

BLUEGRASS NEWS



SPRING 2007

From the office of the President

These are exciting and challenging days for Bluegrass Community and Technical College. With a new year ahead of us, BCTC faces many challenges and opportunities. We are focused on growing our enrollment and are making good progress in that area. Our enrollment growth in Danville, Lawrenceburg and the Leestown campus reflects the increased educational opportunities offered district-wide. Weekend College, Opportunity College and Online Learning have produced enrollment growth because of greater flexibility and course offerings that suit our student's busy schedules.

With new construction underway on our new Winchester-Clark County campus, the new Cooper Campus "green building" coming soon, and the upcoming Georgetown-Scott County campus, we are truly expanding in many directions.

The Spring semester promises to be a very busy time for BCTC. As a comprehensive community and technical college, we continue to increase our program offerings to meet our community and student needs. Thanks to a \$1.5 million nursing grant from the Department of Labor and a \$500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, our Nursing Program is expanding to offer the RN Program on our Danville and Lawrenceburg campuses. These grants will also provide student support and scholarship assistance. Our new Script to Screen Program is off to an excellent start with a waiting list for next semester. New degree proposals are currently in the planning stages for Machine Tool Technology, Computer Aid Drafting & Design, Construction Technology, Welding, and Air Conditioning Technology. These and other opportunities continue our commitment to access and opportunity.

As we begin 2007, I thank our students for choosing BCTC and I pledge my support to our outstanding faculty and staff. As always, we thank the many contributors to this great college. We appreciate your support and suggestions as we continue to serve this community and the Bluegrass region. Let us know if we can assist in any way, and remember, this is YOUR community and technical college!

Jim Kerley, President/CEO

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ALUMNI ACTION



BCTC Alumni members chill out at Keeneland Race Track during Homecoming 2006.

Despite freezing temperatures, more than 35 people attended the BCTC Alumni Association Homecoming event at Keeneland in October. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals, the Alumni Association hosted a silent auction that raised more than \$1,400 for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

The fundraiser was not the only highlight of Homecoming 2006. Fantastic food, hot off the grill, and great racing rounded out the festivities to make the event one that will not be forgotten.

BCTC RECYCLES



Did you know that almost half of what we toss into the trash at work is recyclable? Thanks to the efforts of the Sustainability Task Force's pilot program, those materials are now being pulled out and recycled on the Cooper and Regency campuses.

Since the program began in October, cans, bottles, cardboard and more than 15,500 pounds of paper have been recycled. Collections take place on Mondays - please pitch in!

DONATION DATELINE

Our college is fortunate to have so many generous benefactors who give their time, money and support to further the mission of BCTC. We would like to recognize and thank the following companies for their recent contributions to the college.

- McCammish Co. Inc. has pledged to donate cabinetry and reception counters with an estimated value of \$15,000 to the new Winchester-Clark County Campus.
- Red River Hardwoods, Inc. has also donated an estimated \$20,000 in kitchen cabinets, work and flooring for the new campus.

LATINO FAIR



Erin Howard, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for BCTC speaks to students at the 2006 BCTC & KSU Latino College Fair.

Helping Hispanic students reach for higher education was the focus of the second annual Access and Opportunity Summit and Latino College Fair in November.

The two-day event, held at Kentucky State University, attracted more than 180 students this year. Students learned valuable information about financial aid, program offerings and heard encouraging words from the Latino community. Day two was dedicated to instructing educators on how to advise and assist their Latino students.



Leestown campus Carpentry students use new equipment donated by The Home Builders Association.

- The Home Builders Association of Kentucky donated more than \$23,800 worth of equipment to the BCTC Carpentry Program. This addition will give students hands-on experience with updated equipment commonly found at a construction site.

OUT OF THE GATE



As one of America's leading jockeys, Chris McCarron knows a thing or two about horses and how difficult it is to find people adequately trained to work with them. So after 28 years in the saddle, McCarron moved to Kentucky to help open the first professional jockey school in the United States at the Kentucky Horse Park.

The North American Racing Academy's classes, taught by BCTC faculty, began last fall. Its inaugural class (pictured above) will graduate with Associate Degrees. Their training will grant them access to all levels of the racing world and a variety of equine-centered industries.



GOOD NEWS GRAPEVINE

✔ Congratulations to the Surgical Technology Program for their 100% pass rate on the Program Assessment Exam (PAE). The BCTC program was also recognized by PAE for being one of the top 20 surgical technology programs in the United States.

✔ Thanks to all that participated in the book drive for Maseno University in Kenya. Two hundred and twenty textbooks were donated to the University by our BCTC family.

✔ BCTC has been awarded a \$500,000 five-year grant by the National Science Foundation to sponsor the Science Excel Program. The program will provide assistance and award 20 scholarships a year for academically talented and financially disadvantaged students in the Natural Sciences division.

✔ The BCTC Respiratory Care graduating class of 2006 had a 100% pass rate on the entry-level Certified Therapy Respiratory Technician (CRT) exam. Congratulations!

OUR FACULTY AND STAFF MAKE A DIFFERENCE

William Batson has been selected by the Symposium on Architecture for the 21st Century to read his paper *Town/Community Design and Planning* at the School of Architecture in Baton Rouge, LA.

Christina Lovin was named one of 13 recipients statewide to receive the 2007 Al Smith Fellowship from the Kentucky Arts Council. In addition, Lovin received a 2006 Artist's Enrichment Grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women. Her poem "Coal Country" was recently named the winner of the 4th Annual Oliver W. Browning Poetry Competition.

Sheila Simpson has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Kentucky Child Now.

Congratulations to **Mike Binzer** and **Ray Mizell** who were chosen as the New Horizons Award recipients and to **Iddah Otieno** and **Rena Murphy** selected as the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) award recipients.

Joy Famularo was re-elected secretary of the Community College Humanities Association Southern Division.

✔ The Corporate Community and Development Assessment Center on the Leestown campus is now offering CLEP testing. The testing is open to BCTC students, high school students and the general public.

✔ BCTC's Lawrenceburg campus hosted a Photojournalism Exhibition for the Kentucky Mountain Workshop in January. The exhibition showcased stories and photos of Anderson County residents. To view the workshops multimedia account of Lawrenceburg visit: <http://www.mountainworkshops.org/2005/multimedia.html>.

✔ Congratulations to the Nursing division for receiving a \$1,500,000 grant from the Department of Labor. The grant allows for the development of a Nursing Student Referral Center as well as \$235,000 per year in student scholarships.

✔ The Collision Repair Program recently received ASE Master certification from the National Institute for Automotive Excellence.

Claude Gross has been chosen as the 2006 Kentucky Vocational Instructor of the Year by the Associated General Contractors (AGC).

Don Boes had six poems accepted for publication in the literary journals *Cider Press Review* and *ABZ*.

Wendell Sparks was chosen as a trainer for the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors in NAFSA Region VI.

Michael Benton edited and published *Reconstruction* Vol. 6.4 (Winter 2006) a Special Issue: *Theories/Practices of Blogging* and wrote the introduction "Thoughts on Blogging by a Poorly Masked Academic".

Tim Davis will chair the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Atlanta, GA and will present a workshop entitled "Outdoor Drama Survival Skills" at the conference.

Dr. Carolyn Lewis has been appointed by Governor Fletcher for a three-year term to the Apprentice and Training Council.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

BCTC is coming to Georgetown! Omni Architects, a local architectural firm, was recently awarded the contract to design the new Georgetown Campus and Advanced Technology Center to be built at the Lanes Run Business Park in Georgetown. The 65,000 square foot facility will provide state-of-the-art training in advanced manufacturing, as well as classroom space for general education courses, and technical classes.

The facility will include space that replicates a modern manufacturing facility and will train approximately 1,200 new students per year in a hands-on setting. This level of training will prepare them to step into high-tech manufacturing jobs. Other programs will be offered based on the community's need.



Even before construction of the Advanced Technology Center begins, BCTC is open for business in Georgetown. Technical training programs are already under way in a building leased from Toyota (pictured top right). General education college classes are also taught by BCTC at Royal Springs Elementary School.

In other construction news, the new Winchester-Clark County campus is now moving forward with construction beginning October 23, 2006 (pictured left). View a photo gallery of the campus construction at http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/campuses/winchester_clarkcoun/

The new Cooper campus building is presently in Phase C programming. Ground breaking for the new building will be held on April 27 so mark your calendars! Construction on the site is scheduled to begin May 24.