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Miller wows audience at BCC Convocation

Tuesday's Fall Convocation was a very special time at Bladen Community College, as Naomi Miller, director of BCC's East Arcadia Center, wowed the audience with a rousing speech she entitled "Get on the Train and Blow the Whistle."

She used an analogy gleaned from the movie *The Polar Express* to impress upon the students the importance of making a decision to get a good education and holding on to the dream no matter how many difficulties they encounter.

"Make a decision to get on the train," said Miller. "Your train is education. You must have vision, a hope and a dream to take you to where you want to go. You must say to yourself, 'I can...I will...I know I can.' I want you to ring the bell!" she added.



Eyes right...or left!

Faculty and staff members march to their appropriate seats under the direction of the BCC Ambassadors at Tuesday's fall Convocation. Convocation speaker Naomi Miller, East Arcadia Center director, is in inset photo.

From the Office of the Vice President for Instruction & Student Services



The new academic year is in full swing and we're off to a great start. Though we have the largest student body in BCC's 43-year history, we've been able to accommodate everyone without losing the personal touch that has been our hallmark over the years.

Tuesday's Convocation ceremony marking the beginning of the new academic year was one of the best we have ever had. Our own Naomi Miller, director of BCC's East Arcadia Center, did a splendid job with a keynote speech that had virtually everyone in attendance spellbound.

In her analogy of education as the train to future success, Ms. Miller pointed out that one must first get on the train, then weather the rough spots as they come along if they are to reach their destination—a brighter future. She entitled her presentation, "Get On the Train and Blow the Whistle," and pointed out that to succeed one must first believe in himself or herself and that the beginning of the semester essentially gives one a new start. She pointed out that for those in attendance, the train is BCC. In another analogy, she pointed out that going to school is like drag racing—it takes a team effort to succeed. She concluded by stating that learning never stops—it is a lifelong process.

In another high point earlier in the program, BCC Counselor Crystal Dowd sang a beautiful rendition of "We've Only Just Begun."

At the conclusion of the program, BCC President Dr. William Findt gave a great response to Miller's speech.

Jeff Kornegay

Upcoming Events

September 2 - BCC Choir meets at 12:30 p.m. in the auditorium. If you can sing, play an instrument or both, please join.

September 2 - History Club meets at 1 p.m. in Building 17.

September 6 - College closed for Labor Day holiday.

September 8 & 13 - GED testing in Building 2, Room 202, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

September 16 - SGA Blood Drive in auditorium 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Give a pint, save a life.

BCC Birthdays through September 8: Al Marshburn, September 3; Horace McLean, September 4; David Gooden, September 5; Lucinda McKoy and Hattie Smith, September 6

A new face in a familiar place



There is a new face in a place nearly all of us are familiar with—the cashier’s cage in Administration. She’s Bridgette Singletary, a native and lifelong resident of Bladenboro.

A 1997 graduate of Bladenboro High School, Bridgette attended both Bladen Community College and Southeastern Community College as time permitted over the next six years. She was busy “raising children” and was unable to take a full load to enable her to graduate earlier. She earned an Associate in Applied Science with a concentration in Business Administration in 2003.

For the past five years she has worked in accounts payable for BB&T’s regional office in Whiteville.

She is married to Borisce Singletary and the couple has three daughters—Destinee, age 11; Kasee, age 8; and four-year-old Brookee.

When she has the time in her busy schedule, Bridgette likes to bowl or read.



All you ever wanted to know...

NC Board of Nursing Practice Consultant Joyce Winstead presented a workshop to faculty, staff and students in the Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing programs Wednesday on the scope of licensed practical nursing and the differences between duties of licensed practical nurses and registered nurses. The Teaching Auditorium was filled to capacity for the presentation.

BCC Foundation Donations for August

Jo Anne and William Findt in memory of Bonnie Foster’s brother.

Jo Anne and William Findt in memory of Pam Locklear King’s father.

Don’t hide your talent under a bushel, join the BCC Choir if you can sing, play an instrument, or both. Call Dora Jones at 879-5659.

Help keep Bladen beautiful

Keep Bladen Beautiful has announced its annual Big Sweep to clean up the county’s waterways. The event is set for Saturday, October 2. This is part of a worldwide effort to clean in and around waterways around the world. Site Captains are needed to organize the waterway cleanups. This would be a great project for one or more of the campus’s clubs or organizations. For information, call Sharon Block at 910.247.0004 or email sharonmblock@ec.rr.com. Check out details on Facebook under NC Big Sweep of Bladen County.

GET INTO SHAPE IN BLADENBORO!

Getting in shape may be easier than you think. There is also a fitness center in Bladenboro—Bladenboro Fitness Center. It is located at 109 West Railroad Street and offers numerous options for getting into shape. It has a full line of cardio/calorie burn equipment as well as body building equipment. In addition, the center has a tanning salon. For information on membership, times and other issues, call Andrew or Angela Pait at 910.863.3048/0140 or 910.876.1136.

Support the Bladen Community College Foundation— Come to the Dinner and Auction Fundraiser

The Bladen Community College Foundation serves a vital purpose. It provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships and loans to students who often have nowhere else to turn in order to stay in school. One way you can help is by attending the annual Dinner and Auction fundraiser at 6 p.m. on October 14 at Lu Mil. The event is the Foundation’s premier fundraiser each year. Moreover, it is an excellent opportunity to socialize with many from around the community who support the foundation. Call Foundation Executive Director Stephen Prince at 879.5519 to reserve your tickets or donate items for the auction.



Need more money?



One way you can make additional money is to become a Bladen Community College tutor. Work flexible, part-time hours that don’t interfere with your class schedule or other obligations. To qualify, you must have completed the class with a grade of B or better and submit a positive faculty recommendation. To apply or learn more about the tutoring program, call Felisa Williams at 879-5540 or the learning lab at 879-5559, email jscott@bladenc.edu. Felisa Williams