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Beaufort County Community College



Three generations of the Hopkins family received diplomas and certificates from Beaufort County Community College on May 13. Pictured from left to right are Leann Respass, Freddie Lee Hopkins, and Freda Hopkins Voliva.

BCCC Confers Degrees, Certificates, and Diplomas

Beaufort County Community College conferred 206 degree, diploma and certificate awards to its graduating students as well as 18 General Educational Development (GED) certificates at its thirty-eighth graduation ceremony held on May 13, in the auditorium of Washington High School. ECU Chancellor, Dr. Steven Ballard was the commencement speaker.

Dr. Ballard encouraged the students to find their place in the world by focusing on three competencies – intellectual, emotional and spiritual.

Ballard went on to explain “Being intellectually competent is not about the IQ you were born with but the knowledge you have gained and whether you can use it effectively. It includes substantive knowledge....that is, expertise in a given field... It includes the ability to use knowledge and skills to solve problems and achieve results; and it includes the capacity to learn how to learn.... to seek out multiple ways of understanding and developing a whole toolbox of competencies. Your degree today proves that you have intellectual competency. “

“Emotional competency,” Dr Ballard went on to describe, “as being more difficult to realize... in part because we often assume that emotional competency is less controllable or something that just happens with age or maturity. ... Emotional competency begins with self-understanding and self-awareness. While it is important to evaluate ourselves, it is more difficult to understand the impact we have on others. “

Finally, Dr. Ballard addressed spiritual competency, stating that, “it is the hardest of all competencies to master. Spiritual competency is about finding meaning in your life... to really answer the question, ‘What is most important to me.’ It is about our ability to live by the most basic moral principles. I believe this is much more difficult than we assume. It’s difficult due to the nature of our world... the competitiveness of our society and our basic human needs to win, conquer, and succeed. “

In addition to Dr. Ballard’s commencement speech, a highlight of this year’s graduation was seeing three generations of the Hopkins family, of the Pamlico Beach area, walk across the stage.

Freddie Lee Hopkins, the patriarch of the group, had been a commercial fisherman for many years until he decided to seriously pursue a college degree. Last year he earned an AAS degree in Computer Programming. This year he was awarded an AAS degree in Computer Networking.

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Hopkins' daughter, Freda Hopkins Voliva, received her Practical Nursing diploma. Voliva is currently working at Cross Creek Healthcare in Swanquarter. She plans to continue her education and become a registered nurse someday.

Leann Respass, the daughter of Voliva and the granddaughter of Hopkins, earned her GED that same evening. Respass will return to school this fall and begin work on a nursing degree.

Participating graduates were treated to music performed by Doug Cutler. The event was called to order by BCCC President Dr. David McLawhorn. BCCC Trustee, Mitch St. Clair, gave the invocation and Debra Baker, president of the BCCC Faculty Senate, introduced the guest speaker, ECU Chancellor, Steve Ballard. BCCC's Dean of Instruction Wesley Beddard and Trustee Chairman Dr. Reverend Robert Cayton conferred the degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

The graduates were as follows:

Beaufort County

The graduate from **Aurora** was Carolina Ushry Atwater. The graduates from **Bath** were Peggy D. Bonner, Christopher Andrew Carrow, Candis Tingen Hanson, Justin Thomas Modlin, and Appie D. White. The graduates from **Belhaven** were Katherine Hope Allen, Michelle Lynn Brickhouse, Cynthia Jane Gunn, Freddie Lee Hopkins, Lantz Jennings, Anneda Jean Kirk, Myrtle Sawyer Kirk, Jesse James Rogers, Georgie Cordon Selby, Yvonne Decarlo Selby, Nakeyshia D. Smith, Freda Hopkins Voliva, and Cynthia Janice Washington. Belhaven residents that received GED certificates included Savannah L. Braddy and Leann Respass. The graduates from **Blounts Creek** were: Donna Denise Foreman, Arron Wade Jones, and Justin Lyle Perkins.

The graduates from **Chocowinity** were Chiquita Nicole Barnes, Stephanie Ann Buck, Lashonda L. Cannon, Scott T. Clark, Erin Danko, Edith A. Green, Mallory B. Haddock, Natasha Shenea Heggie, Teresa Hoffman, Cynthia Denise Lee, Robyn L. Manning, Christopher Allen McRoy, Laurie Woolard Rayburn, Brandie Ann Reed, Seth Wallace Rodman, Brenda Renae Rogers, James Stancill Sparks, Andrea Nicole Starkie, and China Lakeeta Ward. Chocowinity residents that received GED certificates included Julie Smith and Melissa Taylor. The graduates from **Pantego** were Courtney Cox, Ella Mae Gaynor, Janet Keech Hudson, Brandy Sheppard Lamb, Sarah M. Overholt, and Candy M. Sheppard. The graduates from **Pinetown** were Nichole Pinkham Ahearn, David Todd Gibbs, Ashley Jo Leggett, Olivia Wallace, and Jamie Lynn White. Pinetown residents that received GED certificates included Joseph Boyd and Beverly Crites. The graduates from **Washington** were Jillian Bess Allender, Jane Rogers Alligood, Amy C. Baker, Crystal Barton, Remanda Faye Batts, James Robert Bennett, Kristin D. Berry, Mary Alice Bond, Melissa Leigh Bowes, Dallas Ray Boyd Jr., Jeanne Brooks, Justin Alan Casey, Paula Hollowell Cayton, Linda B. Chapman, Travis Reid Cherry, Adrienne Makenzi Clark, Allison T. Colaire, Gary Logan Conlin, Marlene L. Coppola, Carolyn Deloise Credle, Ann C. Crew, Richard Glenn Crisp, Linda Cruz, Jeannie Faye Davenport, Alisa T. Ebron, Kedra Harris Ebron, Vanessa Ann Etchison, Treven Gerrod Franks, Tabitha Fulford, Mary Ann Godley, Mary Elizabeth Gray, Sara Renee Griekspoor, Alfred Maurice Griffin, Erica Sumrell Grimsley, Brandy K. Harris, Brandy Jean Hedgepeth, Joshua C. Holton, Kyra Leigh Jefferson, Allison P. Johnson, Christina Johnson, Tori Richards Johnson, Karen Louise Icard Jones, Samuel O. Jones, Rachicka Langley, Richard Lee Langley, Donald S. Lanier, Kerrie Grant Lilley, Pamela Gail Lilley, Dortress Dawn Linnen, Linda Carol Logan, Patricia Ann Lovely, Blondie Marslender, Nidia Karina Martinez, Holly M. Mason, Amelia Maurizzio, Bernice Minor, Latanya Denise Moore, Lighty Marie Moore, Stephanie Carol Moore, Thonia Reina Ore, Jenny Beth Pinkham, Janice Pollard, Ruby Michelle Prayer, Phillip M. Reese, Collie L. Richard, Paula Ayers Riggs, Kacie Lynn Roper, Vernice Lee Ross, John Wesley Shelton, Cheryl Lynn Sheppard, Kathleen Robin Silva, Benual Kyle Simmons, Lucy Stanley, Nicole Stroud, Fallon Nicole Thomasson, Donna Joy Tyson, Garrett Lee Voliva, Tina Ward, Mark Allen Waters, Michael E. Waters, Monica Briley Waters, Paulette Denise Western, Elizabeth Fulford Williams, Kandy Fronchese Williams, Marcus Avery Williams, Raymond Gray Williams, Terri R.J. Williams, Carolyn Conoley Blake Williford, Deanna Winstead Woolard, John Tildon Woolard, Linda Lee Woolard, Martha

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Bragg Woolard, Susan R. Woolard, and Cayue Xiong. Washington residents that received GED certificates included: Inell Cobb, Theresa Edwards, Wyatt Harvey, Patti Killy, Eula Latham, Alaina Martin, and Jessica Ross.

Bertie County

The graduate from **Merry Hill** was Kelly Elaine Pierce.

Craven County

The graduates from **Vanceboro** were Sharon Rosetta Moya Jones and Deveasha Marquette Myers.

Durham County

The graduate from **Durham** was Chanta Kalia Gibbs.

Hyde County

The graduates from **Engelhard** were Howard Spencer Mann, Monisa Selby Mann, and Nelma Lynn Mann. The graduate from **Fairfield** was Levi G. Cuthrell. The graduate from **Scranton** was Jenna Rae Midyette. The graduate from **Swan Quarter** was Maryanne Mason. The **Swanquarter** resident that received a GED certificate was Justin Hearn.

Martin County

The graduates from **Jamesville** were Sherri Oakley Barber, Dale Peele Gibbs, Kellie Grant Hagen, Tabitha Christian Halsey, Angela G. Holliday, Twili Peele Roberson, and Adriane D. Winters.

The graduates from **Williamston** were Lisa Davis Bembridge, Jamie Ward Butler, Melissa Tannahill Gurkin, Rhonda Edmondson Hardison, Amy Carolina Hoggard, Holly M. Manning, Jean Marie Manseau, Shelia Brown Scott, Carla R. Waters, Rejella A. Williams, and Donna Kay Willoughby.

Pitt County

The graduate from **Ayden** was Christy Webber Cochran. The graduates from **Greenville** were Maria Teresa S. Baluis, Amy Beth Carrow, Jennie Lee Harding, Shavonne Nicole Harrell, Pamela D. Harris, Sergio Macieira, Juana Vontrell Short, Rachel D. Spencer, and April Nicole Williams. The graduates from **Grimesland** were April Devon Corbett, Alice Annette Garfield, Lynn J. Hafenmaier, and Martha F. Howard. The **Grimesland** resident that received a GED certificate was Marilyn West. The graduate from **Stokes** was Yin Venus Sotir. Tabitha Elks of **Vanceboro** received a GED certificate.

The graduates from **Winterville** were Lakeisha Nicole Carmon and Michelle Green McNair.

Washington County

The graduates from **Plymouth** were Nicole Davis, Rosa A. Edwards, Pattie Gail Harrell, Tracey A. Johnson, Terrence Rashaad Patterson, Devita R. Phelps, Melissa Sue Roberts, Esther B. Smith, and Amber Michelle Stotesberry. The graduates from **Roper** were George Grady Phillips III and Debra Webb Swain.

Open House highlights Developmental Ed, Academic Support

Developmental Education and Academic Support at Beaufort County Community College was highlighted for college faculty and staff at an Open House on Monday, April 18. The event was designed to give BCCC employees the opportunity to learn more about the school's developmental courses and academic support services and to highlight new technology being incorporated in the programs, according to Wesley Beddard, dean of instruction at BCCC.



Emily Albera, English/Developmental Reading Instructor

Participants were given guided tours of all of the facilities. Lead instructors and program heads gave brief overviews of program requirements and opportunities available for students. Developmental Education is designed to bring students to a standard level of skills in math and/or English before they take the required courses for degrees in their chosen field of study. These classes help students to be successful and attain their educational goals, according to Dell Enecks, lead instructor for developmental education at BCCC.

2005 BCCC Associate Degree Nursing class receives their pins

Twenty-seven graduates of Beaufort County Community College's associate degree nursing program received their nursing school pins Friday, May 13, in a ceremony whose roots date back over 100 years. The traditional rite of passage for nursing school graduates takes place each spring at nursing schools across the country.

During the ceremony, four students received awards honoring their academic success. The Leadership Award was presented to Jamie Butler. Two students, Kelly Pierce and Pamela Lilley, shared the Katie Paul Award for Clinical Excellence in Bedside Nursing. The Outstanding Associate degree Nursing Student Award was presented to Jeanne Brooks. Those receiving their nursing pins included Maria Baluis, Lisa Bembridge, Jeanne Brooks, Jamie Butler, Lashonda Cannon, Paula Cayton, Courtney Cox, Erica Grimsley, Kellie Hagen, Rhonda Hardison, Pattie Harrell, Brandy Hedgepeth, Amy Hoggard, Angela Holliday, Tori Johnson, Arron Jones, Anneda Kirk, Pamela Lilley, Dawn Linnen, Holly Manning, Jean Manseau, Mary Anne Mason, Michelle McNair, Jenna Midyette, Kelly Pierce, April Williams and Susan Woolard.



Croquet tournament raises funds for scholarships

The Second Annual Cutthroat Croquet Tournament netted more than \$3,000 for scholarships at Beaufort County Community College and renovations to the Palmer-Marsh House at the Historic Bath State Historic Site. Roughly 50 spectators watched as 28 participants fiercely competed in the one-day tourney. Howard Tanner of Washington won the tournament, working his way to the final round to complete with Jerry Waters and Roy Williams of Bath and Frances Brinson of Tarboro.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to provide the Dot and John Tankard Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a BCCC student living in the Bath or Belhaven areas. Dorothy "Dot" Tankard was dedicated to the preservation of Historic Bath and served as director of the Bath Historic Site for many years. John Tankard was a member of the BCCC Board of Trustees from its first meeting in February 1968 through June 1971. A portion of the proceeds will also be used to revitalize the kitchen of the Palmer-Marsh House.



Jayne Davis Wall discovers why they call it a sticky wicket.

BCCC registration set for fall semester

Beaufort County Community College's RAP, or telephone registration system for the Fall Semester will begin July 12 and end July 22 with New Student Advising Day scheduled for July 19. Registration allows students and their advisors to evaluate progress and plan courses to be taken during the following semester. Students will be able to pick up their schedules and pay their registration fees beginning July 25 with August 4 as the deadline for payment of fees. Late registration for students for the Fall Semester at Beaufort County Community College will be held on campus August 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and August 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Late registration is open to new and returning students. Classes will begin August 16. Any student who has overdue library materials or who is delinquent in the payment of any fees, fines, or other obligations to the college will not be permitted to complete the registration process until the student has satisfactorily resolved the situation. BCCC maintains an open door admission policy, which provides admission to anyone who has reached the age of 18 or whose high school class has graduated.

Admission to some programs may require placement tests. For more information about enrolling for classes at BCCC or to schedule a placement test, contact the Admissions Office at 940-6237. Applications are available on the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

Summer Reading List

Looking for a good "beach read" this summer? Here are a few suggestions from the summer reading list offered by Penny Sermons, director of BCCC's Learning Resources Center.

Title

Aloft
Blind Alley
Conviction
Divine Evil
Eleventh month, eleventh day, eleventh hour
Fire Along the Sky
Good Year
Hissy Fit
I am Charlotte Simmons
London Bridges
McNally's Bluff
No Place Like Home
R is for Ricochet
Same Sweet Girls
Trace
True Beliver
Unexpected Blessings
Vanishing Act
White Hot
Year of Pleasures

Author

Chang-Rae Lee
Iris Johansen
Richard North Patterson
Nora Roberts
Joseph E. Persico
Sara Donati
Peter Mayle
Mary Kay Andrews
Tom Wolfe
James Patterson
Sanders/Lardo Vincent
Mary Higgins Clark
Sue Grafton
Cassandra King
Patricia Corwell
Nicholas Sparks
Barbara Taylor Bradford
Jodi Picoult
Sandra Brown
Elizabeth Berg



Clara Ebron, a BCCC graduate as well as a BCCC accounting clerk and cashier, will be featured on the cover of the BCCC fall 2005 schedule.

BCCC, DOC sign training agreement

Beaufort County Community College will provide training for some 720 prison employees in a three-county area under an agreement signed Wednesday by officials with the college and the N.C. Department of Correction.

Employees from Hyde Correctional Institute, the Tyrrell County Work Farm and the soon-to-be completed Bertie County Correctional Institute will each receive 40 hours of training in 2005-2006 through BCCC's Division of Continuing Education. Training hours will vary in subsequent years depending on training mandates, officials said.

Classes will begin in August and will include firearms training, a variety of self-defense tactics, safe search practices, fire safety procedures, advanced restraint procedures and protection from blood-born pathogens, among others.

The classes will be held in the Public Safety Building on the BCCC campus and at the college's new firing range. Under the agreement, BCCC will provide classroom space, instructors and the equipment and materials needed for the classes.

"This is an exciting day for the college and for correction facilities in Bertie, Hyde and Tyrrell counties," said BCCC President David McLawhorn in announcing the agreement. "Beaufort County Community College is delighted to have been chosen for this program."

Joining McLawhorn for a ceremony to mark the agreement were community college and Department of Correction officials. Among the invited dignitaries were Gwen Norville, training manager for the DOC's Division of Prisons; Joseph H. Lofton, eastern regional director for the Division of Prisons; Chet Jarman, dean of Continuing Education at BCCC; David Crosby, director of public safety training for the college, and Bobby Williams, lead instructor in BCCC's criminal justice program, and other prison and college officials.

The agreement is the 11th signed by DOC's Division of Prisons that provides community college-based training for employees in 50 of North Carolina's 76 prisons, according to Norville.

Before these agreements, the state-mandated training for North Carolina's prison employees was provided by Division of Prison employees who were tasked with in-service training in addition to their other duties, Norville said.

These agreements will enable prison employees to receive their needed training at facilities designed for training and relieve prison staff from much of the training burden, she said.

"It's a win-win situation," Norville said. "I think this is a very, very important day for the three prison facilities involved and we're excited to be a partner with Beaufort County Community College."



BCCC President David McLawhorn, left, signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Correction's Division of Prisons to provide training for some 720 prison employees each year as Anthony Hathaway, administrator of the Bertie Correctional Institution, prepares to sign.

Six chosen as new BCCC Ambassadors

Six students have been chosen by the Beaufort County Community College Foundation to represent BCCC as Ambassadors for 2005-2006. Those selected are Patrick Box of Jamesville, Marti Curtis of Washington, Jo Linda Cooper of Washington, Chanel Myers of Grimesland, Carrie Peed of Chocowinity and Carol Sheppard of Washington.

The six join two others – Conoley Williford and Susan R. Woolard – who will continue to represent the college as Ambassadors in the coming year.

"This is an excellent team of Ambassadors. They represent many curriculum programs at the college and come from all walks of life and experiences," said BCCC Foundation Director Judy Jennette. "They are an excellent example of the high degree of professionalism found in our community college students."



Jolinda Cooper



Carrie Peed



Carol Sheppard



Patrick Box



Chanel Myers



Marti Curtis

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Box is a student in BCCC's Mechanical Engineering – Drafting and Design Technology program. A graduate of Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Al., Box served in the U.S. Air Force from 1988 through 1991 where he received training as a commercial electrician. Since leaving the Air Force, Box has worked as an electrician, in electronics retail sales and in insurance, most recently working as a parts associate for Action Auto Center in Williamston. He has also studied through Berean University to be a licensed minister.

Curtis is a student in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program. She received her education in Belfast, Northern Ireland before moving to the United States and attending BCCC. Curtis has worked in retail sales in London and Belfast and in clerical positions in Belfast. She most recently served as a care assistant for Crossroads Caring in Northern Ireland and hopes to work as a nurse in a labor and delivery unit after graduating from BCCC.

Cooper is seeking an associate's degree in Office Systems Technology from BCCC. After working at National Spinning for 20 years as a machine winder, inspector, instructor and leader, Cooper worked as a customer service representative for Belk in Washington from 2003 to 2004. She is a member of Spring Garden Missionary Baptist Church, Eastern Star Order of Jephther Chapter 1 and BCCC's Phi Beta Lambda chapter, among other activities.

Myers is a student in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program. Myers served as a personnel technician assistant in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1995 to 2003. Her work experience includes working in registration for Pitt Community College and as a certified nursing assistant in Greenville and Winterville. She hopes to work as a registered nurse for Pitt County Memorial Hospital and obtain bachelor's and master's degrees after graduation from BCCC.

Peed is seeking a degree in Internet Technology from BCCC. A graduate of Chocowinity High School, Peed has worked as a receptionist, graphic designer and part-time instructor at BCCC, most recently operating CCPLACE Auctions, an online auction service. She is a member of Gamma Beta Phi honor society at BCCC, secretary of the BCCC Student Government Association and a member of Haw Branch Church of Christ, among other activities.

Sheppard is a student in BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing program. A graduate of Washington High School, Sheppard has worked as a receptionist for Greenville Psychiatric Associates and as a personal trainer. She is a member of BCCC's Gamma Beta Phi honor society, serving as secretary of that organization, and serves as secretary of her nursing class. She hopes to pursue a degree in trauma medicine after graduating from BCCC.

Those selected as Ambassadors receive a one-year tuition scholarship and help the college market its programs and services. Funding for the Ambassador program is made possible by the Archbell Endowment. Started by John A. Wilkinson in 1986, and now overseen by his daughters, Peggy and Patty, the Archbell Endowment provides BCCC with enough resources to provide tuition for eight students annually.

To be considered for the program, students must be nominated by a faculty member and meet the following minimum qualifications: A high level of commitment to BCCC; an attractive presence and outgoing personality; good verbal communication and presentation skills; poise and ability to make a positive first impression. Ambassadors are expected to maintain a high grade point average throughout their tenure.

As part of the selection process, applicants were asked to submit a resume and to participate in a videotaped interview. A panel comprised of members of the BCCC Foundation Board of Directors and local business and civic leaders conducted interviews in an informal setting with finalists for the position.

The BCCC Ambassadors are available to speak at civic clubs. For more information about the Ambassador program, contact the BCCC Foundation at 252-940-6326.

Wal Mart donates camera to BCCC Race 4 Literacy

Wal Mart of Washington recently donated a digital camera and camera card to Beaufort County Community College's Basic Skills Programs to help document Race 4 Literacy events sponsored by the college. Race 4 Literacy is in its second year of a three-year statewide effort by the N.C. Community College System to highlight the importance of Basic Skills programs as a critical part of the solution to North Carolina's urgent economic problems. The emphasis of the second year of the campaign is to highlight partnerships between Basic Skills programs at community colleges



and other local agencies in promoting literacy and academic achievement in the community. Pictured above are Penelope Radcliffe, basic skills recruiter; Ron Clark, basic skills coordinator; Tony Taylor, basic skills director, and Georgia Torres, Good Works coordinator for Wal Mart.

Upcoming Events

July 5 – Holiday

July 6-9 – Student/Faculty vacation

July 12 – New student advising day

July 12-22 – RAP Registration for Fall semester

July 19 - New Student Advising Day

August 4 - Deadline for payment of fees for Fall semester

August 5 – Exams

August 15 and 16 - Late registration for students for the Fall Semester

August 16 – Fall semester classes begin

Students, faculty and staff - publicize your campus-based fundraiser and or other event in this column monthly. Contact the public relations staff no later than the 20th of the month in order to list your event in the next edition of Campus Connections. Please email your announcements via Groupwise to Betty Gray.

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