

Bluegrass News

Winter weather grips BCTC campuses for second straight year



Baby it's cold outside



More than 100 new students braved freezing temperatures after the New Year to enroll in BCTC classes and attend orientation. On the first day of the spring 2010 semester, BCTC recorded a record enrollment of 11,355 students -- a growth of 16.9 percent since last year! Enrollment growth occurred on all BCTC campuses,

including Winchester- Clark County, Lawrenceburg, and Danville campuses. BCTC had an enrollment of 9,715 students on the first day of the spring 2009 classes last year.

BCTC on Facebook



BCTC launched official Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages in August, and now the Facebook Fan Page has more than 1,000 fans and Twitter has 100 followers! To increase student interaction on Facebook and Twitter, the Public Information and Marketing launched a “Dee Stress” Marketing

Promotion. “Dee Stress” is a talking pen that is photographed at different campuses. Facebook Fans and Twitter Followers guess where the picture is taken.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING KENTUCKY

DR. AUGUSTA A. JULIAN, PRESIDENT

As we are all trying to get through the challenging economic times and somewhat depressing winter-weather months, here at BCTC we are still focused on growth and supporting all those who need our education and training— and we are definitely ready for spring to come. Many more people are enrolling at BCTC each semester. In Fall 2009, our overall increase was almost 10 percent over the year before, and in Spring 2010, we are well on the way to an increase of around 15 percent. Just this year, 3,000 more people in the Central Kentucky region have been able to go to college to build job skills, take high-quality transfer courses, and prepare for new careers at BCTC.

We are responding to this demand for programs, services, and classes by adding as many class sections as we can, by beefing up the offerings in the second eight-weeks of the semester to allow students to enroll later or add a section they may have missed earlier, and by moving resources to areas of need. Just as many individuals and families have reduced spending or cut back on extras, we have had to reduce numbers of faculty and staff, cut back on some services and activities, and prioritize how money is spent. To support student needs into the future, BCTC will continue to use our resources as efficiently and effectively as possible.

It is clear, however, that we need key decision makers in the General Assembly and across the Commonwealth to understand how much benefit comes from adequate funding to the community and technical colleges. Funds we can use to increase access through more online learning, better support to students with academic or financial barriers, and extra services for those with special challenges. Students need more help. We call them our “Points of Pride”: The young mother, studying computer networking, who is a role model for her children and a single wage-earner striving to make enough to take care of them. The father-son team who are getting their

degrees together in advanced skills industrial maintenance. The displaced worker who never thought she’d be back in school and is trying hard to renew her skills and maybe secure a high-paying position in health care.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System represents 16 colleges that are working hard, as we are at BCTC, to serve our regions. We are doing everything we can to support economic development, create a highly skilled workforce, prepare more Kentuckians to be successful in college, and help more people to earn bachelors degrees through transfer from our colleges. Everyone can get involved in the effort to inform a larger audience of the benefit of a BCTC education to our students and graduates and to our communities. This effort has as its theme: Transforming Lives, Transforming Kentucky.

From across Central Kentucky, community and business leaders, students, and faculty and staff are helping to tell the story. More than 100 people are involved directly in talking to decision makers about the value of BCTC. They are hosting events, speaking to civic groups, meeting with legislators, and supporting promotions through the media. But everyone can be involved. Go to kctcs.edu and click on Transforming Lives, Transforming Kentucky. Sign the petition to be a Kentuckian for Community and Technical Colleges. This will send a message about your belief in the value of education and your support for students at BCTC.

Augusta A. Julian

Look what's happening at BCTC

Great things are always taking place on our campuses - here are just a few that recently made headlines



More than child's play

Carpentry students at the BCTC Lawrenceburg Campus completed four children's playhouses for their fall 2009 semester project. The students donated a playhouse to a Lawrenceburg child care center and another one was auctioned at the Winchester-Clark County Campus gala.

The remaining two playhouses were raffled to raise money for the Lawrenceburg Campus chapter of the Student National Home Builder Association. The lucky winners were Juanita Cook from Lawrenceburg Campus and Anne Chittenden from the Regency Campus.



BCTC Community Garden is growing

The Peace Meal Garden, a community garden at BCTC, recently received \$3,000 from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. "It will allow us to move forward in implementing our plans for the garden, including an orchard, berry bushes, a wider variety of heirloom vegetables, multi-season plantings, and experimental plots," said Rebecca Glasscock, BCTC associate professor of geography who applied for the grant.

The public, community groups and volunteers are invited to grow crops at the garden and learn about ecological gardening.



Race for the Cure

In September, faculty, staff and students in the Practical Nursing Program participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Breast Cancer Walk. Team BCTC Nursing raised \$906 for the Komen Foundation by selling team T-shirts to faculty and nursing students and by receiving donations from generous supporters. On race day, they braved the torrential rainfall and windy weather to "walk for the cure!" BCTC PN Instructor and Team Captain Jessica Cruse holds a very special place in her heart for this foundation because her sister fought and won the battle against breast cancer over a year ago. "My sister is the bravest, most inspiring woman I know! She is my hero! I would brave any kind of weather to walk in her honor!"



City honors BCTC program for their 'green' work

The Lexington-Fayette Environmental Commission recently honored BCTC's environmental program students and faculty with a certificate of appreciation for their environmental commitment to improve city streams, watersheds and parks.

BCTC's "green" work included tree planting and stream cleanup at Wolf Run Creek, analyzing streams for pollution and determining geographical coordinates of springs in Fayette County to help the Friends of Wolf Run Creek develop a "Trail of Springs" map.

Good News Grapevine

Congratulations to the Medical Assisting program class of 2009 for their 100% pass rate on the national CMA exam!

At the American Public Health Association's 137th Annual Meeting and Exposition, **Dental Hygiene Faculty Joanna Aalboe** presented original research concerning case management patterns of physicians treating patients with heart disease and examining them for periodontal disease. The conference was held Nov. 7-11 in Philadelphia, Pa. Also, Joanna recently completed her Masters in Health Promotion & Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.

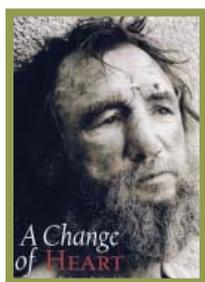
At a recent Kentucky Counseling Association Conference, **Ready to Work Coordinator Ellen Biddle** received the Counselor of the Year Award in the Career Counseling category. The award is given to professionals who have demonstrated a tradition of excellence with their accomplishments on the job and in their service to the profession as a volunteer leader.

Public Services Librarian Abby Thorne received the Rising Star Award from the Special Libraries Association. A press release from the Special Libraries Association said Thorne was recognized for her "organizational skills and dedication to professional development belie her short tenure as an SLA member. There are lifetime members of SLA who never reach this level of commitment and accomplishment."

Circulation Librarian and Associate Professor Terry Buckner is serving as Secretary of the Kentucky Library Association for the 2009-10 year after being elected to the Executive Board in October.

History/Political Science Associate Professor Rick Smoot is serving as the president of Kentucky Association of Teachers of History. The service organization aims to improve the quality of history education in Kentucky.

Humanities Associate Professor Don Boes is included in a new anthology of contemporary Kentucky poets. The volume is called *What Comes Down to Us: 25 Contemporary Kentucky Poets* (is edited by Jeff Worley with a forward by Ed McClanahan) and is published by the University of Kentucky Press.



English Professor James B. Goode has a poem "Hummingbird on My Finger," a short story "The Soldier," and an essay "Writing Up a Storm," published in the 25th Anniversary issue of the Journal of Kentucky Studies produced by Northern Kentucky State University. Additionally, Professor Goode has a poem "A Boil You Can't Stir Down," appearing in the coming issue of Appalachian Heritage published by Berea College. Goode recently delivered an academic paper "Prophet and Seer: Citizenship in the Poetry of Wendell Berry" at the National Community College Humanities Association Conference in Chicago. He also had a short story published

in the Dec./Jan. issue of Kentucky Monthly: "Change of Heart" is about a fictional Harlan County family and the Christmas season.

The **BCTC Alpha Phi Kappa** chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges, has embraced the opportunity to serve our college and our community. During fall 2009 semester, PTK members assisted with Lexington's Raven's Run Asian Honeysuckle Project. The PTK Official who coordinated this effort is currently working with Raven's Run and Alpha Phi Kappa to make the project an ongoing link between the community and college. A PTK scholar also spearheaded an ESL Tutoring Project to help international students.



Assistant Deans provide critical leadership for Academics and the college. Congratulations to the following faculty members selected as Assistant Deans beginning Fall 2010:

Marty Baxter (Allied Health);
Jenny Jones (Business);
Tammy Liles (Natural Sciences);
Diana Martin (Humanities);
Karen Mayo (Nursing);
Vicki Wilson (History, Languages, and Social Sciences).

Congrats to the eight May 2009 graduates of the Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Technology program! They all passed the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) on their first attempt.

Tipton appointed new BCTC Danville campus director

Erin Tipton, former Associate Dean for Student Outreach Services, has accepted the position of BCTC Danville Campus Director. As campus director, Tipton plans to increase dual-credit classes for high school students and expand training programs that meet the needs of local and regional industries. In addition, Tipton sees the potential to construct a second building at the Danville Campus to accommodate the rapid enrollment growth.

“I am looking forward to being more involved in the Danville community,” Tipton said. “Danville is such a great place to live and has so many things to offer. I also look forward to working with the students, faculty, and staff at the campus.”



BCTC selects Winchester resident as campus director

The college recently named Winchester resident Bruce T. Manley as the Winchester-Clark County Campus Director.

Manley plans to increase the courses and programs being offered at the campus, provide more technical and educational training for area businesses, and boost enrollment of high school students in dual credit courses. Manley also works directly with students and potential students, including advising, giving campus tours and teaching classes.

“I look forward to being more involved in the community where I live,” Manley said.



Dental hygiene student receives L.R. Bean Radiology Award

BCTC dental hygiene student Rebecca Perraut (front center) received the 2009 L.R. Bean Radiology Award during the Student Dental Hygienists Association meeting in November.

The award is named after Dr. L.R. Bean, a professor who taught dental radiology at Lexington Community College (now BCTC) for more than 17 years. In 1991, he created an endowment for a dental hygiene student who showed empathy with patients, a sense of humor, and exceptional abilities in the area of oral radiology. Congratulations Rebecca!



Girls Can Too!

“Girls Can Too!” workshops were held at the BCTC Leestown Campus throughout the fall 2009 semester. The workshops were geared for young girls to explore the construction field. Women working in the construction field shared their career experience. An article about the program was featured in the Bluegrass Chapter newsletter for the National Association for Women in Construction. For information about spring classes, contact Laura Lynch, Assistant Professor of Construction Technology, at 859.239.6583.



BCTC Foundation Board Announces New Officers and Directors



Larry Cowgill
Chair



Lois Ann Disponett
Vice Chair



Alan Turbyfill
Secretary/Treasurer



Jim Combs
Director



Gayle Smith
Director



Richard Wehrle
Director



Kimberly Marshall
Director

The Bluegrass Community and Technical College Foundation Board of Directors recently elected its officers and invited four community leaders to join the Foundation as directors. The Foundation is comprised of an independent board of community members who provide leadership and stewardship in funds raised for BCTC.

The elected officers are:

- Chair - Larry Cowgill, Congleton-Hacker Company, Lexington, Ky.
- Vice Chair - Lois Ann Disponett, Lois Ann Disponett Real Estate, Lawrenceburg, Ky.
- Secretary/Treasurer - Alan Turbyfill, Kentucky Trust Company, Danville, Ky.

Elected Officers serve a one-year term and may be reelected for one additional term.

The new directors are:

- Jim Combs, Walle Corporation, Winchester, Ky.
- Gayle Smith, Legislative Research Commission, Lawrenceburg, Ky.
- Kimberly Marshall, Central Bank, Georgetown, Ky.
- Richard Wehrle, Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love LLP, Lexington, Ky.

A director is elected for a three-year term and may serve one additional three-year term.

KCTCS President's Gala

Faculty and Staff from BCTC joined other Kentucky Community and Technical College System colleges for the annual President's Gala Benefactors Awards Dinner in October. During the evening, KCTCS President Michael B. McCall recognized benefactors who provide support to the community and technical colleges across the state. BCTC President, Dr. Augusta A. Julian, joined Dr. McCall on stage in recognizing the contributions and support of late Cecil M. Keeney and the Walle Corporation.

As a community and technical college graduate, Cecil M. Keeney often credited his two-year college experience with

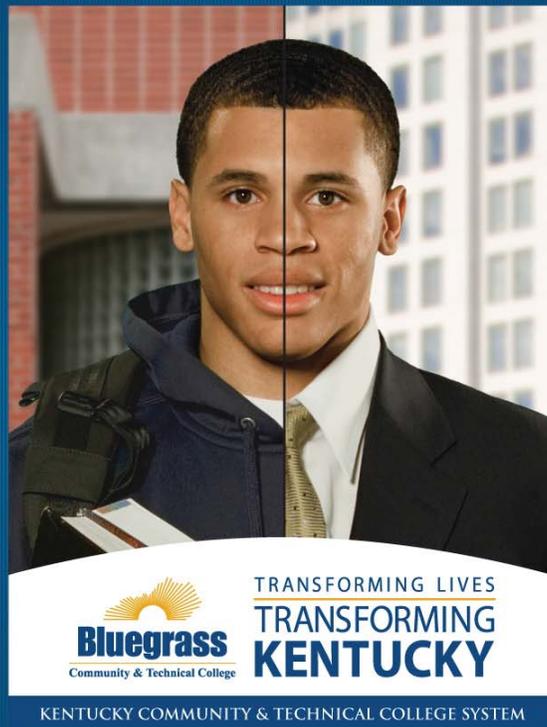


Left to right: Dr. Augusta A. Julian, Mr. Jim Combs, Dr. Michael B. McCall.

setting him on the road to success, which eventually led to his own company,

Walle Corporation. His belief in the importance of education was demonstrated by Cecil's and Walle Corporation's actions in closing the gap on a sizable matching gift that allowed the construction of the Winchester-Clark County campus of BCTC to begin. Cecil also served as one of the first directors of the BCTC Foundation. He also inspired the graduation class of 2007 by sharing his own story. Cecil Keeney left a legacy of support for BCTC that his company continues to uphold with its financial and volunteer contributions. The award was accepted by Jim Combs, General Manager for Walle Corporation in Winchester.

Visit kctcs.edu and Sign the Petition



Join the Kentuckians for Community and Technical Colleges. Let legislators know that you support community and technical colleges and how BCTC has transformed your life.

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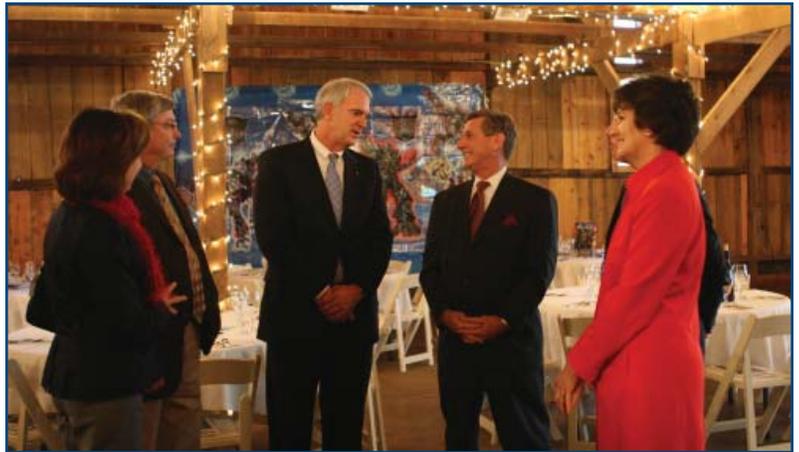
To ensure that Bluegrass Community and Technical College continues to thrive for decades to come, a new Kentuckians for Community and Technical Colleges advocacy campaign is under way to educate all Kentuckians on the importance of KCTCS, which oversees 16 colleges, including BCTC. The campaign has two goals:



- build public awareness of the impact that BCTC has on the communities that it serves
- urge BCTC supporters to reach out to legislators and ask for their continued support of the state's community and technical colleges. The campaign's theme is Transforming Lives and Transforming Kentucky.

BCTC and the BCTC Foundation are working, along with groups in each community where BCTC campuses are located, to reach the two goals of the advocacy campaign. Events and activities are planned to increase awareness and support. Two examples are shown below:

In Lawrenceburg, the Regional Opportunity Council, which is the name of the community-level groups, decided to enter a float in the Lawrenceburg Christmas parade. The float was entitled, "An Old-Fashion Christmas" and include a playhouse built by the Construction Technology program at Lawrenceburg. The float won second place in the float competition.



KCTCS President, Dr. McCall, visited the Lexington campuses on November 19th. During the day, he spent time talking with faculty, staff and students. Later, he joined members of the community for dinner at Talon Winery to share with them the impact that KCTCS has on the state and the KCTCS legislative agenda for the 2010 session. Three additional goals highlighted by Dr. McCall during his visit were:

- expanding existing and creating new programs to meet the projected openings for high-growth, high-wage jobs.
- eliminating barriers faced by KCTCS students transferring to Kentucky's four-year colleges and universities.
- reducing the number of under-prepared students attending college and helping under-prepared students already enrolled in Kentucky's colleges to succeed.

The Talon Winery dinner was sponsored by Palmer Engineering and Hazen and Sawyer. Other activities and events have been held in Georgetown, Danville and Winchester. Each Regional Opportunity Council is continuing to plan activities to increase awareness and impact the legislative session.

The overall KCTCS public advocacy campaign can be explored further at the campaign's website: <http://transform.kctcs.edu>.

Tracy Knowles named 2009 Kentucky Professor of the Year

Tracy Knowles has been named the 2009 Kentucky Professor of the Year. The award is administered by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and sponsored by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Knowles was honored in November during an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. In the last 20 years, BCTC is the only community college in Kentucky to have a professor earn this honor.

“I am honored to receive this award and to be recognized for doing what I love - teaching!” Knowles said. “The most rewarding aspects of teaching for me are enabling my students to mature and evolve into more confident learners and seeing my students becoming active participants in the environmental community.” Knowles, an associate professor of chemistry and environmental science technology, has taught at BCTC since fall 2000.

This is the second time a BCTC faculty member has been honored as Kentucky Professor the Year. Carol Holzhausen Hunt, a professor of English and women’s studies at BCTC, was named Kentucky Professor the Year in 2007.



Transforming Lives. Transforming Kentucky.

KCTCS President Michael B. McCall Brings Advocacy Campaign to BCTC



Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), President Michael B. McCall held a series of meetings at Bluegrass Community and Technical College in November to seek support for the new Transforming Lives, Transforming Kentucky advocacy campaign. The visit included meeting with faculty and staff of the college, students, and the community.

His visit to BCTC was part of a statewide tour of all 16 colleges in KCTCS. The message is to seek support for ensuring that Kentucky makes smart investments in students, workers, and the state’s economy by supporting Kentucky’s community and technical colleges.

“This is an investment in the economic recovery of the state’s economy,” stated Dr. McCall. “We offer the training for over 80% of the jobs that will need to be filled in the future.”

The main goal of the campaign is to inform the public on the important services offered by colleges of KCTCS and to urge the public to actively get involved in conveying their support for the community and technical colleges to the general assembly. Dr. McCall asked everyone to support the campaign by joining Kentuckians for Community and Technical College and singing a petition at www.kctcs.edu.

High school students explore manufacturing industry

In November, high school students from Jessamine County schools participated in an Interactive Manufacturing Workshop at the BCTC Danville Campus. The workshop was hosted by students and faculty of BCTC's Machine Tool Technology program.

While touring the Danville Campus manufacturing lab, students created a key chain using the manufacturing tools at the campus. Students were introduced to a CNC Waterjet Machine, the latest technology in the manufacturing industry. BCTC is one of two colleges in KCTCS that offer training in Waterjet Technology.

The workshop gave insight into the manufacturing industry's demand for a high-skilled workforce.

"The U.S. has always been one of the leaders in manufacturing and it is of paramount importance that we continue to be competitive in the industrial arena," said Mark Welch, BCTC machine tool technology coordinator.



"Getting and keeping an educated workforce is one of the most important factors in a successful venture."

A story about the workshop was featured in the *Jessamine (Ky.) Journal*.

BCTC wins *We Care* award



BCTC was named the 2009 winner of Republic Bank's We CARE Award in the Education and Public Works category. The award was presented to the college in September at the Griffin Gate Marriott in Lexington.

The award recognized BCTC as a top organization who has demonstrated what CARE represents: Community Activity Recognition Enterprise. At BCTC, many faculty members incorporate community service participation in their academic curriculum or host community events at the college: faculty and staff volunteer their time to operate the Peace Meal Garden, a community garden located on the Leestown Campus; during the holiday season, many donate gifts and items for children in need through the Circle of Love and Santa's Kids programs. In addition, faculty and staff volunteer throughout the year in more than 40 local non-profit organizations, including United Way of the Bluegrass, Reforest the Bluegrass, Domestic Violence Program and "Wig Out," an organization that was started by a BCTC faculty member who was being treated for cancer. "Wig Out" raises money to offset the cost of wigs for chemotherapy patients.

BCTC Chief Information Officer Vernal Kennedy thanked college employees for donating their time and talents in behalf of the college. "This is your award in recognition of your generosity and contributions to the communities that we serve," she said.

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Bluegrass News is an official publication of Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Questions about the President's Newsletter should be directed to Karen Marcum, Marketing Specialist, at 859.246.6573 or email: karen.marcum@kctcs.edu

BCTC is one of 16 colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. BCTC is a comprehensive two-year college that prepares students for a career, offering associate's degrees, diploma and certificate options in over 40 academic and technical programs.

For more information about BCTC call 859.246.6200 or toll-free 866.774.4872. Visit us online at: bluegrass.kctcs.edu.

BCTC does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

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BCTC Facebook

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"Dee Stress" has been photographed at different campuses and the Facebook Fans and Twitter Followers guess where the picture is taken. The first person who posts the correct location wins a prize. A photo of "Dee Stress" will be posted once a week on both Facebook and Twitter.

Departments interested in setting up a Facebook Group/Fan Page for alumni or their students are invited to attend a "Facebook 101" workshop hosted by Public Information and Marketing. Contact Jillian Ogawa at 859.246.6219 for more information.



BCTC CAMPUSES AND CENTERS

Cooper Campus

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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

Georgetown-Scott County Advanced Manufacturing Center

PSC/NA-K • 1001 Cherry Blossom
Way
Georgetown, KY 40324
502.570.6357

Lancaster Higher Education Center

67 Public Square
Lancaster, KY 40444
859.792.1513

Downtown Adult Education Center

120 W. High Street
Lexington, KY 40508
859.253.9603 or 859.246.6897