



Dr. Joyce Bahhouth



Ms. Sara Neeley

BCC gets two new English instructors

The English department at Bladen Community Colleges has two new faces this semester. The new faculty members are Dr. Joyce Bahhouth and Sara Neeley. Both have extensive instructional experience.

Dr. Bahhouth is a native of Lebanon who taught in universities in that country for many years before immigrating to the United States. She taught for 19 years at Notre Dame University in Lebanon and then at the University of Maryland as both a content advisor for an Arabic online class and as a writing center faculty advisor.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, a Master of Arts in Education, and a PhD in English as a Second Language.

She resides in Hope Mills with her husband, Victor, and her seven-year-old son, Andrew.

Neeley is a native of Virginia who completed her undergraduate degree at Furman and her graduate degree at The Citadel. After college she moved to Durham and taught English in Durham Public Schools. She lived and worked in Durham for 17 years before moving to Atlanta, Georgia, where she worked as a freelance writer for 17 years.

When her husband passed away, she accepted an instructor position at the Cheyenne campus of Laramie Community College in Wyoming.

Explaining her reason for coming to Bladen Community College, Neeley said, “I moved to Cheyenne to be near my grandchildren, who lived in Denver. But it was just too cold. I decided after a couple of years that I had to get back to the South—preferably to North Carolina.”

Neeley, who has two grown daughters and two grandchildren, resides in Bladen County.