

## MCC News: MCC IHSA Team Sends Rider to Nationals in California



**WILLIAMSTON** - Sarah Woody, from Martin Community College (MCC)'s Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) western team, will be headed to the 2008 IHSA National Championship Show on May 8-11 in Burbank, California. Held this year at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, the show will feature the top teams and individual riders from IHSA member schools.

Woody, a second-semester sophomore Equine Technology student, received Reserve Champion in the Open Reining class at the IHSA Zone 4 show (also considered the Semi-Final Championship) held late last month at Saint Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina. She also competed in the Open Horsemanship class semi-finals there but, despite performing well, did not qualify in that area for the nationals.

"I've competed at the Nationals and the World Appaloosa Horse Club competitions before as an individual but have not made it to this level of showing in IHSA," said Woody. "So, this is exciting for me."

Originally from Wilmington, Woody plans to return to her hometown after graduation in May to pursue a Bachelor's degree in business from UNC-Wilmington. She also intends to continue competing at horse shows locally, statewide, and across the nation.

Woody's mother, along with Kimberly Kane, MCC's Equine Technology instructor and IHSA team coach, will accompany her on the trip west.

## **MCC's Kappa Eta Chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma Wins Again**

Three members of MCC's Kappa Eta chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) returned to campus last week with three essay awards and one award for excellence in service after attending the 2008 Alpha Beta Gamma Leadership Conference held April 3-6 in Cozumel, MX.

Swindell Lawrence, the chapter's current Public Information Officer and former president, submitted the winning paper for the Dr. Mary Bone Competitive Essay on the theme "What Alpha Beta Gamma Means to Me." For this award she will receive a \$300 stipend. Lawrence also received the Eva Bobrow Memorial Medallion of Excellence Award for her service as an ABG chapter officer.

Gerrie McCauley, chapter secretary, won the Cornelia Blackwell Memorial Essay Award on the theme "The Importance of Teaching Business." She will receive a \$300 stipend and a plaque.

Chapter alumna Sandy McMurtrie won the Francis Cunningham, Esq. Memorial Award for her essay on the theme "Ethics in Business." For her paper she will receive a \$300 stipend and plaque as well.

"When we go to this conference, our students are competing against those from much larger schools yet consistently win awards each year," said Tim Cooper, MCC instructor and ABG chapter co-advisor.

All winning essays will be published in the Alpha Beta Gamma newsletter "The Honors Journal" and posted on the national website at [www.abg.org](http://www.abg.org).

## **SGA Meets Donor Goal for Annual Spring Blood Drive**



MCC's Student Government Association (SGA) held its annual spring blood drive last Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. SGA president Kelly Moody served as the blood drive's coordinator, organizing site set-up, recruiting donors, and making sure everyone received plenty of refreshments after they gave.

Despite experiencing a slow start that morning, American Red Cross volunteers and technicians were busy processing donations through 3 p.m. to successfully meet its goal of 30 pints of blood. MCC faculty, staff, and students along with several community members stopped by to support the drive.

The American Red Cross works closely with all types of organizations (companies, community groups, military bases, churches and synagogues, colleges, universities and high schools) to organize blood drives at convenient locations for donors — usually, where most live, work, or worship. According to their website ([www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org)), 80% of blood donations made through the American Red Cross are done at blood drives rather than fixed donor centers.

The MCC SGA has an annual tradition of sponsoring two blood drives – one during the spring and fall semesters. The student organization will host its next 2008 blood drive in September. For more information on the annual blood drives or other SGA activities, please contact Jim Bussell, SGA advisor, at [jbussell@martincc.edu](mailto:jbussell@martincc.edu), or 252-792-1521 Ext. 268.

### **Voter Registration Campaign Brought to MCC's Campus**



Pictured: A.J. Thomas with one of the 14 MCC students she registered on Monday to vote.

A.J. Thomas, a regional organizer from one of the presidential campaign offices, was on campus last week and again on Monday registering students, staff, and community members alike to vote in the upcoming NC primary election.

The deadline for registering to vote was Friday, April 11. North Carolina's primary election is scheduled for May 6.

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