

# The Martin Messenger

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## MCC Hits SACS COC Grand Slam!



**We did it!**

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On October 9, the SACS COC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) sent its nine-member evaluation team to MCC for its decennial reaffirmation review. This site visit was the culmination of a two-year self-evaluation process during which time MCC reported on its policies and procedures and developed a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). After two days of intense examination, the evaluation team met with MCC's President's Council and SACSCOC committee leader Dr. Deborah Wyman, to share their findings.

The team leader, Dr. David Campbell, thanked the MCC leaders for their gracious hospitality and hard work, especially Maureen Green. He also heaped praise on Dr. Linda Thomas Glover, the SACSCOC vice president appointed to MCC prior to the site visit. Her insights and initial recommendations proved to be invaluable in preparing MCC for the actual site visit.

Dr. Campbell then announced that the team would endorse MCC's reaffirmation with no recommendations. Smiles immediately broke out on the faces of the MCC representatives because this was the equivalent of hitting a grand slam during a major league baseball game in the world series.

Dr. Campbell then introduced Dr. Diana Zilberman and asked her to dis-

**Maureen Green, MCC's Director of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, oversaw the reaffirmation process for MCC over the past two years. She is pictured above distributing MOXIE information and goodies. She is to be commended for her hard work and dedication!**

cuss MCC's QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan). This is a core component of the reaffirmation process.

Dr. Zilberman was very complimentary and noted that in all of her years of doing this work, she had never seen a better QEP name or slogan than MOXIE. MCC's QEP committee named the plan MOXIE, which stands for Martin Online eXcellence In Education. Dr. Zilberman also praised the College for developing a plan that includes hiring a Online Learning Coordinator. She felt that this would go a long way toward building success for MCC's online students as well as the online instructors.

The plan to improve MCC's online learning environment was selected because **See MOXIE pg. 2...**

**MOXIE from page 1...** students in online classes tend to be less successful than their peers in seated classes.

MCC's QEP committee developed a MOXIE logo and emblazoned T-shirts, thumb drives, banners, balloons, and water bottles with it. These items were distributed to faculty, staff, and students to create campus-wide awareness of MCC's new QEP.

Once fully implemented, MOXIE will offer our students support based on the results of an online learning self-assessment. This assistance will be available in a variety of places, including; the Academic Skills Lab, student advisors, and the library.

The ultimate goal of the MOXIE plan is to reduce withdrawals from online courses and to increase A's, B's and C's in MCC's online courses.

The concept of quality enhancement is at the heart of the Commission's philosophy of accreditation. Each institution seeking reaffirmation of accreditation is required to develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Engaging the wider academic community and addressing one or more issues that contribute to institutional improvement, the plan should be focused, succinct, and limited in length. The QEP describes a carefully designed and focused course of action that addresses a well-defined topic or issue(s) related to enhancing student

SACS COC is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting (associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees) higher education institutions in the Southern U.S. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisi-

ana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. SACS COC also serves Latin America and other international sites as approved by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. The mission of SACS COC is to assure the educational quality and to improve the effectiveness of its members.

During a typical three-day visit, team members (comprised of peers from other colleges) examine data and conduct interviews in order to evaluate the soundness of the QEP and ascertain whether the institution is in compliance with the Principles of Accreditation. The committee offers written advice to the institution, develops a consensus on its findings, and completes a draft report. Finally, the committee presents an oral summary in an exit report to the chief executive officer and invited institutional officials on the last day of the visit.

The departure of the committee from campus does not mark the end of the reaffirmation process. The visiting committee report and the response of the institution to the findings of the committee are reviewed by the Committee on Compliance and Reports, a standing committee of the Commission. The Committee on Compliance and Reports recommends action on reaffirmation to the Executive Council of the Commission. The Executive Council in turn recommends action to the Commission on Colleges, which makes the final decision. These decisions are announced to the College Delegate Assembly during its annual business session. This assembly will meet in June of 2019.



**Whuz up  
with  
Moxie?**

**MCC's new filly, Moxie (pictured above), has gained a little more than 200 pounds since August and now weighs in at 469 pounds. She is currently undergoing the weaning process. During late October, another horse, Patty, was introduced into the paddock with Moxie and her mother Ritzi. Next week, only Patty will be in the paddock with Moxie. This is an important step in developing social skills and learning how to be a horse. Patty is also a candidate for insemination this spring. If impregnated, it would be her first foal, thus making this a good training experience for her as well.**



## MCC Foundation Rodeo to be Sanctioned by IPRA

The MCC Foundation's 27th annual Stampede in the Park Rodeo is scheduled for November 9 and 10 in the Senator Bob Martin Agricultural Center in Williamston. The tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children age 11 or under.

This year's rodeo fundraiser will be extra special because it will also be the 2018 finale competition for the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA). Robert Bonner, the event coordinator, was notified of this development by the owners of Ken Treadway Rodeo Company, in September. The addition of this status to the rodeo brings more riders and top notch competitors.

The International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA), founded in 1957, was established to keep rodeo sports alive. In 1961 the IPRA became the first rodeo association to recognize female cowgirl barrel racing as an official sport. The IPRA strives to recognize champions each year in barrel racing, bull riding, roping, bareback riding, steer wrestling, and saddle riding.

The Finale is the culmination of rodeo riders' who have accumulated enough points throughout the year to be eligible to compete. The rodeo circuit's top ranked qualifying contestants are the ones who will be vying for titles in this event. The winner of the Finale competition will win the Champion Trophy Buckle and be considered the IPRA's Southeastern Regional Champion for 2018.

This event is the largest annual fundraiser for the college, raising more than \$18,000 for scholarships in 2017.



**Texas Black Twister is the IPRA World Champion Bucking Bull of the year. He will be featured at this year's MCC Foundation Rodeo.**



**Tickets are available in the MCC Bookstore, the Chamber of Commerce offices in Williamston, Windsor, and Ahoskie, and Mario Boots in Greenville. For more information, contact Kismet Matthews at 252-789-0223 or via email at [kismet.matthews@martincc.edu](mailto:kismet.matthews@martincc.edu)**



## Education Assistance Program

In preparation of the Spring Semester 2019, the North Carolina Community Colleges' Apprenticeship NC Program has identified US Department of Labor State Expansion funds to support the Curriculum tuition and Continuing Education registration fees for pre-apprentices and registered apprentices.

The Education Assistance Program is in support of the following industry sectors: Advanced Manufacturing, Hospitality, Construction, Information Technology, Energy, Logistics, Healthcare, and Public Safety.

Request for funds to support Continuing Education courses must not exceed \$1,000 per student and can cover the following: Registration Fees, Textbooks, Testing Fees, Supplies and Materials purchased through the local Community College. All requests must be part of the approved Job Related Education/Instruction. **Please submit your requests for Continuing Education support at least two weeks prior to the first date of the class.**

Requests for funds to support Curriculum courses must not exceed \$3,000 per student and can only cover the actual cost of tuition. As a side note, we have requested approval for the USDOL

to also include the textbooks, testing fees, and supplies and materials; however, at this time, that option is not available. All requests must be part of the approved Job Related Education/Instruction. **Please submit your requests for Curriculum support by January 4, 2019.**

Funds are limited for both Curriculum and Continuing Education. Applications will be reviewed and approved by date of submission. For immediate assistance and follow-up on your application, please contact Ryan McCarty at 919-807-7175. If email is preferred, please reach out to [mccarty@ncccommunitycolleges.edu](mailto:mccarty@ncccommunitycolleges.edu).



## Vansickle Returns to Alma Mater



**Cameron Vansickle (Class of 2016) returned to the MCC campus on 10/29 to provide equine students with a demo on braiding and banding (shown below) horse manes and tails. Vansickle has started his own business and travels all over the US grooming horses for shows.**



## *A message from Dr. Deborah Wyman...*

Certifications from independent associations/organizations may be valuable to you and some employers! Explore certifications at [careeronestop.org](http://careeronestop.org) by visiting this URL:

<https://www.careeronestop.org/site-search.aspx?keyword=certifications> (additional fees may apply)

## ECSU Leaders Visit MCC Campus



Pictured above are MCC President, Dr. Paul Hutchins and Elizabeth City State University's (ECSU) Interim Chancellor, Dr. Karrie Dixon during a joint "Partners in Education" meeting held on the MCC campus on October 17.

Elizabeth City State University's (ECSU) Interim Chancellor, Dr. Karrie Dixon, visited the Martin Community College (MCC) campus on October 17. Chancellor Dixon, formerly the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for the UNC System office, has been with ECSU since June 1 of this year. She was accompanied by Ms. LuAnn Riddick - ECSU's Director of Community Partnerships, Dr. Coray Davis - Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, and Carson Rich - Special Assistant to the Chancellor.

MCC is one of several community colleges in Northeastern NC included in ECSU's "Partners in Education" tour. Each college has been encouraged to invite students and a variety of staff and faculty to meet with the university's leaders. The intent of the meeting was to provide mutual campus updates, discuss ways to

strengthen current articulations agreements and degree pathways, enhance each institution's commitment to Transfer Students, and focus on visions of things to come in education. ECSU plans to make this an ongoing dialogue.

MCC President, Dr. Paul Hutchins, welcomed the ECSU delegation and introduced his team of delegates. Hutchins was joined by Dr. Brian Busch - Vice President, Maureen Green - Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, Judy Jennette - Director of Public Relations and Institutional Advancement, Vanessa Tripp - Student Services Counselor, Tammy Bailey - Comptroller, Byron Horton - SGA (Student Government Association) President, Tamara Mitchell-Medford - SGA Senator, and Cecile Hyman - Student.

Dr. Dixon emphasized the importance of recruiting more community college transfer students. She noted that data indicates students with AS and AA degrees perform better in four-year degree programs.

When asked about the impact of the recently enacted NC Promise program on the University, Dr. Dixon noted that ECSU experienced a 17% increase in enrollment this fall. NC Promise was established by the NC Legislature in 2016. It dramatically reduces the tuition at three NC Universities; Elizabeth City State University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Western Carolina University. It sets the in-state tuition at \$500 per semester and out-of-state at \$2,500. This provides students with huge savings. In-state students save at least \$7,400 and out-of-state students reap \$44,000 in savings over their 4 years at ECSU. To date, ECSU has experienced the largest enrollment increase from the NC Promise program.

The Chancellor also highlighted several cutting-edge programs that set ECSU apart from other NC universities. ECSU is the only university in North Carolina that offers an Aviation Technology Degree and touts a strong relationship with NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). The University is also in the process of adding a BS degree program in unmanned aircraft (drones). The drone program will have many applications but among one of the most important to this region will be precision agriculture. ECSU already offers a summer aviation camp where students build their own drone. Efforts are also underway to create a degree programs in EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and Homeland Security.

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## MCC Trustee's Meeting Conducted on October 2

The MCC Board of Trustees met on October 2 at the College's campus in Williamston. This meeting was rescheduled from September 18 due to the residual effects of Hurricane Florence. It was the second MCC Board of Trustees meeting in FY 2018-19.

Prior to starting the meeting, two new trustees, Nancy Joyner of Windsor, and Byron Horton of Williamston, were sworn in. Joyner, a retired educator, was appointed by the Governor of North Carolina and Horton, MCC's new SGA (Student Government Association) President, filled the position vacated by Amanda Vick at the end of her term in May of 2018. SGA Presidents serve as ex-officio Trustees throughout the academic year of their service. MCC's Library Assistant and Notary Public, Pam Perry swore them in and witnessed their signatures.

Dwayne Baker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called the meeting to order. The first order of business was approval of the consent agenda. Consent agendas group routine business and reports into one agenda item. Board members may remove items from the consent agenda if they feel further discussion of the issue is warranted.

Vice Chairman Rick Cowan asked to remove and delay a vote on the proposed service animal policy until the next meeting. The remaining items were unanimously approved by the board. These items included:

- ◆ Approval of minutes for meetings on July 17, August 8, and September 25.
- ◆ Ratification of the following:
  - A. Revision of the Children and Pets on Campus Policy,
  - B. Allocation of \$60,000 for parking lot repairs,



**Pictured above left is Byron Horton, MCC's SGA President, and Nancy Joyner of Windsor on the right. On October 2, they were sworn in to the MCC Board of Trustees. Horton is a student and Joyner is a retired educator.**

- C. 2% salary increases for all eligible full and permanent part-time MCC employees beginning in October 2018 and retroactive to July of 2018,
- D. Implementation of part-time curriculum faculty minimum salary by education level to be consistent with the 2018-19 State Aid Allocation and Budget Policies,
- E. One time allotment of five additional days of annual leave for any full time or permanent part time employee who is eligible to earn annual leave.

Vice President Busch made a budget request on behalf of the SGA. The Trustees unanimously approved funds for the SGA to send representatives to the N4CSGA conference in Fayetteville and to produce Fall Fest on October 31.

MCC President, Dr. Paul President Hutchins then updated the

board on the following items:

- ◆ Reminded the Board of the SACSCOC Reaffirmation visit October 9-11 and invited them to have lunch with the On-Site Visiting Committee on October 10 and to attend the Reaffirmation Celebration lunch on October 11.
- ◆ The Board was also invited to attend the MCC Foundation's Campus Fund Drive kick off event - The Dessert Stampede - from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., on October 22, in the Foyer of Building 1. The goal for this year is 100% participation from staff, faculty, Trustees and Foundation Board members. Trustee Bowen encouraged everyone to give. All funds received will go toward scholarships.
- ◆ Announced that the Foundation's "Stampede in the Park" Annual Fundraiser Rodeo will be at the Bob Martin Center, **Cont. on next pg...**

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- November 9-10. He asked that everyone come to the Rodeo and support the cause.
- ◆ Reported that MCC's 2017-2018 Clery Report has been disseminated to the campus community.
  - ◆ President Hutchins reported that he, the Chair, and the Vice Chair recently met with NERS-BA representatives.
  - ◆ Reported that EdNC visited the MCC campus on August 28, and interviewed several employees. The articles on their social media site are of superior quality.
  - ◆ Now that MCC has been approved by SACS COC and the state to provide Criminal Justice (CJ) training, President Hutchins and MCC's Executive Vice President are meeting with Roanoke Chowan Community College (RCCC) in regard to terminating the Instructional Service Agreement (ISA) for the CJ Program at Bertie High School (BHS). Once the transition plan is in place, MCC will provide the training because BHS is in MCC's service area.
  - ◆ Announced that MCC's SGA President, Byron Horton, has started attending the President's Cabinet meetings to provide updates.

MCC's Dean of Continuing Education, Nathan Mizelle, then provided the Trustees with a comprehensive update of his department's services and activities.

Byron Horton followed with a report on the numerous activities being organized by the SGA. (see page 13).

Committee Reports were presented as follows:

- ◆ There was no report from the Executive Committee. They are scheduled to meet on October 25, at 3:30 pm in the Board Room.

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**ECSU cont. from page 5...**

MCC and ECSU already have some articulation agreements, but Chancellor Dixon suggested that more would be forthcoming. An articulation agreement establishes the transferability of a student's community college credits to a partnering university. It was suggested that MCC's Early Childhood and Criminal Justice programs would be natural choices to coordinate with ECSU's degree programs in the same fields.

Transferability was an issue addressed by MCC's SGA President, Byron Horton. He noted that many of his Automotive Systems Technology (AST) credits would not transfer to any university in the region. He was disappointed to learn this after he graduated from the program in May of 2018. He felt that this needs to be made clear from the start or make the credits more transferrable. All agreed that this an ongoing issue for NC's Community Colleges and Universities to work on.

Horton also suggested that SGA presidents from both institutions should explore ways to come together and discuss issues that affect their collective student bod-

ies. The ECSU representatives agreed that this is something they could assist in facilitating.

Riddick mentioned that many ECSU alumni reside in MCC's service area of Martin and Bertie Counties. She felt as though they could be recruited as wonderful ambassadors for the University and perhaps accompany MCC students on bus rides to the ECSU campus and assist in providing campus tours. Riddick also indicated that ECSU might be able to provide MCC faculty and staff with professional development opportunities.

MCC freshman, Cecile Hyman, addressed her experience as an older student returning to school. She expressed her tremendous frustration when her employer closed-up shop and she found herself in need of re-training after more than 30 years in the textile industry. Hyman was thankful for MCC's encouragement and hopeful that ECSU would embrace an older student as she progressed through her education.

In response to Hyman's remarks, Dr. Dixon replied, "There's no age limit on bettering yourself and getting an education."



**ECSU representatives Dr. Coray Davis (left) - Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Carson Rich (right) - Special Assistant to the Chancellor.**

## Apply now for the Criminal Justice Fellows Program



The Criminal Justice Standards Division of North Carolina is now offering a 100% forgivable loan to go to any North Carolina Community College student to acquire an Associate in Applied Sciences (AAS) degree for criminal justice. The loan will be forgiven upon four years of working in an eligible criminal justice profession and county.

### Mission

The mission of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Fellows Program is to recruit talented high school seniors and graduates into the criminal justice profession. Each year, this program will fund fellowships for scholars who have exhibited high academic achievement, a history of service to the school and community, and a desire to serve the state of North Carolina in a field within the criminal justice profession.

Criminal justice professions include; State and local sworn law enforcement officers, state correctional officers, state juvenile justice officers, correctional officers maintained by local governments and juvenile justice agencies, sworn Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs, Detention Officers, and Telecommunicators under direct supervision of a law enforcement

agency.

The Criminal Justice Fellows Program was established to assist students in achieving their goal of becoming a criminal justice professional. The application process will begin January 1st, 2019 and will close April 15th, 2019. The application can be found on the Department of Justice Website: [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

Applicants will be notified of their selection of a fellowships no later than June 1st of each year.

Applicants must submit the following with their applications; SAT/ACT scores, GPA, School and community service/activities.

References from professionals such as teachers, counselors, school resource officers, police chiefs, Sheriffs, etc., attesting to the applicant's potential for excellence in the criminal justice profession must also be submitted with the application.

The total value of the fellowships will be \$3,152.00. This may be used for costs tuition, fees, books and other supplies for both semesters.

Among the eligible counties are: Martin, Bertie, Washington, Beaufort, Edgecombe, and Halifax.

For more information, visit the DOJ website at [www.ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Fellows-Program.aspx](http://www.ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Fellows-Program.aspx), or contact Erica Reid, Program Manager, Criminal Justice Fellows Program, at 919-662-4609 or via email at [cjfellows@ncdoj.gov](mailto:cjfellows@ncdoj.gov).

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- ◆ The Building and Grounds Committee Chairman, Trustee Andy Griffin, reported that the following items were discussed during the committee's meeting on September 25: Campus Security and the Exterior Doors, Electronic Signage for the Bertie Campus; Equine Facilities; Public Safety Training Facilities; Building One Renovations; Building Two Renovations; and Parking Lot Repair/Repaving.
- ◆ The Curriculum Committee Chairman, Dr. Derrick Wilkins called on Dr. Fulmer, the Dean of Academic Affairs to report on the Veterinary Program with Nash Community College.
- ◆ The Budget and Finance Committee met on September 25 wherein the annual budget was approved. Chairman Baker clarified that the salary increases, and bonus leave days are for all employees of MCC.
- ◆ The Personnel Committee reported that they had not yet met.

Chairman Davis reported that several Trustees recently attended the NCACCT Leadership Seminar held in Asheville. He stated that the FTE break out session was most informative. He announced that the next NCACCT Seminar will be in Raleigh on April 3-5, 2019.

The next regular meeting of the MCC Board of Trustees is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 20. They will meet in room 14 of building 1 on the Williamston Campus.



# MCC releases annual Clery report

Offense	On Campus			Non Campus			Public Property		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible sex offenses	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-forcible sex offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dating Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Arrest	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Disciplinary Referrals	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Law Disciplinary Referrals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor law Disciplinary Referrals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Hate Crimes: 2017: No hate crimes reported, 2016: No hate crimes reported, 2015: No hate crimes reported.**

MCC's annual security report is now available to the public. This annual report is required by federal law (Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act). The report contains MCC's policies, procedures and programs concerning safety and security. For example, policies in response to emergency situations and sexual offenses.

Three years' worth of statistics are included for certain types of crimes that were reported to have occurred on campus, in or

on off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the college and on public property within or immediately adjacent to the campus. The complete report is available on the MCC website or accessed online at:

<http://www.martincc.edu/?q=securityreport>

. You may also request a paper copy from the Office of Student Services.

Crime statistics in the report were collected from campus security and local law enforcement agencies that serve the College's main campus and off-site centers. Also available upon request

is our Daily Crime Log, which includes: crime report dates, occurrence dates, locations, nature of crimes, and the disposition of the complaints.

All faculty, staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to read the complete report on the MCC website.



Jeanne Clery

# MCC's LCA Club hosts Constitution Day Event



Alayna Spratt, LCAC member and SGA Senator for the LCAC



Brianna Nicholson  
LCAC President

Despite an interruption from Hurricane Florence, MCC's LCAC (Literary and Cultural Arts Club) like our founding fathers, were not deterred, and forged ahead with a rescheduled on September 24. The event was held in room 14 and featured a number of inspirational poems and videos reminding those in attendance about the importance of citizenship and the document that provides them their freedoms.

Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day) is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is normally observed on September 17, the day in 1787 that delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document in Philadelphia.

At the conclusion of the event,

those in attendance enjoyed pizza and soda supplied by the SGA. The event was very well attended. Stay tuned for future LCAC events!



Byron Horton  
SGA President



Tamara Mitchell-Medford  
LCAC member and  
SGA Senator for the Biology Program



## Christina Drake is New IT System Administrator!



On August 27, MCC's IT Department welcomed its new System Administrator, Christina Drake, to the team. The position had been open since June 1. A system administrator is responsible for the upkeep, configuration, and reliable operation of computer systems.

Drake, a former MCC student, earned her AAS degree in Information Technology (IT) from ITT Technical Institute and her BS degree in Management Information Systems from ECU.

For the past three years, Drake has worked as an Implementation Analyst for Victra. Prior to that she was a Support Manager for Open Drive, Inc., a freelance Tech Support Technician, and provided Internet tech support for Suddenlink.

Drake resides in Plymouth. In her spare time she enjoys playing games and watching movies.

## Deboria Outlaw is new Early Childhood Instructor



Deboria Outlaw, a resident of Windsor, joined the MCC Faculty on August 1. She replaced Elaine Spellman as the Early Childhood Instructor.

Outlaw graduated from Bertie High School and went on to earn her BA in Communications and Public Relations from NC A&T University and her BS in Child Development/Family Relations from ECU. She earned her MA Ed. in Early Childhood Education from the University of Phoenix.

Prior to joining the MCC Faculty, Outlaw was the Lead Early Childhood Education Instructor/Program Coordinator at Roanoke Chowan Community College. She has also worked as an Adjunct Instructor for ECSU and MCC.

Outlaw states, "I feel like I am returning home because this is where I started teaching 17 years ago."

## Vanessa Tripp is New MCC Counselor



MCC welcomed its new Student Services Counselor, Vanessa Tripp, on September 10.

Prior to joining the MCC team, she had worked for the Pitt County Schools (PCS) since 2008. At PCS, she served as an instructor, behavior specialist and most recently as an Instructional Coordinator.

Tripp, a graduate of Farmville High School, and a resident of Bethel, earned her MA and BS in Special Education from ECU.

In addition to counseling new and current students, Tripp also serves as the advisor to MCC's SGA (Student Government Association).

When asked how she feels about her new position, Tripp stated, "I love supporting and helping students succeed. This job allows me to do that every day!"

## MCC Health Care Program Completers Celebrated on 9/11

On September 11, MCC's Division of Continuing Education held a Healthcare Program Recognition Ceremony in the MCC auditorium. The event recognized all successful completers of summer 2018 healthcare programs.

Those participating in the ceremony included:

Nurse Aide II (Williamston Campus) - Georgette Griffin, Alesia Herbert, Wysheka Lewis, Davorah Randolph, and Delonda Smith

Nurse Aide II (Bertie Campus) - Shemeca Best, Fontasia Cherry, and Ebony Hardison

Pharmacy Technician - Tareyah Harris and Kimberly Sanders

Phlebotomy Technician - Sh'Tyra Barnes and Brittany Taylor

After processing into the auditorium, Pharmacy Technician student Tareyah Harris gave the invocation and NAII Student Delonda Harris bid everyone welcome. Sue Gurley, MCC's Healthcare Program Coordinator, offered congratulatory remarks and encouraged the students to continue developing their health careers. Gurley noted that all of the students had shown great potential and strong commitment in the delivery of professional health care.

Gurley and MCC's Dean of Continuing Education, Nathan Mizell, then distributed the certificates.

Brenda Moore, MCC's Director of Human Resource Development (HRD) then recognized the students who had opted to earn a CRC (Career Readiness Certification) credential. Two of the students, Fontasia Cherry and Kimberly Sanders attained gold level CRC status.

Dean Mizell congratulated the students and thanked the many family members and friends in the audience for their support of the

Health Care Program completers. His comments were immediately followed by the recessionary.

Many of the students intend to use their health care education from MCC as a stepping stone to higher career goals. Shemeca Best, Fontasia Cherry, Alesia Herbert, Davorah Randolph, and Delonda Smith plan to continue working toward an RN degree. Most of the students are already working as CNA's (Certified Nursing Assistant). The Vintage Inn Nursing Home in Williamston, Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, East Carolina Rehab in Greenville, Vidant Hospital Beaufort, and Quality Home Staffing are among the employers utilizing MCC health care personnel.

Perhaps NA II completer, Delonda Smith of Greenville, said it best, "This class has taught me to appreciate advancement in the medical field, to better assist and help my patients, and to meet the highest potential and level of care I can provide."





# MCC SGA News

MCC's SGA meeting in the Campus Café.



## REAL Crisis Intervention

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MCC's SGA has hit the ground running this fall and has enjoyed strong support from all areas of the student body!

SGA President, Byron Horton reported the following to the MCC Trustees at their October 2 meeting:

- ◆ The SGA has been meeting weekly since August 31.
- ◆ Sponsored a "Can-Do" campus food drive in response to the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Florence. Additionally, the SGA applied for and received a Community Grant from Wal-Mart to use for the food drive. The SGA's goal of collecting 500 pounds of food and cleaning supplies was met and delivered to Pamlico Community College where Hurricane Florence took a toll on its students and community.
- ◆ Joined forces with MCC's Literary and Creative Arts Club (LCAC) to host a "Constitution Day" event on September 24.
- ◆ Formed an Activities and Events Committee.
- ◆ Horton, the SGA's Vice President Princess Foster, Cosmetology Senator Jasmine Howard and SGA Advisor Vanessa Tripp attended the



SGA President Byron Horton and Associate in Science Senator Tamara Mitchell-Medford were in the group who painted picnic tables as part of the SGA's campus beautification project which was launched in October.

NC4SGA State Fall Conference in Fayetteville, October 19-21.

- ◆ Sponsored a Campus Beautification Day on October 25.
- ◆ Sponsored Fall Fest on October 31.
- ◆ Planning a student holiday luncheon before the end of the fall semester
- ◆ Other student clubs have upcoming events that will be reported next meeting.



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## MCC Hosts First STEM/Advanced Manufacturing Day

MCC celebrated Advanced Manufacturing and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Day by inviting Martin and Bertie Counties' 8th and 9th graders to the Williamston campus on October 3. Nearly 200 students attended the 4 hour event. It was sponsored by the Martin County Economic Development Commission, the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, and the Martin County Committee of 100. ECSU (Elizabeth City State University), Martin General Hospital, the Williamston Fire Department, Dometar, NC Career Works, and SECU (State Employees Credit Union) also participated in the event with displays and presentations.

The students gathered in the MCC auditorium at 9 a.m., where they were welcomed by College President, Dr. Paul Hutchins. He thanked the school administrators, volunteers, faculty, and students for their participation and

entreated them to have an informative and inspiring day on the MCC campus.

Billy Barber, MCC'S Assistant to the President for Business and Industry, explained that the event's purpose is to inspire and educate those in attendance about the many careers and applications of STEM related studies. He noted that they would be touring campus facilities and visiting guest booths related to STEM careers. A total of 18 exhibits/program presentations were made available to the students.

Dr. Deryl Davis Fulmer, MCC's Dean of Academics and an organizer of the event, introduced the students' guides as she randomly divided the students into 18 groups. Each group visited six sites.

Advanced manufacturing and STEM careers are modern, sophisticated and use cutting-edge technology to create products and services in fields such as aviation,



Larry Johnson, MCC's Fire and Rescue Training Coordinator talked about high tech equipment in his field.

communication, biotechnology, and health care.

MCC's faculty provided a mini-lesson for each of their six groups of students in their respective classrooms. The students participated in several hands-on activities and had the opportunity to meet a number of local employers representing a variety of STEM related careers. In addition, the ECSU Mobile STEM van featured drones, and airplane simulators, giving the students the opportunity to experience cutting edge technology from the aerospace industry.

Among the MCC programs that were highlighted were: Computer Information Systems, Automotive Systems Technology, Dental Assisting, Equine Technology, HVAC, Physical Therapy Assisting, Industrial Systems Technology/Welding, Accounting, Chemistry, Biology, Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, Mathematics, Cosmetology, Electrical Systems Technol-



Criminal Justice Instructor, George Dixon, demonstrates fingerprinting.

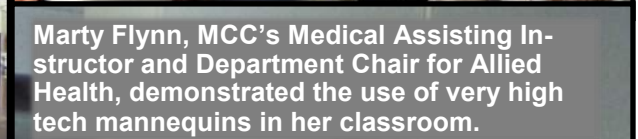




**MCC Biology Instructor Kimberly Matthews showed students how to collect DNA from strawberries.**



**Dr. Dean McCall demonstrates nerve stimulating equipment used in MCC's Physical Therapist Assistant Program.**



**Marty Flynn, MCC's Medical Assisting Instructor and Department Chair for Allied Health, demonstrated the use of very high tech mannequins in her classroom.**



**Automotive Systems Technology (AST) Instructor, Al Dawes described areas of study and job opportunities in his program.**

ogy, Criminal Justice, and Business Administration.

The following local businesses and industries also participated in the STEM activities:

Martin General Hospital in Williamston, a 49-bed facility providing complete surgical and medical care for both outpatient and inpatient clients in Martin, Beaufort, Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe Halifax, Hertford, Nash, Northampton, Pitt, and Washington counties.

Domtar, located on the outskirts of Plymouth, makes pulp known for its excellent absorbency and sheet properties. It is used in adult incontinence products, baby diapers, and other hygiene products that are sold around the world.

The State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) a not-for-profit cooperative financial institution whose mission is to improve the economic and social condition of its members.

Thanks to the generosity of the event's sponsors, the Martin County Economic Development Commission, the Martin County Committee of 100, and the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, the students were treated to a lunch of pizza and soft drinks at the end of their tours.

According to Barber, "This event was a tremendous success for our College. Our faculty did a fabulous job of showing off our facilities and equipment. The multitude of MCC staff and non-STEM faculty volunteers were also extremely helpful. Everyone involved demonstrated great enthusiasm and expertise to our visitors. The visiting students and county schools' personnel gave us high marks on the evaluation forms. During our debriefing meeting, it was agreed that this should become an annual event for Martin Community College."



**Pictured above are Martin Community College (MCC) Board member, Clarence Biggs and MCC's Foundation President, Charlotte Griffin. Biggs, who announced his eminent retirement from the Board in August, was recognized for his 49 years of service to MCC and its Foundation Board during its October 16 meeting.**

The Martin Community College (MCC) Foundation's Board of Directors conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on October 16. The meeting was called to order by Board President Charlotte Griffin. The first order of business was the reading of a resolution in recognition of board member Clarence Biggs. Biggs announced at the August board meeting that he would be stepping down at the end of 2018.

Biggs has served as an MCC Foundation board member since 1992. Prior to that, he worked at MCC in several capacities. He was the Dean of Student Affairs, a special consultant and served as MCC's interim president on three occasions.

As stated in the resolution, "Over his 49-year career with Martin Community College and the

## MCC Foundation News

### *Clarence Biggs Recognized for Years of Service*

Foundation Board of Directors, Clarence Biggs has distinguished himself with his deep knowledge and abilities related to higher education. The Martin Community College Foundation Board of Directors would like to express its utmost gratitude to Clarence Biggs for his sound advice and valued council and all that he contributed during his time at MCC."

Griffin also presented Biggs with a plaque and bestowed him with the title of Foundation Director Emeritus. Biggs thanked the Board for their kind recognition and noted that he would continue to enthusiastically support the Foundation and the College. He informed the Board that, starting immediately, he would be providing funds to assist students in Continuing Education courses. He encouraged all in attendance, as well as the community at large, to support the work of the College.

Three new board members were also welcomed to the board during the meeting; Paul Roberson, Jr., Sandra McCleary, and Matthew Sessoms. Roberson is a real estate agent with Roanoke Realty in Williamston, McCleary is a retired educator, and Sessoms owns the Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Williamston. In addition to these new members, and the aforementioned Board President Griffin and emeritus member Biggs, other Foundation board members include Ken Ambrose, Delmas Cumbee, Jackie Gillam, Phil Griffin, MCC President Paul Hutchins, Richard

James, Tom Winslow, Josh Roberson and Tyler Warren.

The Foundation Board approved a request from MCC's Foundation Liaison, Kismet Matthews, to solicit funds for special MCC needs and projects. They also approved her request to explore the possibility of hosting a 5K Run fundraiser.

MCC President, Dr. Paul Hutchins asked the Board to support a Campus-wide Art Contest to secure a new mascot for the Martin Mustangs. The contest will be open to all MCC Employees and students. The Board unanimously approved \$100 to reward the winner of the contest.

Dr. Hutchins reported on several items. He noted that a campus-wide Annual Giving Campaign is currently underway and to date has garnered more than \$5,000 in pledges or cash donations. The campaign will culminate with a Dessert Stampede on October 22, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the lobby of building one.

Hutchins also informed the Board that MCC's decennial visit and review from SACS COC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) was tremendously successful. MCC was preliminarily approved for re-affirmation with no recommendations.

Hutchins thanked the Foundation Board for their support of the College's preparation efforts. He noted that the Foundation funded MOXIE T-shirts, which assisted the College in promoting its new Quality En-



hancement Plan (QEP), were a huge hit with the students and the SACS COC team. MCC's Director of PR, Judy Jennette, thanked Board member Richard James for assisting the College in securing a great bid for printing the shirts from Sawyer Sign Company (formerly Williamston Sign Company). All agreed that it is always preferable to support local businesses whenever possible.

The Board was updated on MCC's new Ambassador Program. It will begin with four students. They will be selected from faculty nominations. To date, three students have been selected. Those selected will receive a \$375 scholarship per semester (not including the summer). Dr. Hutchins and his wife Tina pledged to provide start-up funds for the program during the August 7 meeting and the Board agreed to provide additional funds. Once in place, the

Ambassadors will represent the College at various community and College functions throughout the year.

Griffin reminded the Board that the annual MCC Christmas party would take place on December 12 and that the Foundation is once again providing the funds for the food. She reminded everyone that Foundation Board members are invited and encouraged to attend the party.

Robert Bonner, MCC's Foundation manager reported that the annual Stampede in the Park Rodeo will be held on November 9 and 10 at the Bob Martin Center. Bonner was pleased to announce that the IPRA (International Professional Rodeo Association) is sanctioning this year's event, making it the last rodeo in the 2018 season during which, professional rodeo riders can accumulate points and become eligi-

ble for national titles. According to Bonner, "This will be a great draw for the event." Griffin encouraged all Board members to sign up for volunteer duties related to the rodeo and noted that it is the largest fundraiser for the MCC Foundation. Tickets for the rodeo are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children age 11 and under. Tickets may be purchased in the MCC bookstore or at the Chambers of Commerce in Martin, Bertie, Washington, and Hertford counties. Mario's Boots in Greenville also serves as a ticket outlet for the rodeo.

The Board also approved funds with which to purchase a custom printed pop-up tent, sides, and carrying case for MCC's use at recruiting events, fairs and festivals. These materials will be available for all MCC employees and students for use at approved recruiting events.



**Three new board members have joined the Martin Community College Foundation Board of Directors. Pictured left from left to right are Paul Roberson, Jr., Sandra McCleary, and Matthew Sessoms. Roberson is a real estate agent with Roanoke Realty in Williamston, McCleary is a retired educator, and Sessoms owns the Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Williamston. They join Charlott Griffin, Dr. Paul Hutchins, Clarence Biggs, Ken Ambrose, Delmas Cumbee, Jackie Gillam, Phil Griffin, MCC President Paul Hutchins, Richard James, Tom Winslow, Josh Roberson and Tyler Warren on the current MCC Foundation Board of Directors. Thanks to the entire Board for their service!**



# A Sweet Time was had at the Dessert Stampede



Building 3 table - "Most Dramatic"



Building 2 table - "Best in Teamwork"



Building 4 table - "Best Fall Western Theme"



Building 1 table - "Best Fall Western Desserts Display"

After many years of dormancy, and with the encouragement of MCC's President, Dr. Paul Hutchins, the MCC Foundation has revived a campus campaign to inspire employees, Trustees, and Foundation Board members to contribute to the cause!

MCC's Receptionist, Alice Cotten and Kismet Matthews, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees/ Foundation Liaison teamed up to plan a dessert social for the faculty and staff on October 22. The event went well and to date, more than \$9,900 has been donated or pledged to the Foundation.

Since the event was held in close proximity to the Foundation's annual Rodeo Fundraiser, it was dubbed with a western theme. A friendly competition was included in the event. The employees in each building were asked to bring desserts that day and to decorate a table in the lobby of building 1 on which to display and serve their goodies.

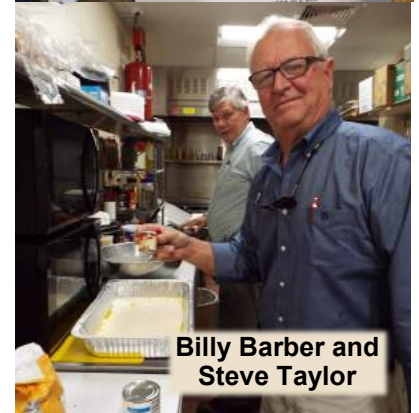
The table decorated by the arts and sciences faculty in building 4 took the prize for best Fall Western Themed decorations. The administrators and faculty in building 1 were recognized for the best display of Fall Western Desserts. Building 2's staff ran away with the Best in Team Work display and building 3's table was declared by Alice Cotten to be the most to be the most dramatically decorated!



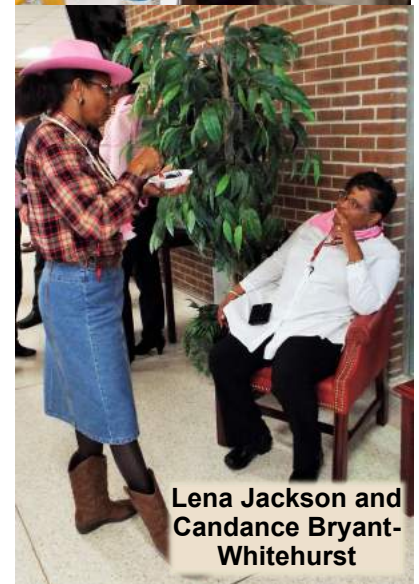
Dr. Paul Hutchins



YEE HAW CUPCAKES



Billy Barber and Steve Taylor



Lena Jackson and Candance Bryant-Whitehurst



# More MCC Campus Improvements



The MCC campus continues to improve daily! Pictured directly above and below are panoramic views of the campus since the trim on the buildings has been repainted red. Pictured right are the new campus doors arriving for installation. Pictured below in the right corner is Billy Barber. He is smiling because, after 3 years, the new campus doors and security cameras have finally been installed. Below center is Jeff Lewis and Debra Hardison preparing the campus bookstore for renovation. Bottom left is Allen Wiggins installing new lighting in the equine arena.





## MCC is in search of an official Martin Mustang mascot!

The MCC Foundation is offering a \$100 prize to find one! The contest is open to all MCC students and employees! The deadline to enter is 12 /17.



Details and contest rules will be emailed on November 5!

## Martin Memos

Nov. 6 (Tues.) - Election Day

Nov. 7 (Wed.) - Last day to withdraw without receiving an "F"

Nov. 12 (Mon.) - MCC closed for Veterans Day

Nov. 13 - 16 - Advisor/Advisee Conferences for returning students

Nov. 20 (Tues.) - MCC Trustees meet, 7 p.m., Room 14 in Building 1

Nov. 22 & 23 - MCC closed for Thanksgiving

Dec. 1 (Sat.) - Jamesville Christmas Parade, 11 a.m.

Dec. 6 (Thurs.) - Williamston Christmas Parade, 4 p.m.

Dec. 8 (Sat.) - Bear Grass Christmas Parade, 10 a.m.

Dec. 8 (Sat.) - Oak City Christmas Parade, 12 p.m.

Dec. 12 (Wed.) - Robersonville Christmas Parade, 4 p.m.

Dec. 13 (Thurs.) - Hamilton Christmas Parade, 4 p.m.

Dec. 17 (Mon.) - Deadline to enter the Martin Mustang Mascot contest