

# BLUEGRASS NEWS



*From the Office of Dr. Larry Durrence*

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It has been interesting, as a newcomer to Lexington, to assess the significance of the creation of Bluegrass Community and Technical College from two fine, smaller colleges in 2005. The result is a large institution, the second largest in KCTCS, that already has a tremendous impact on the economy of Central Kentucky, but is gaining greater influence as it fine tunes its programs and partnerships with universities, business, and industry.

Bluegrass provides low-cost, high quality pre-baccalaureate and technical education for almost 12,000 students on its six campuses and two higher education Centers. Because of its low tuition, small classes, excellent faculty, flexible schedules, and diverse general education and technical programs, more students in the Bluegrass Area Development District counties choose Bluegrass and KCTCS than any other college or university in Kentucky.

One major goal of Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) under state policy is to provide students the opportunity to earn Associate Degrees that will enable them to transfer to the college or university of their choice to complete the upper division courses necessary for a bachelor's degree. This 2 + 2 approach to higher education is one of the most important American contributions to higher education, and it is working well. In the first two years of its existence, BCTC has transferred 2,244 baccalaureate-seeking students to Kentucky's public and private colleges and universities. The Bluegrass totals represent 25% of all transfers from KCTCS and about half the Bluegrass transfers enrolled at UK.

The other key objective of the General Assembly when it passed HB1 to create KCTCS was to provide an educated and trained workforce to enable Kentucky to be successful in attracting high wage jobs in a competitive global economy. The performance of Bluegrass since 2005 indicates the objectives are being realized. The Corporate and Community Development staff trained 5,650 employees of 942 business and industries (duplicated) in the past two years, including new and expanding businesses. BCTC has awarded a total of 5,282 Associate degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates since it was created two years ago. Most of these credentials were awarded to people who immediately entered the local

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It's a new school year and BCTC has a new look. Be sure to take a minute to check out all the new signage that has been popping up all over our six campus. Thanks to all that worked so hard to make this happen. The signs look great!

## NEW BCTC SCHOLARSHIPS

Five new scholarships have been established at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. These scholarships will benefit students who need financial assistance with their educational expenses. Scholarships are essential to fulfilling BCTC's mission of providing open access to anyone desiring to attend college. BCTC would like to thank these donors for their support of BCTC and its mission.

### Dr. Jim Kerley Scholarship

As a parting gift to Dr. Kerley, past president of BCTC, a scholarship has been established in his name. The scholarship will be awarded to first-generation students who demonstrate a need and are enrolled in a minimum of twelve credit hours.

### Alumni Scholarship

The BCTC Alumni Association has established a scholarship to be used for tuition, books and other academic support materials. The scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need, have a 2.5 cumulative G.P. A., and is enrolled in a minimum of three credit hours.

### Lexington Moose Lodge #215 Governor's Book Scholarship

Thanks to the generosity of Lexington Moose Lodge #215, a new scholarship has been established for the use of books and related academic expenses. The scholarship will be awarded to a recent high school graduate from Fayette County or bordering counties with a cumulative G.P.A of 3.0 or greater who has a demonstrated financial need.

### Clark County Farm Bureau Scholarship

The Clark County Farm Bureau Scholarship provides money for tuition and books. Renewable for two years, the scholarship is awarded to a member of the Clark County Farm Bureau who demonstrates financial need and is enrolled in at least six credit hours.

### City of Sadieville Scholarship

The City of Sadieville in Scott County has established a scholarship for local students. The scholarship will be awarded for tuition, books and academic support materials, to students who demonstrate financial need, is in good academic standing with BCTC, and is enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours.

For more information on these scholarships or how to establish a scholarship, contact the Development Office at 859.246.6584.

## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The new BCTC Winchester-Clark County campus is really starting to come together. The trusses are going up, brick is being laid on the exterior of the building, and rooms continue to take shape. Special thanks to the Winchester Kiwanis Club for their recent donation of \$1,000.00 for the Early Childhood Playground. You can view a photo gallery of the campus construction at [http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/campuses/winchester\\_clarkcoun/](http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/campuses/winchester_clarkcoun/)



New stair tower frame at BCTC Winchester-Clark County Campus

In other construction news, the BCTC Georgetown Advanced Technology Center at Lanes Run Business Park is one step closer to becoming a reality. Phase B design of the proposed 77,500 square foot campus has begun. The city of Georgetown has received funding from the state to begin construction of the sewer system, and it is projected that the proposal for funding for the campus will be presented during the 2008 legislation session.

## LOOK WHO'S TALKING NOW



Dr. James Klotter, Kentucky State Historian



Merlene Davis, Columnist Lexington Herald-Leader

You never know who is going to turn up in one of BCTC's classrooms! We are fortunate to have so many outstanding speakers that take time out of their busy schedules to visit us and share their experiences.

Recently, Dr. James Klotter, spent time in Terri Anderson's History of Kentucky class to talk about the many interesting, and sometimes little known facts, about Kentucky. Merlene Davis visited the Leestown Campus as a part of the Learning Resource Center's Guest Speaker Series. Davis spoke about overcoming adversity in her life and career.

## OUR FACULTY AND STAFF MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Tim York**, masonry instructor at Blackburn Correctional Facility, participated in a Dry Stone Conservancy seminar in September and won first place in his division during the competition phase. More than 30 contestants from across the United States participated in the event. Congratulations Tim!

**Michael McMillen** received the Indirect Provider of Major Support Services and Contributions to the Field of Vocational Special Needs Education Award from the Kentucky Association of Career and Technical Education at their summer conference.

**Laura Justice** has been appointed by the American Dental Association to serve as a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**Virginia Cisenius** was recognized for her outstanding customer service to BCTC students this fall by KCTCS. Along with four other winners in the KCTCS system, Virginia received free tickets to a UK football game. Go Virginia!



## GOOD NEWS GRAPEVINE

BCTC's Dental Hygiene Program has been awarded a grant from the *Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky* to continue the *La Sonrisa Brillante* project that provides low-cost dental hygiene care to Lexington's growing Hispanic population.

More students transferred in 2006-07 from Bluegrass Community and Technical College (1,086) than from any other KCTCS college. BCTC was the largest feeder for four of the state's universities (UK, EKU, KSU, and NKU). Overall, BCTC students account for nearly one fourth of all KCTCS transfers.

BCTC's local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was named a "3 Star Chapter" during their Kentucky Regional Convention.

The Kentucky Division of Waste Management recently awarded BCTC \$23,000 to expand the college's waste reduction and recycling program. The grant will provide funding for containers and educational materials to support the recycling systems on the Lexington and Lawrenceburg campuses. A separated system at the Danville campus was also awarded through this grant.

## BCTC WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT

KCTCS President Michael B. McCall has named Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC) President Augusta A. Julian, Ed.D., to serve as the new president of Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC).



"Dr. Julian brings to her new post more than 33 years in community and technical college education, along with an in-depth understanding of our policies, goals and administrative procedures at the System level," McCall said. "Over the last six years, her leadership was essential to the successful merger of a community college and a technical college into the organization we now know as Maysville Community and Technical College. Along the way, she served as an entrepreneurial leader by developing coalitions and community partnerships that have supported many educational and economic development efforts in the region."

Dr. Julian received her Doctorate degree in Adult and Community College Education Administration from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.; her Master's degree in Educational Media and Instructional Design from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

"I am excited to be joining BCTC with its history of service to its students and communities," said Dr. Julian. "A thriving region like the Bluegrass still needs the underpinning of high quality transfer and career education to support and sustain its growth. I know already that we have the talent and commitment within the college to make great things happen. Together with the faculty, staff, and board members at BCTC, and in partnership with our community, business, and higher education partners, we will build on this solid foundation and reach for a new standard of excellence."

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the local skilled workforce. Almost half, 1,080, were in health care, including 166 Registered Nurses, 175 Practical Nurses, 323 Nurse Aides, 91 in Radiography, 100 in Medical Assisting, 19 in Nuclear Medicine Technology, and 17 in Surgical Technology. Add to that 42 Dental Hygienists and 48 others in Dental Assisting or Dental Lab Technology. In addition to this enormous impact on the medical workforce, a larger group were Technicians in high skill/high wage fields such as: Air Conditioning, Architecture, Automotive, Computer Information, Electrical, Engineering, Environmental Science, GIS, Industrial Maintenance, Machine Tool, Office Systems, and Welding.

At Bluegrass Community and Technical College our dedicated faculty and staff have demonstrated a commitment to excellence, to students, and to building a stronger economy for Central Kentucky. Higher Education begins here.

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