A message from the president:

Courage. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “In everything you do, you need courage.” It is a bold and courageous step to commit to a higher level of education. Bladen Community College is dedicated to providing the support, guidance, resources and encouragement students need to courageously follow their dreams.

It is a pleasure to present to the community the reasons why the College continues to be an asset to Bladen County. In this Annual Report, we feature student and departmental success stories that define our commitment and showcase our accomplishments. We invite you to peruse our statistics and observe our growth.

Bladen Community College grows deeper, wider, and stronger with every passing year. By example, we teach young adults the very essence of courageous living. Every day is an adventure. Thank you for your continuing support of our mission.

Sincerely,

William Findt
President
BCC is Awarded Accreditation in Early Childhood Education

Curiosity exhibited by a child presents a teachable moment. That philosophy coupled with enthusiasm and passion for early childhood education inspires Department Chair Jennifer Whittington every day. Because of her commitment and leadership, in July, the College received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. “BCC can now offer certification in three areas,” she explains. “Certification is available for lead teacher or administrator positions. The third certificate is for infant, toddler, and two-year-old curriculum.” With 67 credit hours, students will graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Certification is awarded for demonstrating substantial compliance with national professional standards for early childhood education.

The classroom, located on the second floor of the Student Resource Center, features state-of-the-art developmentally challenging toys, games, books, and puzzles. “Our teaching facility exemplifies what an early childhood classroom should look like,” remarks Whittington. “We teach the methodology of teaching in an optimal classroom environment.”

The course of study collaborates with other colleges to offer attainable ways to transfer among colleges. “We have articulation agreements with Fayetteville State University and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke,” explains Whittington.

Accreditation in Early Childhood Education strengthens BCC’s ever-growing curriculum opportunities and broadens its impact in the community.

“IT IS A CHILD’S JOB TO PLAY.”

- JENNIFER WHITTINGTON,
  DEPARTMENT CHAIR EARLY CHILDHOOD
  AND PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAMS
BCC Adds Medical Office Administration Degree Program

To promote job opportunities related to the health care industry, the Business Programs Department has added a Medical Office Administration degree. According to Lee Anne Bryan, Department Chair for Business Programs, “the medical office administration degree opens doors for students who are interested in office management in a medical work environment.” Students who currently hold certificates and degrees in business administration can add this focus with only a few additional credit hours.

Be Successful

“In 2015, the Business Programs Department awarded 127 Microsoft certifications.”

- Lee Anne Bryan, Department Chair Business Programs
“I dropped out of high school and was living the wild life, I guess you could say,” remembers quadriplegic Willie Corbett, “until the car accident in 1991. I was paralyzed from the neck down. That event caused me to prioritize my life.”

Corbett bought a study guide that prepared him for the General Educational Development (GED) test. In 2012, he enrolled in the Computer Information Technology program at BCC. “The hardest part of earning the degree was typing my English essays and coding. I used a mouth-stick to tap the computer keys one-at-a-time. It was a painstaking process,” he remembers.

His mentor, Tommy Rains, remarks “Students like Mr. Corbett are the reason I love my job. I share his example often to inspire other students.”

Corbett received his diploma in 2015. “Never run into a stop sign,” he counsels. “Always find a way around it.”

That determination has now earned Mr. Corbett the highest award a community college student can receive. The North Carolina Community College System has named Corbett as the recipient of the 2016 Dallas Herring Achievement Award.

Barry Priest, Vice President of Student Services remarks, “Each of the 58 colleges in the North Carolina system submits a nominee for this prestigious award. Mr. Corbett is the ‘lone’ selection for this award. The North Carolina Community College System enrolls over 780,000 students annually and is the third largest community college system in the nation. This is the ultimate recognition for a community college student.”

“How many of us would have the determination and strength of character to overcome, while maintaining a positive, cheerful attitude?”

- Tommy Rains
Testing Coordinator/Disabilities/Veterans Services
In 2011, the Board of Trustees for Bladen Community College dared to explore a visionary idea. Anticipating continuing growth at a time when unemployment in Bladen County was a staggering 13.5%, the Trustees put into motion schematic plans for a new building on campus that could enhance opportunities for workforce and continuing education training. With such a goal, the college could raise the level of instruction with advanced technology, train more students, and supply a highly-skilled workforce to the community and beyond.

Now, five years later, the vision will become reality.

With the passage of the Connect North Carolina Public Improvement Bond in March, the college will construct a 20,000 square feet building on campus that houses science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with classrooms, offices, and a teaching auditorium. The tentative location of the building is the northwest side of campus behind the Lynn King Allied Health building.

“This funding opportunity will be immeasurably beneficial for the college and the county,” remarks President William Findt. “A state-of-the-art training facility will allow the college to graduate highly-skilled students and improve the local workforce. It is an exciting opportunity.”

“BCC is well-equipped to welcome and train 1,000 students at any given time,” states Barry Priest, Vice President for Student Services, “however, our enrollment has been hovering at 1,300 students per semester over the past five years. More than ever before, we need the additional classroom building.”

Bladen Community College continues to add programs and curriculum studies in response to student interest and the workforce trends of the area. In 2015, the College added Medical Office Administration in response to the growing field of health care. In July, accreditation
was awarded to the Early Childhood Education program, allowing students to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree. The College’s expanding collaborative with high school students has also impacted the programs and facilities on campus. “It is vital for Bladen Community College to evolve and expand to meet the needs of this community,” remarks Findt. “The investment we will receive from the Connect NC Bond is an expression of confidence in the community college system.”

https://ycharts.com/indicators/bladen_county_nc_unemployment_rate

College Enjoys Accomplishments

Nursing student retention has increased to 92% for both the Practical Nursing and the Nursing Associate Degree programs. The North Carolina Board of Nursing has approved a bridge program from Licensed Practical Nurse to Associate Degree in Nursing. The college will accept ten bridge students in the 2016 summer school session.

The North Carolina Community College System has approved an Associate of Applied Science degree program for Emergency Medical Science. The college has begun a bridge program for Paramedics to earn an Associate degree in Emergency Medical Services.

Dean of Arts and Sciences and Developmental Studies, Dr. Joyce Bahhouth presented the seminar “Spreading Cultural Awareness in Many Ways” at the Community College Humanities Association national conference in Phoenix, Arizona, in November of 2015.

Department Chair for Math and Science Lisa DeVane, and Dr. Joyce Bahhouth initiated learning opportunities with middle and high school students in Bladen County. Eighth-grade students whose writing skills excelled had their literary compositions published in the Ink Quill, the college’s literary magazine. Students interested in math and science curricula visited the college for hands-on lab experience with a college instructor.

History and Geography Instructor Cliff Tyndall expanded the classroom experience by taking students to the ghost walk on the Battleship North Carolina in Wilmington.

Retired Trustees are Honored

Joan Washington (left) and Shirley Bridger (right), former BCC board of trustee members, were recognized for extraordinary commitment to the college and the community with personalized photographs of campus and engraved plates. Washington served the college for 20 years. Bridger was a trustee for 12 years. Pictured with the honorees are President William Findt and Trustees Chairman Dennis Troy.
U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker has announced that the Department’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a $1.3 million grant to Bladen Community College to help build a technology and advanced manufacturing training facility on the College’s main campus in Dublin, North Carolina.

“The Obama Administration is committed to helping communities develop a workforce with 21st century skills,” said Secretary Pritzker. “As part of the ‘Skills for Business’ initiative, this EDA investment will allow Bladen Community College to establish a facility that will provide local workers with the training they need to compete for high-skill jobs being offered by regional employers.”

The curriculum will serve students from the North Carolina Community College Career and College Promise Program and the New Schools Program in Bladen County Public Schools.

EDA’s investment will help build the technology training facility on Bladen Community College’s main campus in Dublin. The facility will include an industrial chemistry laboratory, an advanced manufacturing technology simulation laboratory, a supporting computer classroom, and an advanced technology industry bay.

“This will change the way we deliver education,” states William Findt, President. “We are moving toward the acquisition of a state-of-the-art facility that will enhance what and how we teach.”

The project is a collaborative effort among the college, the public school system, Bladen County Economic Development Commission, the Bladen County Commissioners, and local businesses and industries that are concerned about the availability of highly skilled employees in science and advanced manufacturing related fields.

The industrial bay will contain advanced training technology such as three dimensional printers and computer numerically controlled lathes, plasma cutting equipment, and milling machines.

Edward Dent, Dean of Engineering and Business Programs, is confident the new industrial lab will increase students’ performances in job interviews. “With new virtual welding simulators, students will be prepared for job screening interviews that use virtual welding technology as part of the interview.”

Sondra Guyton, Vice President for Workforce and Continuing Education remarks, “This new facility will allow unprecedented growth for our ever-expanding programs in Allied Health and Continuing Education.”
The Golden Leaf Foundation has awarded $500,000 to Bladen Community College to support the construction of the new technology and advanced manufacturing facility on campus. The classrooms and teaching labs will include areas dedicated to industrial chemistry and manufacturing technology. BCC’s Welding Program continues to graduate award-winning and highly trained students.

“We will be responsible for the flagship facility for technology and engineering-related curriculum studies on campus.” - Sondra Guyton, Vice President for Workforce and Continuing Education

Todd Lyden, Director of the Small Business Center, graduated from the Rural Economic Development Institute in June of 2014.
FY 2014 / 2015 Revenue

Total Revenue: $13,533,488

FY 2014 / 2015 Expenses

Total Expenses: $13,533,488
### 2014-2015 Financial Aid

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

FY 2014/2015 Enrollment

CURRICULUM

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

FY 2014 - 2015 Enrollment
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### Be Accountable

Students Enrolled In Continuing Education Programs - 1,751 unduplicated
Male Students Enrolled - 1,006  Female Students Enrolled - 745

Students Enrolled In Curriculum Programs - 1,839 unduplicated
Male Students Enrolled - 551  Female Students Enrolled - 1,288
Student to Faculty Ratio - 12 to 1
Average Number of Students per Class - 12
Average Age of Students - 28 years
2014-15 Number of Associate Degrees Awarded - 176
2014-15 Number of Diplomas Awarded - 28
2014-15 Number of Certificates Awarded - 59
“When you give to a student scholarship, you give someone a future.”
- Linda Burney, Foundation Director

Be Giving

Giving to the Foundation

$10,000 - $50,000
Bladen We Care

Ashley Marie Group
Jo-Anne and William Findt
Carolyn and William Scoggin
Hazel and David Williams

$1,000 - $5,000
Marja A. Landschulz
W & K Landschulz

Elizabethtown Rotary Club

Twyla Davis

$500.00 - $999.99
Lislie and Frank Gemma
Ophelia Munn and Oliver Goins

Leinwand’s Inc.

Kuraray America, Inc.

Tiina and Robert Mundy
Sachs Peanuts

$150.00 - $499.99
Patricia & Randy Johnson
Silvia and Jong Kim
Iris King
Ginger and Robert King
Cathy and Tim Kinlaw
Barbara and Eddie Knight
Susan and Jeff Kornegay
Lacy West Thomas Insurance
McDuffie Pest Control
Cynthia Council McKoy
Randy Blake Melvin
Melvin’s Hamburgers
Melwood Court
Merritt Brothers Construction
Evelyn and William Merritt
Naomi and Gene Miller
Murphy Brown, LLC
Michelle and Keith Norris
Holly and Paul Norris
Kitty and Eddie Nye
Kenneth Oxendine
Kathy and Darrell Page
Mary Anne & Hayes Petteway
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Schultz Enterprise
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Mary and James Woodruff
Shirley and Donald Worsley
American Muffler Shop
Johnny Anderson
Eleanor & Leonard Baptiste
Mary and Kenneth Barnes
Mary Elizabeth Barnes
Ada and Albert Beatty
Samantha Benson
Pam and Tim Benson
Elzie Blackwell
Bruce Blansett
T.B. Blount, Jr.
Elizabeth Brennan
Charles Bridger
Byron Britt
Gena Brown
Donald Bryan
Angela and Ronald Butcher
Patrick Butler
Jane and William Cain
Campbell Rentals
Cassidy Campbell
Cape Fear Wildlife Control
Carolina Human Resources
Sonya and Ralph Carter
Andrea Carter-Fisher
Priscilla Causey-Pope
Sharon Coe
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Mark Coleman
Ronald Coley, Jr.
Faye Collins
Christopher Conner
Geraldine Council
Clejetter Cousins
Vida Cox
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Joyce Daniels
Priscilla and Chester Davis
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Niki Dennis
Chris Denny
Edward Dent
Lisa and Casey Devane
Crystal Dowd
Nathan Dowless
Anita and Wayne Edge
Ann and William Elks
Faculty Senate
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Tina Forrester
Heather Garner
Shirley & Gardy Johnson
David Gooden
Patricia & David Gooden
Nancy & Phillip Goodwin
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Pauline Graham
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