

# SUMMER 2009

# BLUEGRASS NEWS



## SACS, WHAT LIES AHEAD . . .

### • Developmental Student Advisors

Eleven faculty members will receive training in Fall 2009. The Assessment Center will provide developmental students an advisor list when they register for their first semester. During priority registration for Spring 2010, the advisors will work with the students.

### • New Mandatory Placement Cut-Scores

Beginning this fall a student with an ACT in reading below 20 must take the COMPASS test and score at least 85.

### • A New College Reading Course

Beginning this fall, students who score between 78 and 84 on the COMPASS will take CMS 185. Faculty will be invited to make suggestions so that the class can truly prepare students for college-level coursework.

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to the readers of the BCTC News for Summer 2009. In this edition--as we often do--we are celebrating excellence. The Outstanding Graduates for each program tell a little of their stories. Also, faculty and staff are recognized for their excellent service and contributions. We are proud to be even a small part of the significant accomplishments represented by our graduates. I often tell audiences that while some people always cry at weddings, because they are moved by the optimism and love it takes to commit to supporting another in their hopes, I instead always cry at Commencement. I am moved by the graduates' optimism and expectations for the future as they step off into unknown careers or new positions, recommit to their worklife choices, or continue their education. I even like the term Commencement--an ending but also a beginning.

A local business leader told me she would be at our commencement ceremony this year to support an employee who was an Outstanding Program Graduate in one of the technical and career programs.

He had worked

so hard to go to school and maintain his job responsibilities. I was impressed (though not surprised) that this CEO would want to be a part of the celebration of this graduate and his accomplishment.

With the support of employers across the region, many students get flexible schedules, access to classes onsite, or tuition reimbursement. We value these partnerships that students need so desperately, especially now, to keep jobs as well as advance in their careers. We are also working closely with businesses and employment services to identify needed skills and job openings for those who have lost jobs recently. Tuition waivers and specialized classes are available. Call us and ask about Career Transitions. Whatever your current situation, we can help, and our faculty and staff are ready and waiting!



Dr. Julian (right) joins the crowd waiting backstage for the 2009 BCTC Commencement Ceremony to begin.

## BCTC CHORALE SPRING CONCERT



The BCTC Chorale performed its Spring Concert at the Downtown Lexington Public Library on April 30. The chorale, directed by John Stegner, performs two full concerts a year and provides additional performances at the college and in the community. Earlier this spring, baseball fans were treated to a performance of the National Anthem by the chorale at a Lexington Legends game.

## BCTC'S RISING STAR . . .

Congratulations to Erin Howard, BCTC Hispanic/Latino Outreach Coordinator, for receiving the Lexington Young Professional's Association (LYPA) Rising Stars award. Rising Stars is designed to honor individuals under the age of 40 who are emerging leaders in the Lexington community.

Erin, along with eight other Rising Star award winners, received her award at a LYPA reception on June 25 at ArtsPlace on Mill Street. For more information visit the LYPA's web site at [www.lypa.org](http://www.lypa.org).



## AND THE WINNER IS . . .

Jacqueline (Jackie) Sherrard Graves, an associate professor in the Associate Degree Nursing Program, received the 2009 Excellence in Nursing Education Award from the Kentucky League for Nursing. Jackie was honored during the Kentucky League's annual conference held May 14 -15.

## BCTC CELEBRATES SPRING



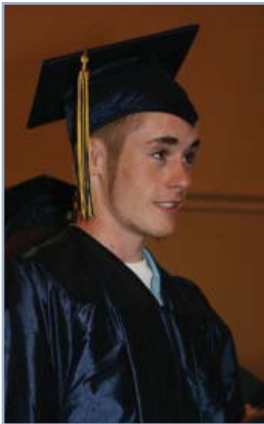
In April, the Student Government Association hosted the annual Spring Fling and Spring Picnic celebrations at various BCTC campuses. Hundreds of students attended each location. Each event had free giveaways, free food and activities that included T-shirt painting, ceramic painting, and Nintendo Wii. A photo gallery of the Spring Fling and Spring Picnics can be viewed at <http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/studentactivities/>.

## KCTCS PRESIDENT VISITS BCTC

Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), met with students, staff and faculty at BCTC on Friday, April 24. During his visit, Dr. McCall toured classes at the Cooper Campus and the Georgetown Advanced Manufacturing Center.



# 2009 GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS



Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) held commencement exercises on Saturday, May 9 at the Frankfort Convention Center in Frankfort. The ceremony recognized approximately 2,028 students receiving degrees, diplomas or certificates for the 2008 - 2009 academic school year. BCTC President Dr. Augusta A. Julian presided over the commencement of graduates from the six BCTC campuses.

Thomas E. Masterson, president of T.E.M Electric, Inc., was the commencement speaker. Masterson started his education

at Lexington Technical Institute and was recently named the 2009 Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Masterson previously served as the president of the BCTC Alumni Association



During the commencement exercises, Dr. Julian recognized the family of Brandon Plummer, a BCTC welding technology student who passed away in a vehicle accident January this year. He was scheduled to graduate with a welding technology associate's degree in summer 2009. "By going to school full time and working fulltime, Brandon showed me that he had a lot of heart and dedication to complete his goals in life," said Bobby Coffey, an



associate welding professor. "Brandon set high standards that inspired all students to stay motivated and to overcome challenges in school."

The family received several welding certificates that Plummer earned while he was a student at BCTC.



## BCTC OUTSTANDING PROGRAM GRADUATES 2009



**DERWIN T. BAKER**, Business Management and Marketing

“The knowledge and experiences that I have gained from the professors here at BCTC have already made such a positive impact on my life . . . . The professors taught with a desire for the students to learn, and I took advantage of that. I am now better prepared to face the changing world with a better understanding of what is going on right now.”



**JORDYN HACKETT**, Civil Engineering Technology

“My education at BCTC really prepared me for a successful career in my field of study. In this program, I was taught everyday problems and areas of civil engineering to help me achieve and prepare me to succeed in this field. Being hands on is what civil engineering is about, and in this program, working with CADD prepared me a lot.”



**KRISTEN RICHARDSON**, Computer Information Technology - Programming

“After being laid off from a customer service position two years ago, I did not have many new opportunities because I did not have a degree. My time at BCTC has given me the education I need to change careers as well as the confidence to know I can do anything I set my mind to!”



**CHRISTOPHER THOMAS WAITS**, Construction Technology,

“My education prepared me for the workforce in that I was taught practical applications, not just academics. I was able to participate in the BCTC internship program, which led to a full time position with an excellent company.”



**ZUBEDA WINN MCNAIR**, Cosmetology

“My education at the BCTC cosmetology department has easily been one of the greatest experiences ever afforded to me, and I cannot thank Mrs. Bailey and her staff enough for making it possible. I received theoretical and practical education/training in everything a professional cosmetologist needs to know. This is invaluable to me.”

## BCTC OUTSTANDING PROGRAM GRADUATES 2009

**MEREDITH A. LIETZ**, Dental Hygiene

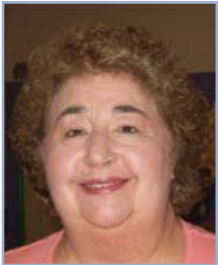
“Through the guidance of my program coordinator I have made many future goals pertaining to my career. Her dedication has helped me be a better student, a better hygienist. Her drive to push the students to be the best made me who I am. She was the greatest role model a student could have.”

**FELICIA GAYLE HAIRSTON**, Education

“BCTC has made me better prepared for my future career because I am now working on my Associate’s degree in hopes of attending Asbury College to get my Bachelor’s degree. I hope to teach 7th grade language arts or become a special education teacher. My mother and aunt have been the biggest influence in this career.”

**ROGER DALE LUPSON II**, Electrical Technology

“With the skills taught to me by the staff at BCTC, I will be able to be a more productive member in society. I have also gained skills that have had a positive impact on my life.” I am confident that I will be able to excel in the electrical field.”

**BONNIE E. RUTHERFORD**, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

“My training while at BCTC will not only make an impact on my life, but will affect the lives of all the children ... in that it has given me the knowledge and skills to do my job as a daycare director and how to appropriately provide for the children’s developmental needs on a day by day basis.”

**JENNIFER RAE LONG**, Medical Assisting

“My education has made me more confident in myself and my future. It has shown me how to handle my stress. As a mother and a full-time student, being in school and getting through stressful situations can be tough. And now I know that if I can get through this, then I feel I can get through anything.”

## BCTC OUTSTANDING PROGRAM GRADUATES 2009



**CARRIE MIDDLEBROOKS**, Medical Information Technology

“The education I have received from BCTC has given me the skills needed to succeed. From the computer skills to the understanding of medical coding, I have been given the ability to achieve my goals. I know I have the knowledge and confidence now to do whatever I set my mind to do.”



**KENDRA ADKISSON**, Nursing

“In just two years, I’ve been able to achieve a degree that makes me very marketable. Before graduation, I had a job waiting. Given the current economic situation, I’m thrilled to be starting a high paying job that also makes a difference in people’s lives! I’m able to support my family.”



**ELLEN RENEE' LONG**, Office Systems Technology

“Honestly, I did not want to attend college while I was in high school. However, I did and I am very glad that I pushed myself despite the latter. My professors were all great and really broadened my horizons. I cannot imagine if I had not taken this opportunity to grow intellectually. Graduating from college is a big deal. I will be the first person in my entire family to do so. I am extremely proud of my achievement.”



**GRETCHEN GOODLETT**, Practical Nursing

“I have learned skills that I can apply in healthcare and in my new career. The faculty here has been wonderful. They are all very smart and insightful. I would not change anything about this experience.”



**KATHERINE NILSSON**, Radiography

“The teachers at BCTC have embraced the idea of lifelong learning and been very supportive. Every teacher I have approached has been warm, supportive and has encouraged me to reach for excellence. The prerequisite courses gave me the background I needed to enter this program. The program itself - a combination of lecture, lab and clinic - gave me the book knowledge and practical experience I will need to help patients.”

## BCTC OUTSTANDING PROGRAM GRADUATES 2009

**ZACHARY SIMPSON**, Respiratory Care

“My education here at BCTC has better prepared me for my future career and goals by providing me with countless opportunities. With my degrees, I will be able to provide better patient care and use them as a strong foundation to build upon into future experiences.”

**RACHEL CECILIA WYNN**, Surgical Technology

“I have enjoyed being here at BCTC and appreciate everything my professors have done to make this experience the best it could be. I have had the best professors who really seem to care about their students. I have many wonderful memories to take with me.”

**CHACE CONRAD**, Welding Technology

“My education at BCTC has helped me find exactly what type of career I want in my future. The professors have taught me many secrets of my trade through small classes and one-on-one advising. I have learned how to successfully achieve the future I am looking for.”

**RHONDA L. EDWARDS**, Outstanding Technical Graduate

“My education at BCTC has prepared me to go out into the world and take my place with pride and confidence. I know that I have the education, skills, and experience to do just that. My professors not only taught me what was in the books, but from their life experiences as well. They provided help and guidance above and beyond expectations.”

**LISABETH MOBLEY**, Outstanding Pre-Baccalaureate Graduate

“My future goals include being accepted into the graduate program for occupational therapy at Eastern Kentucky University. My BCTC education allowed me to take the basic anatomy and physiology class I will need for so many more classes at Eastern. I feel like I had a wonderful professor who really taught me and I know it will help me succeed at Eastern and work towards my goal of graduate school.”

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



On May 11, the Leestown Campus turned into an IHOP when the President's Leadership Team made pancakes and provided breakfast for faculty and staff at the annual End of Year Celebration. The celebration recognized faculty and staff members' years of service, achievements, and retirements.

Dr. Augusta Julian thanked retirees Dan Holt and Sandra Swanson for their service and wished them the best with their future plans. Dan retired at the rank of Associate Professor and was employed from 1972 - 2009. He was a faculty member in the History, Languages, and Social Sciences Division. Sandra retired at the rank of Associate Professor and was employed from 1993 - 2008. She was a faculty member in the Computer Sciences and Information Systems Division.

## 2009 BCTC RETIREES

## BCTC RISING STAR AWARDS



**Dan Holt**  
Associate Professor



**Sandra Swanson**  
Associate Professor



**Michelle Marshall**  
Staff  
Rising Star Award



**Tim Davis**  
Faculty  
Rising Star Award

## BCTC FACULTY & STAFF AWARDS



**Jane Goatley**  
Eva Bellamy/Linda Faul  
Staff Award



**Donna Estep**  
Adjunct Technical  
Education Faculty Award



**John Stegner**  
Adjunct General  
Education Faculty Award



**Shirley Whitecarver**  
Carolyn Beam  
Faculty Award

## END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION - *YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS*



**5 Year Recipients** - Gerald Adair, Elizabeth Biddle, Ina Black, Marvin Boles, James Bradley, Marissa Brown, Russell Chaney, Maureen Cropper, Orval Davis, Tracy Dennis, Claude Gross, Tiffany Hayden, Earleen Hayes, Joshua Hoekstra, William Lake, Karen Manley, Sandra Muncy, Jennifer Parr, Laura Parrish, Richard Ray, Mary Rouse, Susan Shelton, Carol Stiles, Steven Stone, Valdis Zeps



**20 Year Recipients** - Martin Baxter, Verna Cook, Cynthia Ingle, Jean Jackson, Nancy Ketelhohn, James Kolasa, Tammy Ramsey, Kathleen Richardson, Rebecca Simms, Janella Spencer, David Wachtel, Lucinda White, Jackie Wiseman, Becky Womack, William Yeager



**10 Year Recipients** - Robert Chirwa, Judith Craft, Barbara Elzey, Andrea Fender, Rebecca Glasscock, Donna Heath-Johnson, Kevin Hopper, Leon Lane, David Lynn, Mary Maggard, Ann McCarte, Landrea Miriti, Runan Pendergrast, Misty Ritchie, Kimberly Ross-Brown, Ralph Russell, Carolyn Sams, Regina Shank, William Taylor, Cecil Tichenor, Brenda Willoughby



**25 Year Recipients** - Lillie Crowley, Sarajane Doty, Jean Humble, Charles James, J. A. Jones, Debbie Singleton, Paul Turner



**15 Year Recipients** - Jessica Foley, Sarah Galvin, Rae Gill, Vern Kennedy, Tammy Liles, Veronica Miller, Robyn Potter, Allan Robertson, Thomas Rogers, Lynn Roser, Amy Spears, John Story, Constance Yeager



**35 Year Recipient** - Charles Chiswell



## NEW HORIZONS AWARD WINNERS



**Kay Brewer**  
Support Staff Award



**Becky Harp-Stevens**  
Administrative Staff Award



**Rebecca Glasscock**  
Faculty Award

Congratulations to three of Bluegrass Community & Technical College’s finest that were recognized at the KCTCS New Horizons conference on May 18 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. Kay Brewer from BCTC Maintenance and Operations Department was selected as outstanding staff support member, Becky Harp-Stevens from the Registrars Office received the administrative staff award and Rebecca Glasscock was honored with the faculty award.

Each recipient was recognized for their demonstrated leadership in every aspect of their lives, including community involvement, student outreach, professional development and support for BCTC.



**Lisabeth Mobley**  
All-Academic Scholar



**Rhonda Edwards**  
All Academic Scholar

Lisabeth Mobley and Rhonda Edwards were among thirty-two of Kentucky’s top college students honored as members of the KCTCS 2009 All-Academic Team during the eighth annual KCTCS Student Academic Achievement Luncheon on May 18 at the New Horizons conference.

Two students from each of the 16 KCTCS colleges were chosen for the All-Acamemic Team based on a rigorous selection process that focused on academic performance and campus involvement. Each member received a \$500 gift from their college, as well as scholarship opportunities to continue their education from 15 Kentucky public and private universities.

MEET OUR STUDENTS: KRISTEN RICHARDSON

LAID-OFF WORKER TURNS LIFE AROUND AT BCTC

**K**risten Richardson worked 17 years in customer service for national companies, dot-com start ups, and as a vice president over customer service for a software company. But after she was laid off, she lost three potential management jobs because she did not have a college degree.



Kristen Richardson 37, received her Associate's degree in Computer Information Technology from BCTC in May.

"That kind of made it very clear to me that I had to do something," said Richardson, a high school dropout who later received her diploma and GED. "Even if I did find a job, I didn't want to do entry level work for the rest of my life."

Two years later, in May 2009, Richardson graduated with an associate's degree in computer information technology from Bluegrass

Community and Technical College. She will transfer to Eastern Kentucky University in the fall. She hopes to earn a bachelor's degree in computer science interactive multimedia.

"I don't think there was really any better option to move me back

into the workforce and into a new career path," said Richardson, 37.

Because she became unemployed through a layoff, Richardson got financial assistance through the Workforce Investment Act to attend college. Enrolling at BCTC was a clear choice. She was

attracted to the smaller classes, affordable tuition, and the quality education she would get from professors who have extensive real-world experience.

"I've taken classes with people who are legends in the

Mac world; I've taken classes with people who have done huge system migrations for fortune 50 companies," Richardson said. "The level of instructors is, by far in excess of anything I could have ever dreamed of."

Richardson credits her BCTC

instructors for guiding her to future career. She started in the network administrator program, but her professors encouraged her to look into computer programming.

"Without BCTC, I probably wouldn't have found my ambition to be a programmer," Richardson said. "In the time that I've been here, I've been able to focus myself and come to a decision about what I want to do versus what I have to do to keep a roof over my head."

She is certain she could immediately get a job with her associate's degree, and with that confidence, she is excited for her future.

"I'll be the next old lady writing the next World of Warcraft, that's my ambition," she said with a smile. "I'm actually excited about what's coming. It's been two years since I had a job, but I know one is coming and I know it's going to be one, for the first time in my life, that I like and I'm good at. And that's all BCTC, and that's strictly been given to me by coming here."

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*-- Kristen Richardson*

BCTC FOUNDATION NEWS



LEXINGTON ROTARY CLUB AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Rotary Club of Lexington awarded a \$600 scholarship to BCTC student Clare Renata Hicks on Thursday, May 28. She was selected based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and leadership.

In the photo (left to right): President of the Rotary Club of Lexington David Fister, student Clare Renata Hicks and Dr. Augusta Julian.

ALUMUS OF THE YEAR



Tom Masterson (left) and BCTC Alumni Association President Dori Rhodus at BCTC's 2009 commencement ceremony.

Thomas E. Masterson, president of T.E.M Electric, Inc. in Louisville has been named the BCTC Alumnus of the Year.

Masterson started his education in 1972 at Lexington Technical Institute, now known as BCTC. He earned an Associate's degree in architecture and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Louisville. Masterson was recently named the 2009 Kentucky Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Masterson is a past president of the BCTC Alumni Association and continues to be a steadfast supporter of the college. Most recently, he served as the commencement speaker at Bluegrass Community and Technical College's May graduation ceremony.



“PUTTIN’ ON THE GLITZ”

The glitz and glamour of Winchester sparkled on May 15. That's the night that “Puttin’ On The Glitz” fundraiser was held to benefit the Winchester-Clark County Campus. The event was hosted by the BCTC Foundation at the new campus, located in the Industrial Park, off I-64.

Over 300 guests mingled underneath a sprawling tent, enjoyed a buffet dinner, and listened to the music of Lexington-based band, My Blue Heart, BCTC Chorale and Kentucky's Junior Miss, Michelle Rodgers. Both live and silent auctions were held with items for auction ranging from artwork, restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia, home décor and weekend getaways. The evening wrapped up with dancing to the music of My Blue Heart and Sound Experience. Thanks to the corporate sponsors, ticket sales and auction proceeds, more than \$20,000 was raised during the event.

## RALPH G. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIPS

Bluegrass Community and Technical College has received a commitment of \$125,000 from Belcan Corporation, a Cincinnati-based company, to cover five full-tuition scholarships per year for five years. The Ralph G. Anderson Scholarship, named after the company's founder and CEO, will be awarded to full-time BCTC students who are majoring in drafting, computer aided design or engineering technology. Each \$5,000 scholarship covers tuition, books, fees and other miscellaneous expenses.

The first five Ralph G. Anderson Scholarships will be awarded for the 2009-10 school year. The scholarship gives preference to a first generation college student and to a resident of Central Kentucky (especially Mercer County) or counties contiguous to the college. The student must have demonstrated a potential for academic success, be in good academic standing, and has a financial need.



## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The Peace Meal Garden, the community garden at the Leestown Campus, has received great support from the community. Volunteers from the Catholic Action Center have been working with Farm Manager, Jessica Ballard, to prepare the soil and plant beans, peas, squash, okra, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, melons, and flowers. Catholic Action Center volunteers have also built a fence and tool shed in exchange for a large garden plot.

Next steps are learning about managing beehives and planting pumpkins, for a fall festival. All the garden allotments have been reserved, but people can still volunteer at the Peace Meal Garden. In exchange, volunteers will receive produce and learn about ecological gardening. Visitors can also enjoy the newly completed children's garden, which has a little maze and a teepee.

For more information about Peace Meal Gardens, contact Rebecca Glasscock at ([Rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu](mailto:Rebecca.glasscock@kctcs.edu)) or Jessica Ballard at ([jessica.peacemeal@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.peacemeal@gmail.com)).



**CAMPUS LOCATIONS**

**Cooper Campus**

470 Cooper Drive  
Lexington, KY 40506-0235  
859.246.6200

**Leestown Campus**

164 Opportunity Way  
Lexington, KY 40511-2623  
859.246.6200

**Regency Campus**

2659 Regency Road  
Lexington, KY 40503-2922  
859.246.6200

**Danville Campus**

59 Corporate Drive  
Danville, KY 40422-9690  
859.239.7030

**Lawrenceburg Campus**

1500 Bypass North, US 127  
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342-9465  
502.839.8488

**Winchester-Clark County Campus**

2020 Rolling Hills Lane  
Winchester, KY 40391  
859.737.3098

In addition to our six campuses, classes are offered in Nicholasville, Lancaster, Georgetown, Northpoint, Blackburn Correctional Facilities, and downtown Lexington.

**GETTING READY FOR FALL!**

More than 175 students attended morning and afternoon sessions of the Fall 2009 Student Orientation at Cooper Campus on Wednesday, June 24. About 150 students who were at Leestown and Winchester campuses joined Cooper students via Live Meeting web conferencing.

More student orientation sessions will be held at Cooper Campus on Friday, July 24, Friday, Aug. 7, and Friday, Aug. 14. Winchester and Leestown campuses will utilize Live Meeting on Aug. 14.



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