

By Jack McDuffie



### BCC's Relay For Life Report

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**  
8 a.m. May 2nd to 8 a.m. May 3rd  
at Elizabethtown Middle School

The Bladen County Relay for Life Celebration will be held May 2 and 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Elizabethtown Middle School. During the 24 hour event, Relay for Life team members will be walking around the track in honor and in memory of hundreds of cancer patients.

The BCC Cancer Kickers will be walking the track and will have a fundraising site set up as well. Following the theme from the popular game show, "The Price is Right", the team will have a variety of games for the children to play. In addition, Relay for Life items will be sold.

We need walkers for May 2 - 3. If you are interesting in signing up to walk, see Twyla Davis in Building 1 Room 127.

Until the big weekend in May, you can still show your support by purchasing armbands, hairbands, footballs, keychains, or memory stars from the Relay team members.

The Cancer Kickers appreciate all of your support this semester. As of date, we have raised over \$2,600.00.

For information: <http://events.cancer.org/rflbladenn> or contact Twyla Davis or Doris Horne

### Presidential Search Committee Interviews

The Presidential Search Committee is conducting interviews with six finalists to narrow the field to three candidates whose names will be submitted to the NCCCS Board.

Those currently being interviewed are:

Dr. Catherine Chew, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Orange County Community College Middletown, NY

Dr. William Findt, Executive Vice President for Development & Community Relations, Mitchell Comm. Coll. - Statesville, NC

Dr. Susan Karr, Vice President of Instruction, Ouachita Technical College - Malvern, AR

Dr. Judith Mann, Associate Vice President for Instructional Development and Technology, NCCCS - Raleigh, NC

Dr. T. Eston Marchant, Vice President for Educational Affairs, Piedmont Technical College - Greenwood, SC

Dr. W. Dale McInnis, Executive Vice President, Richmond Community College - Hamlet, NC

### BCC's Birthday Calendar

#### MAY

- 2 -- SONDRA GUYTON
- 5 -- DIANA WALKER  
SHERWIN RICE
- 7 -- CATHERINE MCLANEY
- 13 -- AMY LONG
- 18 -- TERRY TOLAR
- 22 -- JAMES JOHNSON
- 27 -- DENISE HUNSINGER
- 31 -- LINDA DOWLESS  
SHARI WILKINS



**Contributors to THE EAGLE:** Jason Britt, James Cook, Twyla Davis, Jeff Kornegay, Jack McDuffie, Kathy McGurgan, Tiina Mundy, Stephen Prince, Barbara Morrison serves as compiler.



Spring Fling

Spirit Week

April 14-18




Monday  
PICTURE THIS!

Monday-Tuesday  
BCC Shirts  
SGA SPRING ELECTIONS



Wednesday  
Advisory Committees Meet



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.

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

BCC appreciates the input from the community in helping the college provide the kind of education its students need.

Thursday  
TALENT SHOW > LUNCH > SOFTBALL



Can you pick out who are students and who are instructors?

Age & experience beats youth & agility almost every year!  
Congrats Faculty & Staff!



Those also ENJOY who sit and watch!

Friday—Volleyball



By the end of the week, age and experience was tired!  
Youth & agility won out.  
Congrats Students!

Thank you SGA for a great SPIRIT WEEK?



**Reading BCC Students**

The Townsend Press Reading Scholarship Contest ended April 18. Twelve students participated in the contest with six receiving scholarship money from Townsend Press.

The contest requires each participant to read ten books from an assigned list. After reading each book, the student has to meet with the BCC contest coordinator, Twyla Davis, and complete an interview about the book. During the interview the students give a plot summary of the book and answer questions from the coordinator.

For every ten books the student reads, he or she receives \$100.00 from Townsend Press. The following students completed the contest for the spring semester:

Rachel Council	20 books	\$200.00
Peggy McLaurin	20 books	\$200.00
Adelita Byrd	10 books	\$100.00
Christina Cowser	10 books	\$100.00
Evangeline Jones	10 books	\$100.00
Leslie Long	10 books	\$100.00

These following students participated in the contest by reading some of the assigned books on the list and interviewing with the coordinator. BCC Foundation awarded each of these students a gift for participating.

- Sylvia Council
- Tawanda Gillespie
- Margaret Ramirez
- Sidney Hines
- Joyce Rozier
- Lauren Carson

All twelve students were recognized in an awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 29. The students received their monetary rewards in addition to certificates and gifts.

***Congratulations to the participants!***

**BCC Celebrates National Library Week**

**National Library Week was April 13th —19th.** BCC's Library held a drawing of those who registered in the Library that week.

The winners of the drawing were:

- Ann Brown .....Gift Basket
- Gretel Chavis ..... Gift Basket
- Wanda Turner .....Set of 3 Books

***Congratulations to the winners of our National Library Week drawing.***



**Mozart's Opera at BCC**

Bladen Community College and the Arts Council of Bladen County hosted a special production of the opera *Così fan tutte* on Wednesday, April 16th at 10:00 for Bladen County School Children.

The opera was one of three composed by Mozart. The title may be translated "Women are like that."

This opportunity to view a live performance from the cultural arts was facilitated by BCC's Sherwin Rice, Director of the Learning Resource Center. About 750 students attended the performance.



**North Carolina Community College System**  
Preparing North Carolina's World-Class Workforce

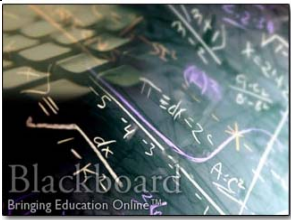
**McKenzie Is BCC's Nominee For Excellence in Teaching Award**

Chad McKenzie has been named BCC's nominee for the North Carolina Community College System's Excellence in Teaching Award. The award is presented to one of five finalists chosen from among nominees from the state's 58 campuses.

McKenzie, who teaches in the Office Systems Technology area, holds bachelor and master degrees from Campbell University and is pursuing a doctoral degree.

Proficient in both seated and distance classes, McKenzie is completing his second year as an Instructor at BCC.





## DISTANCE LEARNING

### Education at the Speed of Life.

Beginning Summer 2008, Blackboard will be undergoing some major server maintenance.

Students will have new usernames and passwords for Blackboard and student email beginning the Summer 2008 semester. Their username will be their first initial + middle initial (if provided to the admissions office) + whole last name + birthday month and day. For example, if John Q. Student's birthday is on January 15, his username would be jqstudent0115. If students have not provided a middle name to the Admission's office, then a middle initial will not be in their username.

Passwords will be the seven digit student ID number, which can be found on the top left corner of the registration printout for the semester. Flyers were given to Student Services for distribution during Early Registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Distance Education office at 910-879-5526.

Exciting changes are in the works for Distance Education and Bladen Community College is a state leader in providing Distance Education for its students. Watch for announcements on the Distance Education page of the BCC Website ([www.bladencc.edu](http://www.bladencc.edu)), in Distance Education Bulletins and in THE EAGLE.



## EVENING COLLEGE

### Education's Second Shift

A bulletin board has been mounted on the wall in the lobby of Building One. All faculty, students and staff are welcome to use it for 'Books-For-Sale', 'Books Needed' and 'Share-A-Ride' notices.

Food, campus lighting, building numbering/identification are some of the suggestions we have received. The Dean of Distance & Evening Programs, as well as campus administration are addressing your Suggestion Box concerns. 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.

A special note of thanks from Evening students goes out to the SGA! The inclusion of the evening students, from t-shirts to FOOD, was truly appreciated during Spirit Week.

**REMINDER:** Students who first enrolled at BCC in January 2008 should check with Financial Aid about continuing their studies during the Summer 2008 semester.



## SGA News

# Thank You

The SGA-sponsored Spirit Week was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who participated, as well as announced and encouraged student participation. The SGA would like to say a special thanks to Dora Jones, Kathy McGurgan, Tiina Mundy, Faye Turner, Chad McKenzie and the faculty and staff that helped throughout the week.

For the Talent/Karaoke show, thanks to Anthony Thomas and the Men of Standard for co-sponsoring and organizing this event. Thank you to our judges: Kathryn Geisen, Sally Valentiner, Dora Jones, and Marva Dinkins. They did an outstanding job in selecting our winners. We also can't forget Shari Wilkins who willingly performed MC duties.

The faculty/staff members were victorious in the annual softball game, but the students redeemed themselves with a victory in the volleyball match. Thanks to all participants!

Last but not least, thanks to Teresa Hester for her hard work in organizing the week's activities. The SGA would not have had this success without her help.

Thank you all very much,  
Jason Britt, SGA President

## BCC Foundation

### 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 call Stephen Prince at 879-5519.

### BCC Goes Coco Loco IV



*So...did you bop 'til you dropped?*

*For the fourth year, the Bladen Community College Foundation held a beach party right in Bladen County.*

*Thank you for your support of this activity that helps raise money for campus beautification.*



### April 21st Bloodmobile Report

On April 21st, the SGA sponsored a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile at BCC. Results:  
39 people were presented to donate, 12 were first-time donors, 35 productive units were collected

### Two BCC Students Honored at Raleigh Ceremony

April 16th was a very special day for two Bladen Community College students, Teresa Hester and Jane B. Sykes, both of Bladenboro. They were honored at the North Carolina Community College System's annual Academic Excellence Awards ceremony held at the North Raleigh Hilton. Each year the system honors two students from each of its 58 constituent colleges for achieving academic excellence in their studies.

Hester, who entered the University of North Carolina - Wilmington after graduating from high school in 1980, attended college for three years before leaving to become an airline flight attendant. "After 9/11 when many airlines, including US Airways, filed for bankruptcy, I became concerned that I would lose my job," she states. "After debating what to do, I decided I'd better get an education because I had no work experience other than flying." Hester began attending BCC in the summer of 2005 while continuing to fly for the airline. The airline allowed her to fly on weekends so she could attend school fulltime. Last year she completed an Associate Degree in Office Systems Technology and will complete her degree in Business Administration in May. She has maintained a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.95 in a 4.0 scale.

Sykes, a native of Bladenboro who graduated from Bladenboro High School in 1976, attended Campbell University for two semesters before leaving school in 1977 to marry and start a family. Over the following years she worked in a number of different jobs, mostly in the textile industry. Following the closure of the Soffee Apparel plant in Bladenboro, she elected to return to school with the assistance of the TRA (Trade Readjustment Allowances). "After considering my options, I decided to pursue a degree in Early Childhood at BCC," Sykes said. "I've always liked working with children and the fact that I would have summers off as a teacher appealed to me." She began the Early Childhood program at BCC in the fall of 2005 and is scheduled to graduate in May. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA in her studies. Sykes says she hopes to get a job as a substitute teacher following graduation.



By Jack McDuffie