

# BLUEGRASS NEWS

Cooper Campus • Danville Campus • Lawrenceburg Campus • Leestown Campus • Regency Campus • Winchester-Clark County Campus

## Greg Page Gathering!



BCTC Resident Advisors at Greg Page Apartments David Laurenvil (left) and Dan Sigler get pumped up for the first annual Greg Page Games and cookout.

Students at Bluegrass Community & Technical College now have a new place to call home. Beginning this fall, the newly remodeled Greg Page Apartments on Cooper Campus became available to 340 BCTC students as resident housing, the result of a partnership with the University of Kentucky.

To get a great fall semester up and running, Dr. Jim Kerley and college staff sponsored the first annual Greg Page Games on September 21. The event was held at the apartment complex and included a cook-out for students, a three-on-three basketball tournament, sand volleyball and a corn hole toss. Trophies were awarded to game winners and music for the event was provided by MIX 94.5.

## In this issue:

<b>A Remedy to the Nursing Shortage</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Watch Us Grow</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Good News Grapevine</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Faculty &amp; Staff News</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Breathitt Society Dinner</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Welcome to BCTC</b>	<b>4</b>

## *From the Desk of the President*

October 2006



### **Jim Kerley**

President/CEO  
Bluegrass Community  
and Technical College

Bluegrass Community and Technical College faculty, staff and students have been moving at a fast pace since the beginning of August. I am continually amazed by the various talents of our faculty, who rank among the best in the country. Their continued commitment to our students and to our college is reflected in a recent survey. More detailed information on the survey will be released next month. Our staff is always willing to give the extra effort every day to serve students, making BCTC one of the best colleges in the state.

It is always a busy time during the first month of the fall semester, and this one was no exception. We recently held a grand opening of the BCTC Transfer Center on our Cooper Campus. Funded by a Title III, Strengthening Institutions grant, and the first of its kind in the state of Kentucky, the center will provide a seamless transition for BCTC students interested in transferring to four-year institutions. We have many partners who are working with our college. The University of Kentucky, where many of our students will attend, Kentucky State University, Eastern Kentucky University, Midway College, Morehead State University, University of Louisville and many other universities, private and public, are helping to ease the path of transferring to four-year institutions. This new transfer center will help hundreds of students prepare adequately while at this institution so that they can reach their educational goals.

We continue to work closely with area high schools. Opportunity College is an excellent way for high school students to get a jump start on college classes. These types of programs provide more access and opportunity to students, which is this college's mission and our promise to the community.

Our new Strategic Plan clearly charts the direction for BCTC with strategies that will be the pathway and guide for the College over the next five years. Goals have been established to enhance eight areas of focus: Student Access, Student Success, Teaching and Learning, Economic Development, Community Outreach, Diversity and Global Awareness, Technology & Communication, Evaluation and Student/Customer Service. We welcome your comments and input. If you would like a copy of BCTC's 2006-2010 Strategic Plan, please call 859.246.6506.

We have so much to offer at Bluegrass. With low tuition, flexible schedules, small class size, business and industry outreach, adult education programs and teachers who have a passion to teach, we stand ready to serve our community.

*Jim Kerley*

## A Remedy to the Nursing Shortage



(Pictured left to right) Rebecca Gitau, BCTC nursing student, Dr. Carolyn Lewis, BCTC Assistant Dean of Nursing, Dr. Jim Kerley, President/CEO BCTC, Jay McChord, LFUCG Council member, Lori Collins, Bluegrass ADD District.

Kentucky's impending nursing shortage is getting a much needed shot in the arm thanks to a new initiative made possible through a Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board grant and the partnerships of acute and long term care institutions in the Bluegrass Area Development District (ADD). On September 19, BCTC held a press conference at the Leestown Campus to announce the formation of the *HealthWay Initiative: Developing Healthy Communities*.

Beginning this fall, BCTC will receive an allocation of \$200,000 per year for five years from the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board. The funds will be used to help increase the number of educated nurses going into the workforce in Kentucky. Partners in the program include Central Baptist Hospital, Cardinal Hill Hospital, Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph Hospital, Homestead Nursing Center and Pine Meadows Nursing Home. This community partnership will provide the resources to educate an additional 125 nursing healthcare professionals per year in the nursing assistant, practical nursing and associate degree registered nursing programs.



209 Oswald Building, 470 Cooper Drive  
Lexington, KY 40506-0235  
859.246.6200  
[www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu](http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu)

Bluegrass Community & Technical College is an equal opportunity employer and education institution. A KCTCS Institution.

## Watch Us Grow!

BCTC just keeps getting bigger and better. Here's the latest scoop on the construction taking place on our campuses!



• **Winchester-Clark County Building:** James R. Leake & Son, Inc., of Richmond, KY, was awarded the construction bid. Construction on the new Winchester-Clark County Campus is slated to begin October 23.

Governor Ernie Fletcher joined KCTCS President Dr. Michael McCall, Dr. Jim Kerley and other state and local dignitaries for the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Winchester-Clark County Campus on June 27.



More than 125 people attended the grand opening of the new Lancaster Higher Education Center in June.

• **Lancaster Higher Education Center:** BCTC and Eastern Kentucky University have teamed up to open the new center, located on the Courthouse Square in Lancaster. Classes offered for Fall 2006 included education, nursing and business.

• **Cooper Campus Building:** Ross/Tarrant Architect, Inc., is nearing the completion of the Phase B programming for the new building.

• **Georgetown Building:** An RFP (Request for Proposals) for an architectural firm to design the new Georgetown classroom building is underway. The due date for proposals to be sent to the State Division of Engineering & Contract Administration is November 1.

## A Community that Cares



Dr. David Hellmich, Vice President of Learning Support and Academic Affairs, spoke to industry and business professionals at this year's Advisory Committee Meeting on October 3.

The annual event, which includes individual program meetings with advisory members, provides an opportunity to evaluate BCTC's technical programs, curriculum and equipment. Advisory members also counsel faculty regarding the skill levels they are looking for in graduates and how to better prepare them for employment in their chosen field. Thanks to all who participated!

## Good News Grapevine

✓ Bluegrass Community & Technical College is pleased to announce the appointment of three new members to the BCTC Board of Directors. Mr. Randy Powell, Mr. David S. Samford and Mr. Regional Thomas were appointed to the board this summer by Governor Ernie Fletcher. Mr. Powell is Vice President of Corporate Human Resources for Ashland, Inc., Mr. Samford serves as General Council with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Frankfort and Mr. Thomas is in private law practice and a Assistant Professor at Kentucky State University.

✓ The Dental Hygiene Department recently received a \$4,000 grant from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky to perform Hispanic outreach activities in the dental hygiene clinic.

✓ The United States Department of Education has approved BCTC's Talent Search grant for an additional four years of funding, 2006 - 2010. This funding allows the college to continue serving 950 middle and high school participants in Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine, Mercer and Scott counties.

✓ BCTC has joined ten Kentucky and West Virginia universities to form the Kentucky-West Virginia Alliance for Minority Participation to develop effective strategies which will encourage minority enrollment in science, technology, engineering and math courses and programs. BCTC is the only community college in Kentucky participating in the 2.4 million dollar grant funded by the National Science Foundation.

✓ Beginning in January 2007, BCTC will offer a new certificate program in filmmaking. A certificate in "Filmmaking: Script to Screen" will provide students with a hands-on, project-based education that will cover everything from treatment and screenplay to directing, cinematography, lighting, audio and editing.

## Our Faculty and Staff Make A Difference . . .

**Greg Rickert** received the *Excellence in the Art of Teaching* award from the Kentucky Communication Association in September.

Congratulations to **Paul C. Callan, Jr.**, for being elected to the KCTCS Board of Regents.

**Dr. Marcy Corjay's** most recent publication "Identification and characterization of triseposphate isomerase that specifically interacts with the integrin  $\alpha$ IIb cytoplasmic domain" was published in *Biochemical Pharmacology*.

Congratulations to **Bill Batson** for his acceptance of an abstract to the Symposium of Architecture, at Louisiana State University. His paper, which deals with the development of the New Orleans site master plan, will be presented and published at the March symposium.

**Michael Benton's** article "Bluegrass Film Society 2006/2007: 24 Films, 24 Countries, 24 Weeks" was published in the August 2006 issue of *Nougat Magazine*.

**Anthony Roberts** has been appointed to the 2006 Conference Planning Committee for the Southeastern Association of Colleges and Employers (SACE). The SACE annual conference delivers programs on best practice and ideas for individuals in the College Career Services or Industry Human Resources fields.

**Dr. Larry Chiswell** and **Laura Justice** provided continuing education courses to Dental Hygienists in Zurich, Switzerland, in May. They were invited by the Zurich Study Club and have plans to return to lead another continuing education program in 2008.

Congratulations to **Charlene Walker** for receiving a 2007 summer Fulbright award for an educational trip to Peru.

## Snapshots!



Dr. Kerley joined students and staff at the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the One Stop Student Service Center on September 29. The One Stop, located at Leestown Campus, provides a central location for current and prospective students at BCTC to access information regarding admissions, financial aid, student records and registration.



It's fall in the Bluegrass and that means Fall Fest time at BCTC. A Fall Fest, hosted by Student Government, was held on all six BCTC campuses. On Cooper Campus (pictured above) around 1,000 students turned out for the annual event on October 3. Students were treated to a free lunch and a chance to participate in several blowup activities including Sumo Wrestling, Gladiator Jousting and scaling the Velcro Wall.

## Living it up with the Legends

Typically, two dollars won't pay for a night of entertainment. However, on Friday, September 8, 188 members and friends of the Bluegrass Community and Technical College Alumni Association enjoyed a Lexington Legends playoff game for this small price.

Although the Legends were defeated 8-2 by the Lakewood Blueclaws, the game was filled with excitement. Thanks to the many attendees who purchased tickets from the Alumni Association, \$188 was raised for the organization's operating budget. For more information about the other activities of the BCTC Alumni Association, please contact Andrea Ooten at 859-246-6588 or [andrea.ooten@kctcs.edu](mailto:andrea.ooten@kctcs.edu).



BCTC employee Randy Himes and his family enjoy an evening out at Applebee's Park.

## Breathitt Society



Mrs. Ned Breathitt (left), Senator Julian Carroll and BCTC employee Barbara Hoskins share a moment at the Breathitt Society Dinner.

BCTC is fortunate to have a community that supports our college and its mission for educating today's students. Each year, the college acknowledges one special group of benefactors at the Breathitt Society Dinner. The Breathitt Society, named after the late Governor Ned Breathitt, was established for donors who have either given or plan to give \$10,000 or more to BCTC.

Forty members of the Breathitt Society were recognized this year on September 19 for their contributions to the college. The event, held at the Lafayette Club, featured Senator Julian Carroll as the keynote speaker. Senator Carroll spoke on the importance of community colleges in Kentucky's future. Also addressing the group were BCTC students Lindsey Sipes and Angela Faulconer. They shared their inspirational stories and expressed their appreciation for how community colleges like BCTC not only touch, but change, the lives of students everyday.

## Welcome to BCTC!

Diversity and global awareness is alive and well on BCTC's campuses. For the 2006-2007 school year we welcome four new instructors at our college who are taking place in two cultural exchange programs.

Professor Xiaolu Liu and Professor Feng Yin of Changsha University of China join BCTC as a part of an internal cultural exchange established by Sociology Professor David Wachtel. Professor Liu is teaching English literature and Professor Yin, a librarian in China, is learning about BCTC's ability to share information and resources with other libraries and the on-line Kentucky Virtual Library.

BCTC is also host to two visiting professors from Maseno University in Kenya. Both are participants in the BCTC/Kenya Cultural/Educational Exchange Partnership coordinated by Assistant English Professor Iddah Otieno. Dr. Othuon is teaching math and psychology, and Dr. Owuor is co-teaching biology and working on a joint research project with UK Professor Dr. David Van Sanford.



(Pictured left to right) Professor Xiaolu Liu and Professor Feng Yin of Changsha University in China.



(Pictured left to right) Dr. Lucas Othuon and Dr. Barrack Owuor of Maseno University in Kenya.