

FIRST YEAR CENTER

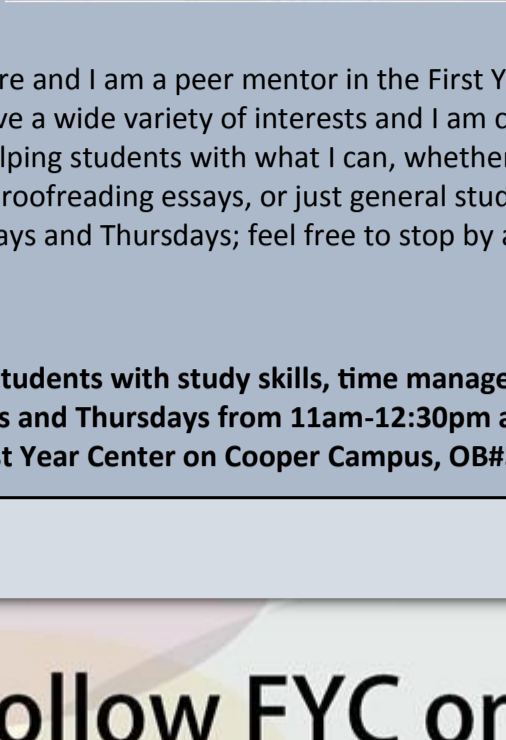
First Year Center Newsletter October/November 2016

This month's edition of the First Year Center Newsletter focuses on our incredible students and staff here at BCTC. We highlight staff member Regina Shank, who has planned a free Magic Show for students and Peer Mentor Susan Shropshire, who is always willing to help students. The First Year Center is always thinking of ways to be more accessible to you. We are now available through text message. Feel free to text us for assistance. October is an important month for Financial Aid! The 2017-2018 FAFSA form is now open. Please fill yours out online immediately at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. The Financial Aid office is always available to assist you. Please see their flier below about FAFSA Fridays.

Enjoy Fall Break and have a great semester!

Sincerely,
First Year Center Staff

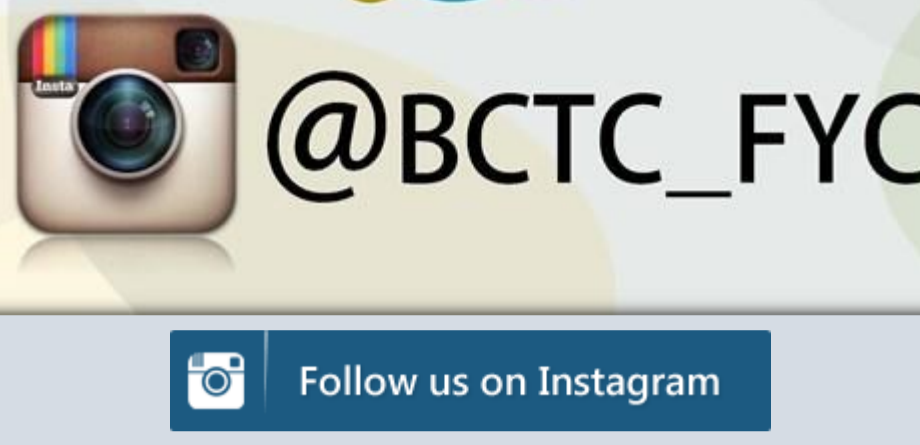
Peer Mentor Spotlight: Susan Shropshire



My name is Susan Shropshire and I am a peer mentor in the First Year Center! I am in my second semester at BCTC; I have a wide variety of interests and I am currently enrolled in an EMT course for the fall. I love helping students with what I can, whether it be with Microsoft Office, using Blackboard, writing/proofreading essays, or just general studying. I am in the First Year Center from 11-4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays; feel free to stop by and say Hi!
-Susan Shropshire

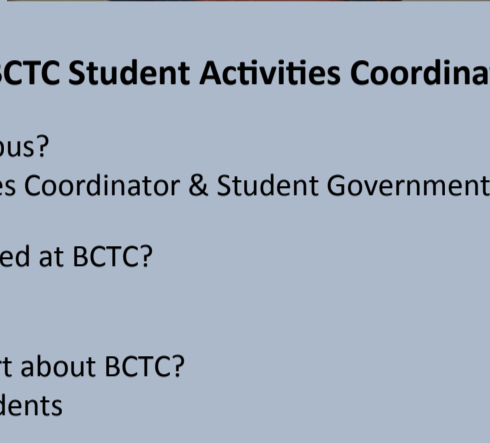
Susan is available to help students with study skills, time management, Microsoft Office and proofreading on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am-12:30pm and 1:45pm-4:00pm in the First Year Center on Cooper Campus, OB#310.

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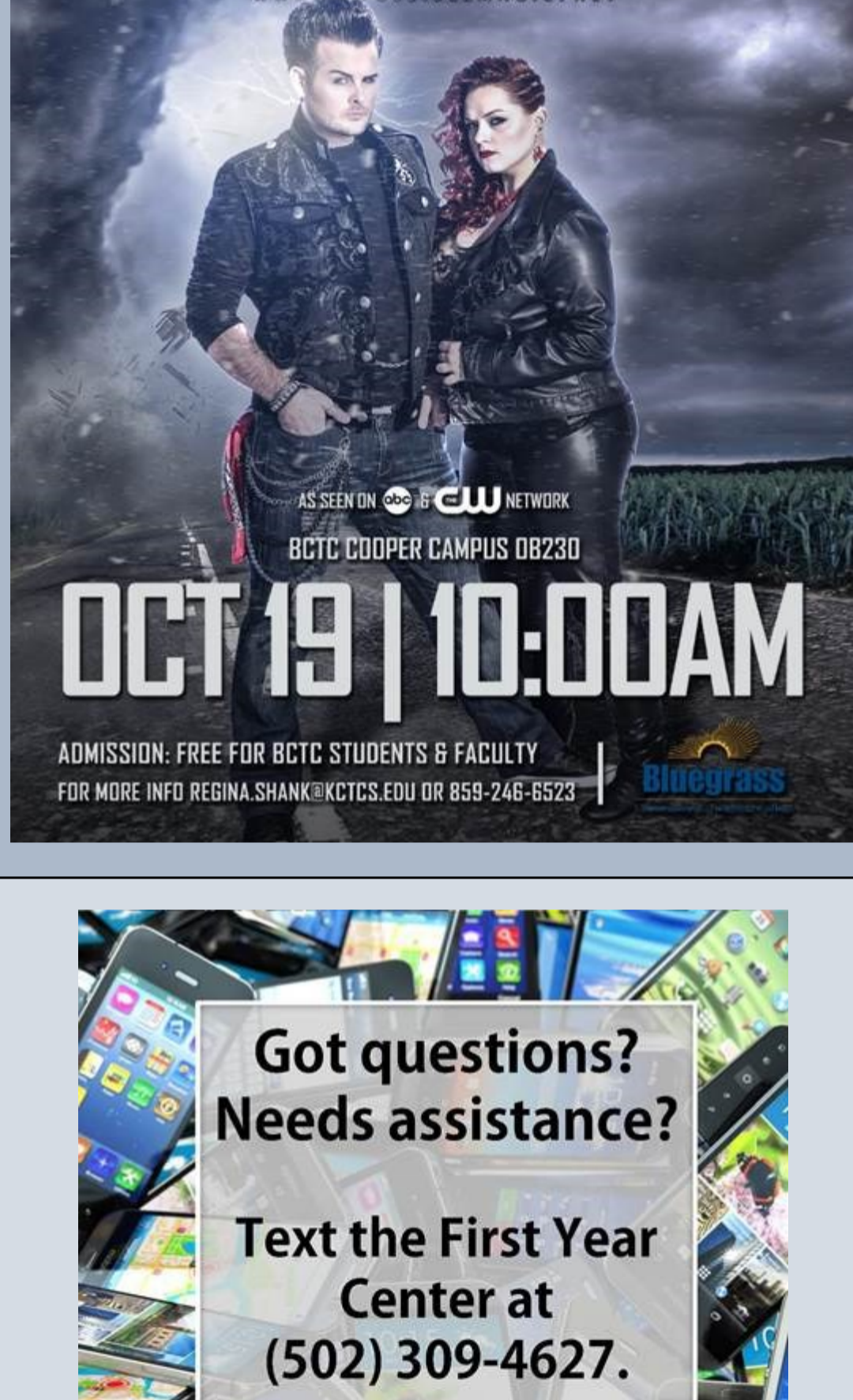
BCTC Staff Spotlight: Regina Shank



Interview with BCTC Student Activities Coordinator Regina Shank.

Q: What do you do on campus?
A: I am the Student Activities Coordinator & Student Government Association Co-Advisor.
Q: How long have you worked at BCTC?
A: 17 years!
Q: What is your favorite part about BCTC?
A: Getting to meet new students
Q: What made you want to plan a magic show?
A: It looked awesome!

Regina and the Student Activities staff have planned a free professional Magic Show for students this month! Reed and Ashton Masterson have been featured on ABC and the CW network. (Please see flier below.)



Got questions? Needs assistance?

Text the First Year Center at
(502) 309-4627.

We are here to help!

Looking for employment? BCTC Career Development Services can help you get hired! They also help students create professional resumes and practice interview skills.

FALL CAREER FAIR 2016

Thursday, October 20th
11:00AM – 2:00PM
Cooper Campus | Academic Technical Building's Lobby
470 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY 40506

Meet *your* future employers and *learn* from the experts.

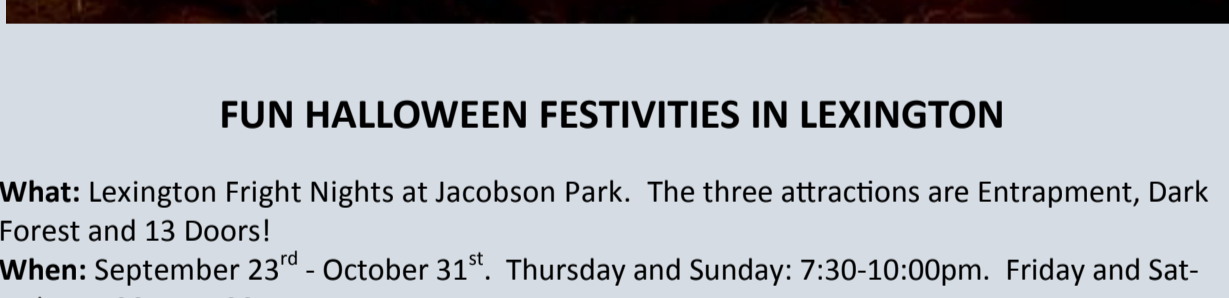
OPEN TO BCTC STUDENTS & ALUMNI AND ALL KENTUCKY RESIDENTS

- GET EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS IN VARIOUS INDUSTRIES
- MARKET YOUR SKILLS AND INTERESTS WITH RECRUITERS
- NETWORK WITH EMPLOYERS IN YOUR FIELD
- BRING SEVERAL COPIES OF YOUR RESUME
- PLEASE DRESS PROFESSIONALLY
- OPEN TO ALL MAJORS!

OCTOBER 20TH
11 AM – 2 PM
COOPER CAMPUS
ACADEMIC TECHNICAL BUILDING'S LOBBY
470 COOPER DRIVE, LEXINGTON, KY

CO-Sponsors by: Kentucky Horse Park, Keeneland, Mellow Mushroom, Bluegrass Community & Technical College

For more information: blgca@bctcs.edu or call (859) 246-6550



FUN HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES IN LEXINGTON

What: Lexington Fright Nights at Jacobson Park. The three attractions are Entrapment, Dark Forest and 13 Doors!
When: September 23rd - October 31st. Thursday and Sunday: 7:30-10:00pm. Friday and Saturday: 7:30pm-1:00am
Where: 4001 Athens Boonesboro Rd., Lexington, KY 40509

What: Lexington Fright Nights Escape Waveland. There are two types of thirty minute escape games: The House Call and The Serial Killer.
When: Seven days a week until October 31st. Book online at <https://www.escapewaveland.com/book/>
Where: 225 Waveland Museum Ln., Lexington, KY 40514

What: The Sixth Annual Pumpkin Mania at Transylvania University
When: October 23rd - 25th. On the 23rd there will be pumpkin carving from 6 pm and on the 24th from 9 am - 1 pm. Both of these events will take place in Haupt Circle. Bring your own pumpkin and Transylvania University will take care of the insides for you. You are encouraged to drop off your pumpkins by 3 pm on the steps of Old Morrison on the 24th. Finally on the 25th your pumpkin along with hundreds of others will be displayed for the town to see on the Old Morrison steps. Food and refreshments will be there and trick or treating starts at 6 pm.
Where: 300 North Broadway, Lexington, 40508

What: The Lexington Fright Nights at Walker Farm. The three attractions are the Zombie Paintball Hayride, Fright Nights Haunted Hayride and Candyland Cornmaze!
When: September 23rd-October 31st. Thursday and Sunday: 7:30pm-10:00pm. Friday and Saturday: 7:30pm-1:00am
Where: 3898 Haley Rd., Lexington, KY 40509

Have you applied to be in the Student Support Services (SSS) Program? [CLICK HERE](#) for the application and program info.

Why students should join Student Support Services (SSS)

- Individualized (Intrusive) Advising
- Helpful Workshops
- Cultural Trips and Activities
- Opportunities for Grant Aid \$5
- Transfer Visits to Four Year Universities
- Academic Tutoring
- Career Exploration and Planning
- Financial Aid Assistance
- Student Leadership Group (SuperStarS)
- Opportunities for Involvement in the College

92% of our Student are in Good Academic Standing
Over 96% of our Students feel the SSS program has helped them feel connected to BCTC

Spring 2015 Cultural Trip to Cincinnati Freedom Center
SSS Lexington participant Ndeye Thiaw gave the Commencement Speech at 2015 Spring Graduation.

New FAFSA Filing Date

Do you need help completing your 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

Join us for FAFSA FRIDAYS this Fall!

October 14 November 4
October 21 November 18

Apply Early Avoid Delays

No Appointment is necessary.
Students and Parents (with their student) are welcome!
Walk-in times are 8:30am – 3:00 pm
Newtown Campus – Classroom Building - Room 108

We strongly encourage tax filers to bring with them a copy of their 2015 W-2s and their 2015 completed Federal Tax Returns forms.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Financial Aid Office
Phone: (855) 246-2477
Email: bluegrass-financialaid@kctcs.edu
Website: bluegrass.kctcs.edu/bluegrasshome/Financial_Aid.aspx

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