

A Farewell Message From The President

After ten years as president of Bladen Community College and 45 years in the North Carolina Community College System, I announced to the trustees in January 2018 that I would retire at the end of the year. The past ten years especially have been very meaningful to me. I have had time to reflect on the successes achieved at the college, particularly this past year. I will highlight five of our successful ventures.

First, ground was broken for two new buildings for the college, the first new construction on the campus in ten years. The Workforce Development building of 19,967 square feet will house the offices of the continuing education division, science and EMS laboratories along with general purpose classrooms. An auditorium that will be fully functional for instructional purposes is also included in the building. A 9,500 square foot STEM Training Center is also under construction. The college's computer technology program will move to this building. Also included in the building is a science laboratory and a large space for industrial technology programs. The Workforce Development building is being constructed with funds from the state-wide Connect NC bond of 2016. The STEM Training Center is being built with grants from the United States Economic Development Commission, The Golden LEAF Foundation, Bladen County and local business grants. This new construction emphasizes the college's commitment to student success.

Next, Cape Fear Valley Health System's support for the college grew tremendously when the Health System agreed to support an additional associate degree nursing faculty member allowing the college to expand the number of student admissions to its nursing programs. Cape Fear Valley also provides generous stipends to associate degree nursing students who accept employment with the hospitals in the network upon completion of their community college course work.

The State Board of Education approved the college for an Early College High School and the program's initial class of 50 students enrolled this past August for the ninth grade. The program is housed on the Bladen Community College campus and will enroll an additional 50 students for each of the next four years. Students receive four years of high school classes and one additional year of college courses to achieve the associate degree. The college expanded its partnership with the Bladen County School System by supporting a faculty member in each of the county's high schools. A welding instructor at West Bladen High School and a carpentry instructor at East Bladen High School are employed by the Bladen Community College to teach high school students.

Also, the college continues to host the state's noted poets and writers each semester with a "writers series" that includes some of the state's best known authors. The most recent North Carolina Poet Laureates have all read at the College.

In addition, the college has agreements with Fayetteville State University and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke to enable Bladen student to transfer easily to these universities. Most recently, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington agreed to a guaranteed admission program for Bladen Community College students.

The College is a vibrant resource in so many ways for the residents of Bladen County with first-class programs and the most dedicated faculty and staff in the state's system of community colleges. The college's library that is available to all residents of the county is a resource unequalled in the area.

It has been my honor to serve you, the residents of Bladen County. I am grateful to the trustees who chose me in the spring of 2008 to come to the College as its President.

Sincerely, William C. Findt

President



Paul Brown Academy Honor Guard Salute and Commendation



Over 200 guests attended a reception in honor of Dr. Findt



Presentation of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by state Rep. William Brisson













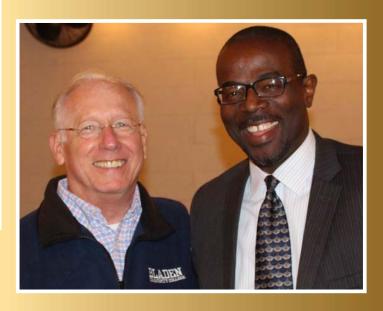
Dr. Findt has made a huge difference in the community and represented Bladen Community College so well. "

Ricky Leinwand, BCC Trustee





"A good listener. Dr. FIndt has been an authentic partner in addressing our students' needs ." Dr. Robert Taylor, **Bladen Co. Schools Superintendent**



A Message from the Board Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to applaud the students, faculty, staff and administration of Bladen Community College on another successful year! Their achievements continue to inspire me and my fellow Trustees.

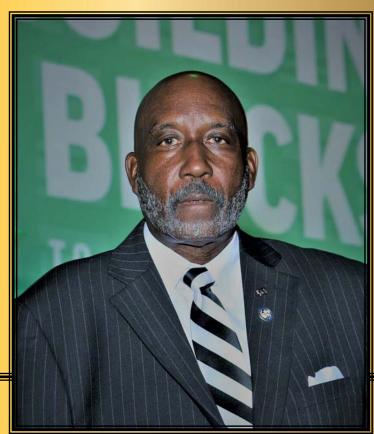
This year has been a very productive one but perhaps most notably, the coming to a close of Dr. William C. FIndt's ten year term as college president. As Board Chair, I have seen firsthand how Dr. Findt has contributed in countless ways to the growth and stability of the community college through his service, dedication, and commitment to the college's mission and its students, faculty and staff. Dr. Findt has broadened the curriculum and courses offered at the college to meet the needs of our students and consequently the needs of employers in the community. He has recruited and retained highly qualified instructors to enhance and improve instruction. His financial acumen has led to the provision of new and improved facilities for learning as well as substantial increased student scholarship support from industry and individuals. In the ten years that Dr. Findt has served as BCC President, the college has flourished and thrived. Dr. Findt's influence has had a powerful impact from which we benefit today but will continue to benefit for quite some time into the future.

After a thorough and extensive Presidential Search, Dr. Amanda K. Lee was selected as our new college president. Dr. Lee brings to the appointment a vast amount of experience, not only in the classroom, but as an administrator within the community college system. The Trustees are excited and confident that Dr. Lee will grow the college with continued success. We welcome Dr. Lee's leadership as we enter the next era of BCC's history.

We have been reminded this year of one of BCC's strengths and that is our sense of family that unites us all—trustees, faculty, staff, and students. Together, going forward, to embrace change, to continue to advance our mission, to serve our community and excel. With hope, anticipation and excitement, my fellow trustees and I look ahead to a bright future for Bladen Community College.

Dennis Troy

BCC Board of Trustees Chair



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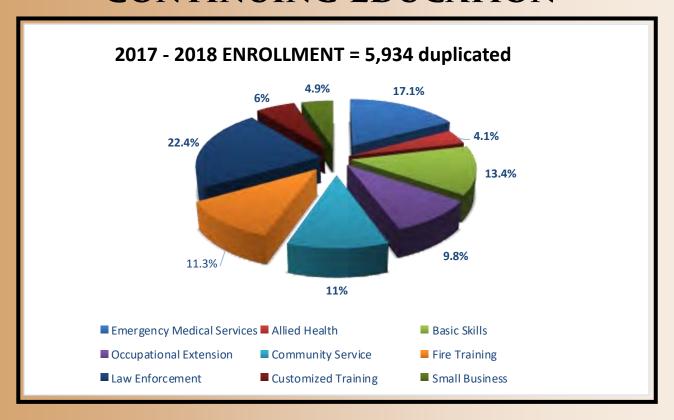




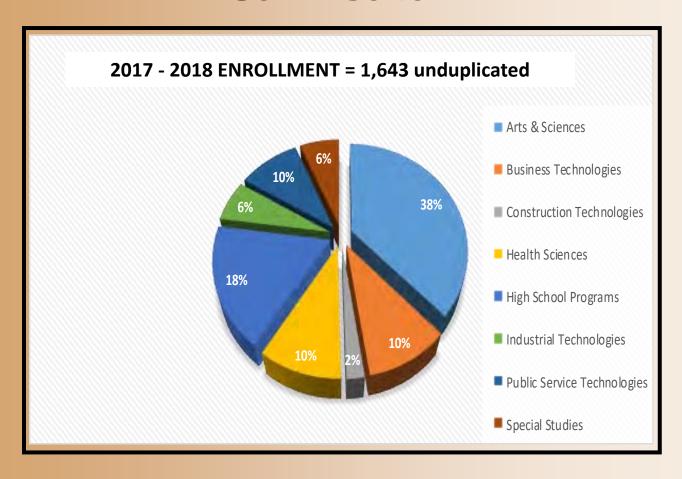




STUDENT ENROLLMENT CONTINUING EDUCATION



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Bladen Community College Annual Faculty and Staff Awards

Each year at the Fall Convocation, exemplary faculty and staff are recognized by their peers for their outstanding performance, commitment to the college mission and leadership.



2018 Staff Member of the YearWanda Richardson





2018 Excellence in Teaching Full Time Faculty

Mary Anne Murphy



2018 Excellence in Teaching Adjunct Faculty

Morgan Smith

Full-time Faculty - 44 Part-time Faculty - 89
Student to Faculty Ratio - 12:1
Average Number of Students per Class - 15
Average Age of Students - 26 years
Number of Associate Degrees Awarded - 227
Number of Diplomas Awarded - 60
Number of Certificates Awarded - 155

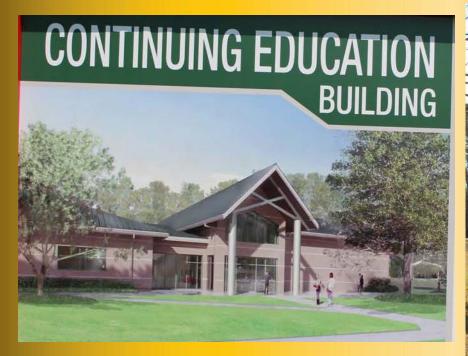
Ground breaking Ceremonies at BCC for Continuing Education Building in August



Dreams do come true and that was apparent at recent ground-breaking ceremonies for Bladen Community College's two new buildings on its main campus. Nearly two hundred people gathered on the BCC campus in late August for the ceremony to begin construction on the 19.967 square foot building to house continuing education programs. The \$6.5 million structure will features a 125 seat auditorium, a conference room, two EMS labs, two science labs, and five classrooms, as well as faculty and staff office for the continuing education department.

Dr. William Findt, President of Bladen Community College ,welcomed dignitaries, faculty , staff and students assembled in September to mark the official beginning of the highly anticipated construction project of the STEM and Advanced Technology Training Facility . The approximately 9,500 square feet building, at a projected cost of \$2 million will house an industrial chemistry lab, advanced manufacturing technology simulation bay, classrooms, and offices. Jeff Kornegay, Executive Vice-President and Chief Academic Officer, stated "these facilities will provide much needed space to support the college's growing programs such as allied health, career and college promise pathways for high school students, and the early college program. Curriculum and continuing education programs will have opportunities to utilize the facilities for courses and programs that build high demand skills for today's workplace. These cutting edge facilities have been a dream for our faculty for many years and we are excited about the potential it brings to our college and the community. "

Dr. Findt added "We are pleased for the support by the citizens of Bladen County who voted in favor of the Connect NC Education bond that has made the Continuing Education Building a reality. We thank the Bladen County commissioners for their approval and support for the building. Due to securing a large USDA federal grant and matching funds provided by the Golden LEAF Foundation along with other generous community support, BCC was able to move forward with its vision of a STEM training facility. This new facility will be the community center for workforce preparedness."



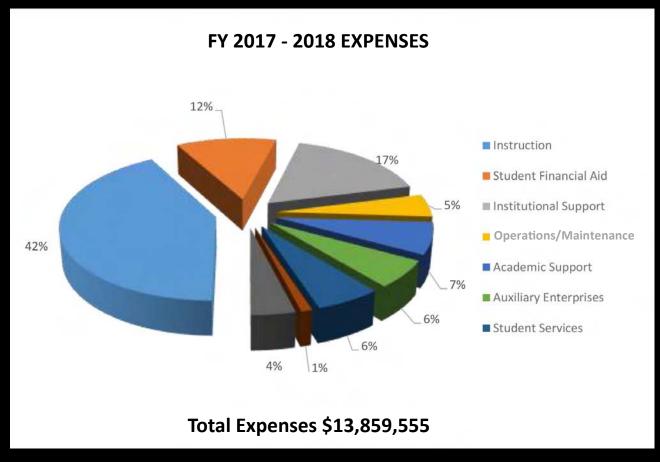


DREAMS do come true at Bladen Community College!



Financial Accountability 2017 - 2018





Bladen Community College is supported by federal, state, and county budgets, grants, and gifts.

2017-2018 FINANCIAL AID			
Financial Aid Received	Number of Recipi	ents A	mount
Pell Grants	774	\$2	,865,858
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	203	\$	60,000
Federal Work-Study	30	\$	47,834
Childcare	12	\$	24,116
NC Community College Grants	119	\$	87,421
NC Educational Lottery Scholarships	60	\$	52,527
Targeted Assistance	44	\$	4,981
BCC Foundation Scholarships	56	\$	39,250
Wells Fargo Scholarship	1	\$	500
Bladen County Commissioners Scholarships	8	\$	5,000
State Employees Credit Union Scholarships	4	\$	10,000
Golden LEAF Scholarships	29	\$	14,682
Perkins Career & Technical Education Grant		\$	69,224
Minority Male Success Initiative Grant		\$	17,234
Golden LEAF Foundation Open Grant		\$	163,730
Cape Fear Valley Allied Health Grant		\$	77,500
NC Community College—NC Works Career Co	oach	\$	38,725
Bladen County Annual Allocation		\$	407,000



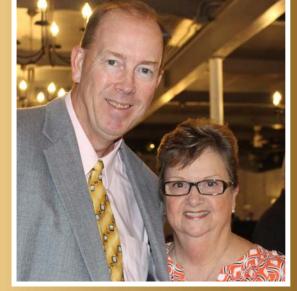


















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Dr. Amanda Lee selected as new Bladen Community College President

The Bladen Community College Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Dr. Amanda K. Lee has been selected as the new college president. Dr. Lee was unanimously chosen by the Board of Trustees from a pool of four finalists who were interviewed earlier this fall. Dr. Lee is assumes the office on February 1, 2019.

Most recently the Chief of Staff and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, Dr. Lee previously served as President of Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC.

Dr. Lee worked at Cape Fear Community College (CCFC) for over a decade, starting her tenure at CFCC in 2003 as an instructor before moving into administration. During her time as CFCC president, Lee guided a growing college which had more than 23,000 students annually. Before her role as CFCC president, Dr. Lee was primarily responsible for the planning and over sight of the college's academic divisions, including arts and sciences, technical and vocational education, continuing education and two learning resource centers. In addition, Dr. Lee was an instructor at CFCC, having previously taught courses at Nash Community College, Texas A&M University, University of North Carolina Wilmington and Baylor University in Texas.

Originally from Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Lee attended Baylor University in Texas, where she earned her BA in Telecommunications and her MA in Communication Studies. Dr. Lee earned her doctorate in Communication Arts from Regent University in Virginia.



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