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SACS UPDATE

The College is making great strides in its journey toward its latest reaccreditation. The new SAC's process is composed of two major components – the Compliance Certification Report, a snapshot of where the College is in its planning, evaluation, and day-to-day processes, and the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a five-year project for improving student learning.

The College has submitted a first draft of its Compliance Certification Report to a member of the SACS staff and has received positive preliminary comments. The QEP Development Team has taken "improving reading," the topic winnowed from the more than 250 suggested in the early process last year and surveyed faculty, staff, and students to focus on the real needs of real students that might be addressed in the quality enhancement project. All re-accreditation teams are on target and on time. Watch for more details as the reports and projects are completed.

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have had a busy year here at BCTC and are moving ahead in many areas. John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." While we deal with the challenges of the global economic downturn, we are focused on positive change that both celebrates the historical



UK President Dr. Lee Todd joins BCTC President Dr. Augusta A. Julian as Bluegrass students sign up for BCTCblue+.

commitment to our communities and students, and looks for improvement in all we do.

Faculty and staff are working very hard and there is plenty of evidence that their commitment is strong. We are improving student services and adding needed classes resulting in an enrollment increase of more than 6% this fall to 12,167 (an unofficial count). Equally positive is the increase in the full-time equivalent enrollment to almost 7,000. This means more students are able to take a heavier class load even given the current financial difficulties of students. Opening of the new Winchester Campus in May expanded access for many students. We celebrated that new access and opportunity with a dedication in September and remain grateful to local government and citizens for their support making the construction of the building possible.

We are also very pleased that there are continuing efforts to ease transitions for students to bachelors programs at our four-year partners. The University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky both announced new programs that ensure transfer for BCTC students who meet the standards set in the programs. Many students are encouraged to pursue their bachelors degree and are supported in their preparation to transfer by our dedicated faculty and staff.

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We are also finding success in trying new technologies, remaining a leader in online education and helping students to use the technology for good effect in their course of study. Support for diversity continues to be a high priority and especially in working with younger students from middle school or high school to consider that they can get a higher education. Expansions in nursing programs will serve students and health care industry. Construction too is poised to expand to the Lawrenceburg Campus. New activities in visual and performing arts are adding to the richness of student experience.

So, you can see we are not sitting back, only looking to the past or present. We are staying focused on students and their goals, knowing that we'll come out of this bigger and better. President Kennedy challenged the nation to prepare for the future. We are preparing for the changes ahead with energy, innovation, and optimism.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Augusta A. Julian

PHI THETA KAPPA WELCOMES NEW INDUCTEES

Congratulations to the newest members of BCTC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) International Honor Society, Listed below are the students who have met the requirements to join PTK and have chosen to continue their pursuit of academic excellence through involvement with Phi Theta Kappa.

Shannon Wayne Adams William Kent Bastin Barbara G Booher Natasha Michelle **Bradley** Louis Conrad Brenner Amy Bullock Travis J. Cornett David R. Courtney Vivian J Derossett Joshua Denny Ecklar Ashley Michelle Evans Farrah Fox Ronnie Gene Goodpaster II Kara Jeanne Gore John Gray Diana Lynn Hellard Molly Schmidt Hukle Kayla Rene Jones Susan M. Kelley Lakesha Reshay Lee Brian E Luellen Karen M Manning Ieri M Mcintosh

Lisabeth Dianne Mobley John Chris Newland Margaret E. O'Donnell Stephen Craig Parsons Santy Permatasari Stacy Jo Quisenberry Frances Marie Ramsey Melynn Maribeth Rayome Kamla Rebiai Amy L Reese Kristen Irene Richardson Agatha R. Rigdon Rachel D Sams Brittany Megan Shelton Teresa K Shuck Katherine Jill Stapleton Miki Tanaka Catherine Frances **Thomas** Joe K. Trout Patrick J. Wilkinson Theresa M Zink



READ FOR LIFE

Congratulations to BCTC faculty member Staci Holderman for her winning entry in the BCTC college-wide reading project contest. The contest attracted more than 90 entries submitted by BCTC faculty, staff and students. Staci's entry, Read for LIFE (Learning, Fulfillment, Entertainment) was chosen in November by QEP team members. For her winning entry, Staci received a \$50.00 credit at BCTC's bookstore.

Watch for details on a logo contest to illustrate the project name after the first of the year. Put on your thinking cap now because another \$50.00 bookstore credit will be awarded for the most creative logo design.

A DAY FOR CELEBRATING DEDICATING THE NEW WINCHESTER-CLARK COUNTY CAMPUS

Even a wild windy day could not dampen the spirits of those on-hand for the dedication of the new BCTC Winchester-Clark County campus in September. It was a day for pure celebration as local and state elected officials, KCTCS and college representatives, faculty, staff, students and donors participated in the dedication of the new 5.9 million dollar facility.



Under the tent at the dedication of the new Winchester-Clark County Campus.

"This is a great day for Bluegrass Community & Technical College," said BCTC President Dr. Augusta A. Julian. "In partnership with Winchester and Clark County, we are providing increased access to higher education for students and enhanced resources for economic development. We are committed to growing this campus in new and innovative ways, so that its promise is borne out in opportunity for higher education, career development and job skills, in an increasingly successful region."

The new campus, located at 2020 Rolling Hills Lane in Winchester, is a state-of-the art 23,645 square foot building. The building features nine classrooms, a computer classroom, an early childhood facility and a biology/chemistry lab, student lounge, meeting rooms and office space for faculty. Enrollment this fall has reached 634, and the new building can accommodate 1200 students.

More than \$2 million in community donations, \$3.5 million in state funding, and additional federal funds for technology helped build the new BCTC campus.

SNAP - STAYING SAFE ON CAMPUS

At Bluegrass Community & Technical College, employee and student safety is our number one priority. This year, BCTC and the Kentucky Community & Technical College System has implemented a new program that will help keep our campuses safe in the event of an emergency.

SNAP or the Safety Notification Alert Process, is a full-featured system that allows college administrators to simultaneously push an audio stream and/or a text message to multiple phones, speakers, computer desktops and overhead paging systems.

The notification system can send message to all types of contact devices (land line phones, wireless phones, classroom computers, Internet Services Provider-based email, BlackBerry and other personal digital devices) and in as many different formats (voice, text short messages, text messages).



SNAP will be used in the event of eminent danger on campus such as bomb threats, terror threats and severe weather.

The text messaging component of SNAP requires users to "opt in" to receive emergency notification. Signing up for SNAP is easy. Visit BCTC's web page at www. bluegrass.kctcs.edu and click on the SNAP button located on the left hand side of the page.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OPENS JANUARY 2009 AT BCTC LAWRENCEBURG CAMPUS





Real estate sales are sluggish and more and more Central Kentuckians are looking to update and remodel their existing homes and businesses. Beginning in January, students at BCTC in Lawrenceburg can learn the tools of the trade by enrolling in the Construction Technology program.

The Construction Technology program is designed to prepare students for entry level positions in the construction industry. Students will gain valuable hands-on experience in blueprint reading, building site layout procedures, foundation systems, light framing construction methods, exterior and interior finish systems, concrete forming systems and construction safety.

The program, also offered on the Leestown Campus in Lexington, offers certificates, diplomas and associate degrees. It is also an excellent prerequisite for students that plan to pursue engineering or architectural design. An open house was held in November at the new Lawrenceburg location to introduce the program to the community.

BCTC 2008 - 2009 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Congratulations to the 16 faculty and staff members from BCTC who were chosen to participate in this year's Leadership Academy. Over the course of the next year, the group will have the opportunity to expand their leadership skills by exploring leadership literature, increasing their knowledge of BCTC and participating in a leadership project.

Members of the 2008 - 2009 academy are: Melissa Anderson, Paul Blankenship, Judy Brown, Carol Crawford, Tracy Dennis, Carrie Renee Felts, Tiffany Hayden, Tammy Horn, Larry Iaquinta, Laquanda Miller, Gary Powell, Lafoun Rawlins-Fellows, Maria Rutherford, Tammy Satterly, Rick Smoot and LouAnn Sunley.



BCTC 2008-2009 Leadership Academy

Members will meet monthly. Graduation ceremonies for the class are planned for April 2009.

MEET THE BCTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Florence Sue Huffman, Chair



Annissa M. Franklin, Vice Chair



Robert E. Rowland, Secretary



Bob McNulty



Jonah Mitchell



Ron L. Walker, Jr.



Maraskeshia S. Smith



Janella Spencer, Faculty



Becky Critchfield, Staff

Governor Steve Beshear appointed Annissa M. Franklin, of Nicholasville, Jonah Mitchell, of Nicholasville, Maraskeshia S. Smith, of Lexington, and Ron L. Walker Jr., of Richmond as members to the BCTC Board of Directors to serve for terms expiring Oct 15, 2013. The governor reappointed Robert E. Rowland, of Danville, Florence S. Huffman, of Lexington, and Robert P. McNulty, of Lexington to serve terms expiring October 15, 2013.

On September 3, 2008, the following new board officers were elected: Florence Sue Huffman, Board Chair, Annissa M. Franklin, Vice Chair, Robert E. Rowland, Secretary, Janella Spencer was appointed BCTC faculty representative, Becky Critchfield, staff representative and Luke Taylor the student representative.



Luke Taylor, Student

HISTORY IN THE HEADLINES



Rick Smoot autographs a copy of his new book at the BCTC Fall Faculty and Staff meeting.

Are you interested in the history of Lexington Technical Institute (LTI) and Lexington Community College? If so, we have a great book for you!

Rick Smoot, Associate Professor of History at BCTC has written a new pictorial history of the college that commemorates and celebrates the achievements of the last forty years. His new book, *The University of Kentucky Lexington Community College*, 1965 - 2005: A Pictorial History is filled with nearly 200 photos and other images and numerous historical facts.

The book also includes a side-by-side history of the development of two-year postsecondary institutions in the United States and Kentucky.

Currently on sale at the BCTC Cooper Campus Barnes and Noble store, the book can be purchased for \$26.60. To order a copy e-mail your request with your payment information (Visa, Master Card, etc.) to sm401@bncollege.com.

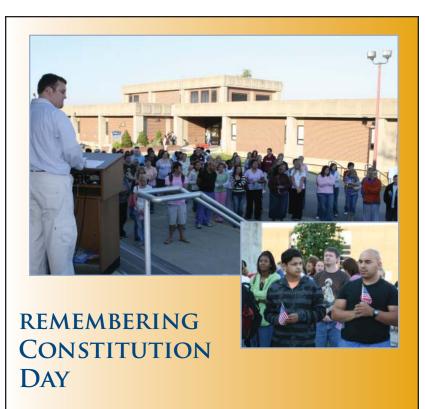
To date, Smoot is the author of two other books, Lexington Country Club: A History of the First One Hundred Years, 1901 - 2001 and a co-author and compiler of Kentucky Through the Centuries.

LENDING A HELPING HAND

BCTC received the "Outstanding Civic Partner" award for 2008 during KET's Volunteer Recognition Reception in October.



Photo: from left to right, former KET Executive Director Virginia Fox, Michele Ripley, President of Commonwealth Fund for KET, BCTC Assistant Professor Kay Black, KET Founder and Former Executive Director Len Press and Mac Wall, KET Executive Director.



On September 17th the faculty, staff and students of BCTC came together to celebrate our nation's freedom by attending Constitution Day events on the Cooper and Leestown campuses.

Activities included the pledge allegiance to the flag, patriotic songs, motivational speeches and an open forum where individuals were encouraged to share their feelings about America and the freedoms we enjoy.

GOOD NEWS GRAPEVINE



BCTC welcomes **Lisa Bell**, our new Vice President of Finance and Operations effective July 16. Lisa comes to us from the Office of Audit Services for the Kentucky Community & Technical College System and has served as the BCTC Interim Chief Financial Officer since January 2008.

Lisa will oversee the Finance, Business Office and Maintenance and Operations departments. She is a graduate of Monticello Independent High School and the University of Kentucky. Welcome Lisa!

Lisa Bell

Sheila Simpson has been named Interim Campus Director of the new BCTC Winchester-Clark County Campus.

Shelia has worked the last five years as a Project Manager with Corporate and Community Development at BCTC in charge of community education. She will be proving overall management and supervision at the campus and is responsible for representing BCTC in the local community, working with industry educational institutions, and other community groups.



Sheila Simpson

■ BCTC is proud to announce the opening of the Bluegrass Gallery located in Building C at the Leestown campus. The opening exhibit *Legacy*, will feature the life work of renowned Lexington artist, Tom Vantreese. Vantreese is best known for his landscape paintings but was also an illustrator, cartoonist, photographer, teacher, calligrapher, and designer. His creative teaching materials were used in all of the state's technical schools and have been distributed nationally. In 1972, Vantreese designed the official Kentucky Bicentennial Medallion, that was produced and distributed nation-wide by the Fifty-State Bicentennial Collection by the Franklin Mint.



Dr. Augusta A. Julian welcomes Professors Phillip Owuor (left) and John Agure to BCTC.

■ Two visiting scholars from Maseno University (MU), Kenya, have joined the faculty at BCTC Cooper Campus for the fall 2008 semester. BCTC welcomes Professor Phillip Owuor, Director of the School of Graduate Studies at Maseno University and John Agure, Dean Faculty of Science at MU.

Professor Owuor is teaching chemistry this semester and Professor Agure is teaching mathematics. They are part of a faculty exchange agreement between Maseno University and BCTC. The exchange program between BCTC and MU is now in its fifth year.

■ BCTC also welcomes three graduate students and one faculty member from Tianjin Foreign Studies University. The students are completing their master's degree in English and English Linguistic and are gaining experience by observing how English and Literature classes are taught. The visiting professor will be shadowing our very own professor James Goode.

GOOD NEWS GRAPEVINE



AND THE WINNER IS . . .

At this year's BCTC Fall Kick-Off, faculty and staff teamed up to create posters to demonstrate our commitment to student learning and the things we are doing well to promote and achieve student success. This represents an "appreciative" approach to our Quality Enhancement Plan now being developed.

After much teamwork, the votes were tallied, "Reaching For The Gold" took first place over the more than twenty posters presented. The winning team members are Mary Blaydes, Kathy Chitti, Renee Felts, Bobby Royalty, Dave Salyers and Teresa Tope. Posters will be on display for one month at each BCTC campus.

■ What better way to say "Thank You" than with ice cream. Dr. Julian and the Leadership Executive Team participated in not one but two ice cream socials this fall for faculty, staff, and students.

The first event was held in August when students were treated to an all you can eat ice cream social to kick off the new school year at at each BCTC campus.

Faculty and staff had their turn in September and October with ice cream socials held on the Lexington and regional campuses. The event was a special thank you for all their hard work throughout the year. Thanks to Chip Hoskins and Blue Bunny Ice Cream for donating the ice cream at the Faculty and Staff Appreciation events.



Dishing out the desert on Cooper campus.



Faculty & staff enjoy their turn for treats on Cooper Campus.

GRANT NEWS

- The Winchester-Clark County campus was awarded \$335,000 to support science and technology at the new campus through the efforts of Congressman Ben Chandler.
- The Machine Tool Technology program, headed by Mark Welch, received \$150,000 from National Science Foundation to enhance their program with waterjet cutting technology.
- The Natural Sciences Division received two grants: 2008 HP Technology for Teaching Leadership Award to Brent Eldridge to transform and enhance learning in the classroom through innovative uses of technology; and a Mentorlinks grant from American Association of Community Colleges for \$15,000 to help develop a biotech program, headed by Deb Davis-Sullivan and Tammy Liles.
- Sheila Simpson, Interim Director, BCTC Winchester-Clark County Campus, formerly a Project Manager for Corporate and Community Development, was awarded \$35,000 from Kentucky Real Estate Commission for the development of a non-credit financial literacy program.
- Erin Howard from Hispanic Outreach and Services will increase college access through a \$10,000 grant from the Kentucky KnowHow2Go network.

BCTC FOUNDATION NEWS











Doug Oliver

Tom Masterson

Alan Turbyfill

O. R. Powell

Steve Rinehart

Bluegrass Community and Technical College Foundation Board of Directors began the 2008-2009 year by electing their officers and inviting two individuals to join them as directors.

- Douglas Oliver of Winchester was re-elected for a second term as Chair. Oliver is retired from East Kentucky Power. He has been on the board since its inception in 2006.
- Tom Masterson, President of TEM Group with offices in Lexington and Louisville, will serve another term as Vice Chair. He has also been on the board since its inception in 2006.
- Alan Turbyfill, President and CEO of Kentucky Trust Company in Danville, Kentucky, was chosen as Secretary/Treasurer. He joined the board soon after its inception in 2006.
- O. R. Powell, Director of Corporate HR & Talent Management for Ashland, Inc. in Lexington, Kentucky, has been selected as a director.
- Steve Rinehart, Human Resource Manager at Denyo Manufacturing Corporation in Danville, Kentucky, has been selected as a director.



Getting ready to hit the links.

BCTC SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI GOLF SCRAMBLE

A beautiful spring weekend got off to a great start for golfers who attended the BCTC Alumni Association's Golf Scramble. The event was held on June 6th at the University Club of Kentucky and raised \$4,904.75 for student scholarships. Competing teams could enhance their play with offerings that included Screaming Eagles, 5th Hole and Mulligans. The first place team was MPM Group, whose players received golf bags as prizes. Lunch and a silent auction rounded out the event. The next Alumni Golf Scramble is planned for June 2009.

GIVING BACK

All of William (Bill) Ferzacca's life, he has worked to make the world a better place through education. First as a teacher and now as a benefactor by establishing the Ferzacca Scholarship. The Ferzacca Scholarship is for students in the fine arts and education field, who have also performed community service to benefit those in poverty. Through this scholarship, Bill has ensured that his passions for the fine arts, education and addressing poverty will continue in the students that his scholarship supports.



BCTC Foundation Chair Doug Oliver (left) and Bill Ferzacca.

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

MOSAIIC 2008 CONFERENCE



BCTC's Office of Multiculturalism & Inclusion Services held its Annual MOSAIIC 2008 conference and Transfer Fair in October. Dr. Yvonne Blanchard Freeman, (pictured above) Executive Officer of Alliance for Global Education and Leadership Inc, was the keynote speaker.

Cincinnati Bengals President, Michael Brown and Rabbi Marc Aaron Kline were honored by receiving the MOSAICC Award during the event. Dr. William Parker also received the award posthumously.



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