

## **MCC News: MCC 2<sup>nd</sup> in IHSA Regional Zone Standings**

Martin Community College's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Team ranks second place in its regional zone after results from this month's horse show were confirmed last week. In addition to the team's standings, MCC's Sarah Woody, a sophomore Equine Tech student from Wilmington, took Reserve High Point Rider. Along with Woody, MCC's IHSA team consists of sophomores Beth Bradley, Jessica Bunch, Ava Edwards, Morgan Thorley, and Holly Wall. Freshmen riders are Jessica Coggins, Ashlea Davis, Justin Eddins, Jessica Metz, and Erin Nelson.

Though from the smallest school in Region 3, MCC's IHSA team places just behind St. Andrews in competition for the right to represent the Zone at the horse show nationals for National Champion Team honors. The high point riders of each region are also eligible for the National Individual Championship where the American Quarter Horse Association (AQUA) Western Rider winner will receive a Textan saddle and a scholarship.

With more than 300 member colleges in 45 states and Canada, the IHSA encompasses 29 regions in nine zones and represents over 6500 riders in Hunter Seat Equitation, Western Horsemanship, and Reining. Geographically located in Zone 4, which covers Maryland, Virginia, as well as North Carolina, MCC's team competes in Region 3 against teams from Appalachian State University, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, North Carolina A & T State University, Virginia Tech, and Western Carolina University to name a few. Five of the 16 schools in MCC's region competed December 1 and 2 in the first IHSA horse show hosted by the College's team here on campus.

The next IHSA horse show at MCC will take place February 2 & 3, 2008. There is no admission fee and both MCC students and the general public are invited to attend. For more information on this competitive event or the Equine Technology program, please contact Kimberly Kane, Equine instructor and IHSA team coach, at [kkane@martincc.edu](mailto:kkane@martincc.edu), or 252-792-1521 Ext. 317.

## **MCC Graduates 42 Nurse Aide and 12 BLET Students**

Graduation ceremonies for MCC's Nurse Aide program and Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program were held on Thursday, December 13, 2007 and Tuesday, December 18, 2007 respectively.

The **Nurse Aide Program**, consisting of Pre-Nurse Aide/Nurse Aide I and Nurse Aide II, has day and night classes offered at both the College's main campus in Williamston and the Bertie Campus in Windsor. Of the eight students that graduated from the Nurse Aide I night class held at the campus in Bertie County, two were a mother-daughter team who received a huge round of applause from the audience present that night.

The **Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET)** program stresses professionalism, academic achievement, discipline, and physical fitness. Required for potential law enforcement officers, it is a rigorous program that is accredited by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Commission. The graduates appeared ready to accept the challenges ahead as future public servants, and the family members and friends present for their graduation were especially proud of their accomplishments in the program.

Graduates of both programs were encouraged to continue further on their educational path and consider serving their fellow citizens by seeking employment opportunities within Martin, Bertie, and Washington Counties.

## **Spring 2008 Semester Quickly Approaching**

Though the last day of classes for this fall was on Tuesday, December 18, MCC's Spring 2008 semester is quickly approaching and staff and faculty have been busy preparing now for its start. Class schedules, printed and mailed over a month ago, outline the assortment of courses available to current students and adults looking for lifelong learning opportunities. Just closing out its textbook buy-back period earlier this week, the MCC's bookstore is currently restocking its shelves with books and other instructional materials designated for use by new and returning students.

For those already making New Year's resolutions to start attending classes at MCC, spring registration will take place on Thursday, January 3, 2008 in two sessions. The first session will last from 8:30am- 12:30pm followed by the second, which lasts from 4-6:30pm. Classes begin Monday, January 7, 2008; however, check the MCC class schedule to verify start dates of spring continuing education courses.

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