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LaTeah Rodgers is MCC's Distinguished Graduate for 2019

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Pictured above center (in cap and gown), is LaTeah Rodgers, proudly displaying her Cosmetology diploma and her Distinguished Graduate certificate following MCC's 32nd annual commencement ceremony on May 11. She is surrounded by her family. From left to right are: Angelette Rodgers (mother-in-law), Aiden Rodgers (son), Gabrielle Rodgers (daughter), Ajia Durham (sister) William Rodgers (husband), David Durham (dad), and Phyllis Durham (mother).

On May 10, a capacity audience cheered on more than 120 graduates as they crossed the stage to receive 180 degrees, diplomas, and certificates during Martin Community College's (MCC) 51st graduation ceremony in the Riverside High School auditorium in Williamston, NC.

After the students processed into the auditorium, Dr. Gary L. Cordon, Sr., Pastor of Victory Temple Church of God in Christ, in Windsor, NC gave the invocation. He was immediately followed by Melvette Armond, a graduate of the Early Childhood Education program, singing of the National Anthem.

Daniel Price, MCC's Department

Chair for College Transfer and Instructor of Mathematics, gave the commencement speech. While at MCC, Price has worked on several grants which have given him extensive knowledge of mathematics education, curriculum building, and pedagogy, as well as students' first year college experience, developmental education, pathways, and loss/momentum points in a student's college experience. He has spoken at several local and national conferences, including Achieving the Dream and Completion by Design. Price, enthusiastically crisscrossed the stage throughout his comments, encouraging the students to be **Graduation continued on page 15...**

MCC Inducts 19 students into ABG and PTK Honor Societies

This story was contributed by Maureen Green

Two local chapters of national honor societies joined forces at Martin Community College (MCC) on March 21, 2019 to induct 19 high achieving MCC students into their ranks. Dr. Deborah Wyman, MCC's Business Administration Instructor and Advisor to Alpha Beta Gamma (ABG) conducted the welcome and ABG installation. Thirteen MCC students joined PTK and six were inducted into ABG. Two students were inducted into both organizations.

PTK and ABG are both international honor societies for two-year colleges. PTK inductees must have completed at least 12 semester hours with a GPA (grade point average) of at least a 3.5. PTK encourages its members to develop as leaders, serve others, fellowship with other scholars, and engage in the scholarly exchange of ideas and ideals.

ABG recognizes scholarship among students in business curricula. To be a member of ABG, students must have completed 12 credit hours of study and have a GPA of 3.0 or above. The three ideals of Alpha Beta Gamma are Scholarship, Leadership, and Cooperation. In addition to Dr. Wyman, Vickie Murphy, Information Technology Instructor and Division Chair, is an ABG advisor.

The ceremony got underway as Dr. Wyman welcomed all attendees and noted that it was an honor not only for the student, but for the families, as well. Dr. Wyman then proceeded to introduce the guest speaker, MCC's President, Dr. Paul Hutchins. Dr. Hutchins' speech was centered around Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and Dr. Hutchins issued a challenge to the inductees. He challenged them to commit to set goals and work relentlessly to achieve them, to be a person of character, to pursue excellence in everything that they do, and to serve others.

The inductees, first ABG, then PTK, received a certificate, signed a membership book, lit a candle and read their respective oaths. Each new member received a flower, the symbol of newly formed intellectual friendship. Assisting with the ceremony was MCC student Tamara Mitchell-Medford.

As the ceremony came to a close, Mary Carson, MCC's Mathematics Instructor and PTK advisor, offered hearty congratulations and sent the crowd off with these closing words of wisdom from Abraham Lincoln, "always bear in mind that your



Inducted into PTK were Adam Anders, Brittney Andrews, Heather Baccus, Phyllis Barber, Princess Foster, Caroline Ganzert, Emily Lancaster, Alexis Parker, Damon Shawhan, Aatwanti Swain, Jon Turlington, Shakeena Walker, and Zachary Watford.



Pictured above are MCC's ABG inductees. They are, from left to right; Jason Phelps, Isolean Speller, Cortez Moore, Jasmine Howard, Princess Foster, Aatwanti Swain, and Dr. Deborah Wyman, MCC's ABG advisor.

own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

Inducted into ABG were Princess Foster, Jasmine Howard, Cortez Moore, Jason Phelps, Isolean Speller, and Aatwanti Swain.

Inducted into PTK were Adam Anders, Brittney Andrews, Heather Baccus, Phyllis Barber, Princess Foster, Caroline Ganzert, Emily Lancaster, Alexis Parker, Damon Shawhan, Aatwanti Swain, Jon Turlington, Shakeena Walker,

and Zachary Watford.

A reception for the inductees and their family and friends followed the ceremony.



Pictured above are advisors for MCC's Honor Societies. Mary Carson (left) is the PTK Advisor and Dr. Deborah Wyman advises the ABG students. Vickie Murphy, MCC's Information Technology Instructor and Division Chair, is also an ABG advisor. Pictured below is Mary Carson's new baby, Grey Marie, who was born 11 days later on April 2! Both mom and baby are doing great.



MCC Breaks Ground for New Facility!



Heavy rain and muddy conditions on April 9 did not dampen the spirits nor the resolve of MCC officials to break ground for its new Public Safety Training Facility. Pictured above, from left to right are: Larry Johnson (MCC's Coordinator of Fire and Rescue programs), Jonathan Dail (Robersonville EMS), Mitch Cooper (Bertie County Emergency Management Director), Jody Sary (Merry Hill/Midway Fire Chief), Jody Griffin (Martin County Emergency Management Director), Mutt Smith (Robersonville Fire Chief), Michael Peaks (Williamston Fire Department Chief), Greg Harrison (Bear Grass Fire Department Chief), Jonathan Stalls (NC Forestry), Josh Kilpatrick (Windsor Fire Department Deputy Chief) and Michael Bryant (Assistant Director of Martin County Emergency Management). Pictured below are MCC's Maintenance department who built the giant sandbox for the event in less than a day.



Pictured from L to R are; Brian Phelps, Jeff Lewis, Walter Wheeler, Jerry Wilson, Alan Wiggins receiving a GEM (Going the Extra Mile" Award from Dr. Paul

Brian Cardoza Visits MCC Campus



On Monday, March 18th, MCC welcomed guest speaker, Brian Cardoza, to its campus. Cardoza was invited by MCC's Psychology and Sociology Instructor, Rhonda Breed, to speak in an open forum about his journey to overcome the effects of sexual, emotional, and physical abuse inflicted on him between the ages of 6 to 15. The title of his program was, "I believe you. I hear you. I see you."

The program did not dwell on the actual abuse Cardoza suffered for eight years, but rather, focused on the ordeal's after effects from the time he left home at the age of 15 to today. According to Cardoza, "Despite nearly freezing to death that first night on my own, I chose to survive." And as he highlights in his program, "For many years my life felt meaningless and had no direction; but then I spent a night in a jail cell. That shook me to my core. At that moment I realized nothing would change until I took responsibility for where my life was headed."

And thus, Cardoza uses his own experience, "to give voice to the stigma and shame often associated with male survivors of abuse." He has moved beyond his pain to become an inspirational speaker, author, and artist. His message to others is, "Don't let this moment dictate the next moment." Today, he advocates responsibility and hope, and works diligently to raise awareness and money to fight against childhood sexual assault and physical abuse.

Cardoza's story and creative works are featured in several national and international projects including; a documentary for the EU, Forced, Promise Place's documentary Ripple Effects, The BristleCone Project, and Huffington Post's HuffPost Live segment for Child Abuse Awareness Month. He has been a contributing poet for Purple Sparks and a keynote speaker for a multitude of events highlighting abuse. He is also a certified OVC TTAC Consultant and RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) Speaker. He is also the author of, *The Unexpected Victim*.



Basic Skills Class Tours MCC Library



The MCC Library hosted a field trip for the Willow Acres Basic Skills Class on April 17. Library Director Mary Anne Caudle presented a short tutorial on using the library's online book catalog and gave the group a tour of the library. Students then had time to browse, check out books, and read independently. The class then visited the campus bookstore and ate lunch in the MCC Café.

The field trip was part of the Mobile Library project developed as a collaboration between the Basic Skills Department and the MCC Library earlier this school year. To kick off the project, the library director visited three Basic Skills classes at the Bertie Campus and the Willow Acres class in Martin County and presented a library orientation for each class. Since then, Basic Skills staff Catina Blake and Jennifer Phelps have been taking a selection of library books for check-out to all four classes every two weeks. As a result of their library orientations, classes have also been viewing films from NC Live's *Films on Demand* database and using some of the basic skills tutorials in NC Live. The library program is extremely popular with the students and instructors. Library and Basic Skills staff plan to expand the project to include additional basic skills classes in the coming year.

Six MCC students receive SECU Scholarships this Spring



On March 29, four Martin Community College (MCC) students were each awarded a SECU Foundation Workforce Development Scholarship valued at \$500 each. Pictured above are from left to right are scholarship recipients Dawson Dunlow and Ronalda Tolefree-Venson, SECU's Financial Services Officer in Williamston Eric Davis, Dr. Paul Hutchins, and scholarship recipients Gregory Prescott and Samantha Rodgers. Tolefree-Venson and Dunlow are residents of Ahsokie. Prescott is from Bethel and Rodgers resides in Jamesville.

On June 3, two Martin Community College (MCC) students were each awarded a SECU Foundation Workforce Development Scholarship valued at \$500 each. Pictured above are from left to right are MCC's Health Programs Coordinator Sue Gurley, scholarship recipient Charmaine White, SECU's Financial Services Officer in Williamston Eric Davis, MCC's Acting President Dr. Brian Busch, scholarship recipient Patricia Dixon and MCC's Dean of Continuing Education Nathan Mizell. Dixon is a resident of Williamston and White resides in Oak City.

A total of six MCC Continuing Education students were awarded State Employee Credit Union (SECU) Bridge to Career Scholarships this spring. On March 29, three BLET students and one NAII student were each presented with their awards and on June 3, two recent completers of MCC's NA I class were also recognized. A total of ten MCC students have received SECU scholarships in the current 2018-19 Academic Year.

Those receiving scholarships on March 29 included Dawson Dunlow, Ronalda Tolefree-Vinson, Gregory Prescott, and Samantha Rodgers. Dunlow, Tolefree-Vinson, and Prescott completed MCC's BLET program in January 2019. Rodgers completed the Nurse Aide (NA) II program.

Tolefree-Vinson stated, "This scholarship has allowed me to pursue my passion of becoming a law enforcement officer."

Both June 3 recipients, Charmaine White of Oak City, and Patricia Dixon of Williamston, successfully completed an NA (Nurse Aide) I class at MCC to qualify for the scholarships.

Launched in 2013, and revamped in 2018, SECU's Bridge to Career

Scholarship Program strives to help remove financial barriers for unemployed and underemployed students seeking careers with sustainable wages in their local communities. Administered by each college, the initiative focuses on assisting individuals with finding vocational and job placement opportunities through eligible training programs that lead to state-regulated or industry-recognized credentials. Scholarship funding will be applied to educational expenses and other expenditures associated with their program of study through a North Carolina Community College workforce development program.

While accepting her certificate and check, Patricia Dixon stated, "I had worked in factories for 30 years. At my age, the last lay-off nearly devastated me. I had no job prospects in sight. I decided it was time to try a different kind of work, so I signed up for the NA I program at MCC and fell in love with it. Just as my unemployment benefits were about to run out, I was notified about this scholarship. I was so happy and relieved, I just broke down and cried. Next week I start my new job at a nursing home!

And I have already signed up for the next NAII class. MCC has changed my life."

Charmaine White was also very appreciative of the scholarship. She is already working at MacGregor Downs Rehabilitation Center in Greenville and plans to "move higher up the ladder and become a Registered Nurse."

State Employees' Credit Union's local Advisory Board member Judy Jennette comments, "SECU members share a deep commitment to education and the cooperative spirit of helping others. The SECU Bridge to Career Program is an opportunity to help these students succeed, opening doors that will challenge and prepare them for a new career and future in today's workplace. On behalf of SECU Foundation, it gives me great pleasure to offer our congratulations to the scholarship recipients.

With this \$435,000 commitment for Continuing Education Scholarships and SECU Foundation's annual \$580,000 "People Helping People" Community College Scholarships, funding for the NC Community College System now totals over \$1 million.

Update on March 19 & May 21 MCC Trustee Meetings

The MCC Board of Trustees met on March 19 and May 21. Both meetings were regularly scheduled meetings.

Highlights from the March 19 meeting include the following:

- ◆ Approval of several improvements to MCC's equine facilities including: the outdoor riding ring, fencing around the ring, and coating for the arena roof.
- ◆ Adoption of a new Service Award policy for MCC employees.
- ◆ The new electronic sign on the Bertie campus is up and running. The initial response has been good and it is drawing people into the facility for more information.
- ◆ MCC has responded to the ADA compliance audit recommendations and is already taking corrective action.
- ◆ With no candidates for recent SGA elections, a new concept for interactive student leadership is being developed and will be implemented this fall.
- ◆ MCC's President made the College's FY 2019-20 County budget request during the March 27 Martin County Commissioners meeting. The Bertie County budget request is under development.
- ◆ A USDA grant application is being prepared for submission. If awarded, the funds will be used for updating the Information Highway room in building 1. The request will be for more than \$200 K for equipment.
- ◆ Several departmental advisory meetings have been conducted or planned before the end of the semester.



Student Services Technician and Notary Public, Randy Stokes, swears in MCC's newest Trustee, Mr. Ron Wesson, during the May 21 meeting of MCC's Board of Trustees. Wesson is also a Bertie County Commissioner and retired Senior Vice-President from the Dun & Bradstreet Corporation.

- ◆ Beta testing of MCC's new Self Serve program (online registration) has been positive.
 - ◆ Approved a new Welding Technology degree program.
 - ◆ Terminated the Commercial Refrigeration and School Age Education programs.
 - ◆ Approved the Academic Calendars for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
 - ◆ Approved a new email policy.
 - ◆ Mr. Andy Griffin has resigned from the Board of Trustees. He will step down in July.
- Highlights from the May 21 meeting include the following:
- ◆ Installation of Mr. Ron Wesson as a Trustee. He was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Joyner.
 - ◆ Presentation of the MCC Foundation's 2018-19 audit. There were no findings.
 - ◆ Received reports on graduation activities for both High School Equivalency (62 diplomas earned with 8 participating in ceremony) and Curriculum (176 credentials were awarded with 124 participating in the ceremony) graduates as well as the PTA pinning ceremony (16 pinned).
 - ◆ Approved blanket travel policies for the President and Trustees.
 - ◆ Approved Instructional Service Agreements with other colleges.
 - ◆ Renewed the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Nash Community College (Veterinary Medical Technolo-

gy program) and the University of Mount Olive (Reduced Tuition for MCC employees - 30% for FT and 10% for PT).

- ◆ The nominating committee submitted the following for the Board's 2019-2020 officers: Helen Davis - President, Dwayne Baker - Vice President, KeVonna Hall - Secretary
- ◆ Approved tuition and fees for 2019-20 Academic Year.
- ◆ Wrote off \$10K in bad debt.

The next Trustee meeting is set for 7 p.m. on 6/25/19, Williamston campus.



After being sworn in with his wife (Dr. Patricia Wesson) and mother (Nellie Ward Wesson) at his side, Trustee Wesson signed the official paperwork while MCC's own Notary Public, Randy Stokes, witnessed it.



Industrial Tech Students are Smokin'!



MCC's Industrial Technology students enjoyed the fruits of their classmate's labor during the spring semester. Brandon Cadogan (pictured far right) designed and crafted a smoker for his semester project in his Industrial Fabrication class. Cadogan's ingenious smoker was made out of old air compressor tanks. Cadogan, who also works at Weyerhaeuser was taking both a day and night class and used his time between classes to prepare a variety of cuisine for his classmates. Along with Cadogan, MCC's Industrial Tech Instructor Ryal Watkins (far left), and fellow students Wyatt Blackburn, Zach Bundy, and Arthur Simpson enjoyed several meals prepared on the smoker; including hamburgers, deer sausage, pork loins, and bratwursts.

MCC's newest Trustee, Ron Wesson, was born and raised in Bertie County. He earned his B.A. degree from UNC Chapel Hill and his graduate degree from the Sloan School of Business, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). After retiring from a 32 year career with Dun and Bradstreet in New York, Wesson returned to Bertie County. Since then, he has served on the Board of Directors for NC Association of County Commissioners, was elected to the Bertie County Board of Commissioners in 2012, is active in the Bertie County Chamber of Commerce, Windsor Rotary Club, Bertie-Hertford Community Foundation, and serves on the Advisory Board for Patient & Family Care - Vidant Bertie. He is the Executive Director of the Nellie Ward Wesson Scholarship Foundation and Director of Internal Affairs for Pleasant Oak Missionary Baptist Church. He is married to Dr. Patricia Wesson.

MCC SGA Members Attend N4CSGA Conference



Four members of MCC's Student Government Association (SGA) attended the N4CSGA spring conference in Durham on March 30. Pictured above from left to right are Jasmine Howard, Alayna Spratt, Cecelia "Cici" Hyman, and Princess Foster. MCC's Counselor and SGA Advisor, Vanessa Tripp, also attended the event. Hyman stated, "I loved the entire experience. It was great to meet other SGA members and learn about other colleges. Everyone was hospitable and friendly. I wish I could have stayed another day!" MCC's SGA will be reorganizing this fall. If you are interested in participating, please contact MCC's Student Counselor, Vanessa Tripp.

Pam Perry, MCC's Lucky Librarian



MCC's Lucky Library Assistant Pam Perry (pictured above left) won a door prize of \$1,000 worth of books for the MCC Library at the North Carolina Community College Library Association Conference held at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College in March. The door prize was offered by SEBCO Books from our favorite book vendor, Jim Parker. The books will be primarily non-fiction. MCC's Library Director, Mary Anne Caudle (pictured above right) states, "If anyone else would like to borrow Pam to take to a conference for the good of the college, she loves to travel."

A message from Dr. Deborah Wyman...

Certifications from independent associations/organizations may be valuable to you and some employers! Explore certifications at [careeronestop.org](https://www.careeronestop.org) by visiting this URL: <https://www.careeronestop.org/site-search.aspx?keyword=certifications> (additional fees may apply)

McCann catches some LIGO (gravitational) waves during Spring Break



MCC's Chemistry Instructor, Dr. Michael McCann (pictured above), visited the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) lab in Louisiana during spring break in late April. LIGO actually consists of two labs in the United States - one in Hanford, Washington and the other in Livingston, Louisiana - operated in unison to detect gravitational waves. The facilities use multi-kilometer-scale gravitational wave detectors and laser light to measure the minute ripples in space-time caused by passing gravitational waves from cataclysmic cosmic events such as colliding neutron stars or black holes, or by supernovae.

The facilities were designed to open the field of gravitational-wave astrophysics through the direct detection of gravitational waves predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. In 2015, LIGO made its first detection of gravitational waves, generated by a pair of colliding black holes some 1.3 billion light years away.

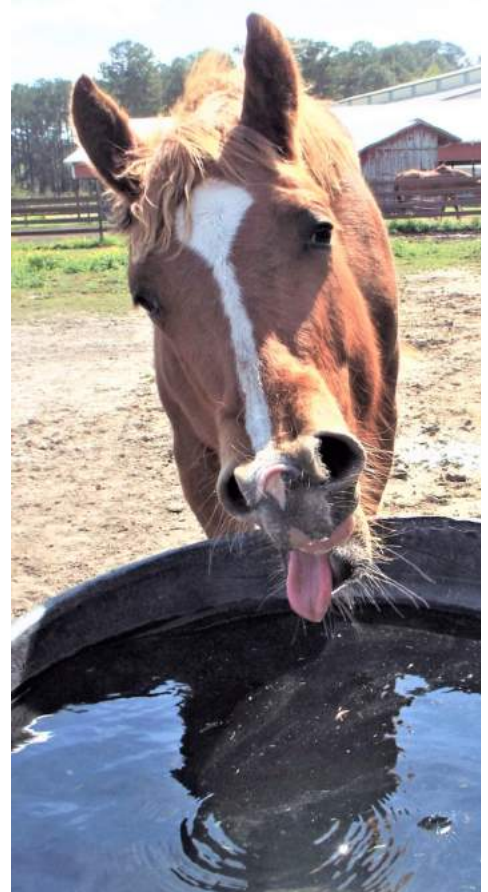
LIGO is funded by the U.S. National Science Foundation and operated by the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). What a great experience to share with our students!

Dr. Rogers talks to MCC students about research ethics



Pictured above is Dr. Carlisle Rogers (center) with his mother and MCC English Instructor Marsha Rogers and MCC Biology Instructor Kim Matthews. Dr. Rogers spoke to their students about the history and importance of research ethics. He is a professor and researcher at ECU.

An unlikely combination of classes, an English class and a biology class, joined each other to hear a lecture on the history and importance of research ethics by Dr. Carlisle Rogers on April 29. Ms. Marsha Rogers English class had been studying the NY Times Bestseller book, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot. The book chronicles the events that led to Lacks' immortalized cell line (now called HELA) becoming the base of invaluable cancer research since the 1950's. Matthews' biology class were interested in learning more about research ethics. After citing many cases of questionable medical ethics, from Henrietta Lacks to Elizabeth Holmes' now bankrupt Theranos Company, Dr. Rogers encouraged the students to be smart and discerning science consumers. Light refreshments and conversation followed the lecture. MCC appreciates Dr. Roger's visit to our campus!



Whuz up with Moxie?

Moxie, MCC's 1 year old filly, (pictured above), has gained 66 pounds since March and now weighs in at 689 pounds. MCC's Barn Manager, Mary Dalcourt reports that Moxie is very sassy and has been assigned to an MCC student intern this summer. The intern will work with Dalcourt to develop an MLO (measurable learning objectives) plan for Moxie and spend the summer training her to meet those objectives. According to Dalcourt, "Moxie will be learning about manners this summer. She will also be assigned a stall - like the big horses."

Hales is new BLET Coordinator



Clifton "Cliff" Hales, a recently retired administrative Captain and 28-year veteran of the Washington Police Department (WPD) in Washington, N.C., has been selected as the new Coordinator of Martin Community College's (MCC) Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program. He started on May 1.

During his service with the WPD, Hales served in every division from patrol to administration. He also has extensive teaching experience with more than 19 years of instruction for Beaufort County Community College's BLET program as well as the its Associate of Criminal Justice program for more than 10 years. Hales holds a general instructor certification along with several specialty instructor certifications.

Hales graduated from Mt. Olive College in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal justice and completed the nationally accredited Administrative Officers Management program at NC State University. He

also completed the FBI's (Federal Bureau of Investigation) Law Enforcement Executive Development Association training, earning its Trilogy Award and acceptance for membership. Hales is also a graduate of the Coastal Plains Training Center's "Management Development" program, which is a year-long academy of various courses in management and supervision. Hales also holds state certification in the Criminal Investigators' Certification Program.

Hales states, "I am excited about this opportunity to serve as MCC's BLET Coordinator. I am looking forward to building on the work of those who came before me, and to enhancing both the training and the reputation of the BLET program."

Hales is a longtime resident of Beaufort County and is the proud father of three daughters.

Hales has scheduled the next BLET program to start on June 17. The BLET Curriculum is designed to prepare entry-level individuals with the cognitive and physical skills needed to become certified law enforcement officers in North Carolina. The course covers 640 hours of study within 36 total blocks of instruction including; Physical Fitness, Firearms, Law Enforcement Driving Training, Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure, Motor Vehicle Law, Techniques of Traffic Enforcement, Patrol Techniques, Sheriff's Responsibilities, Rapid Deployment, etc. All of these classes are conducted on the MCC campus with the exception of driver training and firearms.

Students who are accepted into this program will cover the most current law enforcement information available, take part in practical exercises and cover an extensive ethics section that is woven throughout the training experience. It takes approx-

imately 16 weeks to complete and concludes with a comprehensive written exam and skills testing.

Upon successful completion of the BLET State Comprehensive Written Examination, the BLET trainee has one year from the date of the State Comprehensive Examination to be duly appointed and sworn as a law enforcement officer in North Carolina. However, most agencies include an additional period of field training.

In order to accommodate people who work during the day, this BLET course will be offered at night, Monday through Friday, and every other weekend during the day time. According to Hales, "These hours make the profession of law enforcement more accessible to those who are seeking a new and fulfilling career."

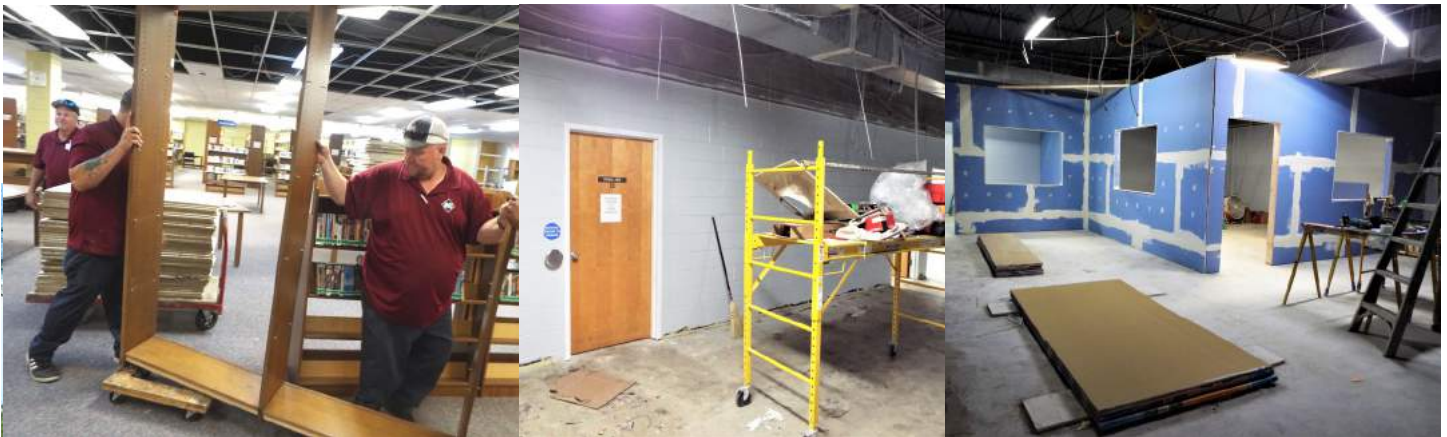
Those interested in applying for the BLET program at MCC must complete a packet of information and forms no later than June 14, 2019. The packets may be downloaded from the MCC website, <https://www.martincc.edu> or obtained in person or by mail from Lena Jackson or Cliff Hales. To obtain a packet or for more information about the BLET program at MCC, contact Hales at clifton.hales@martincc.edu or 252-789-0267.

Although the tuition for BLET is generally covered through a sponsoring law enforcement agency, there are costs for books and uniforms for this program. Thanks to a generous gift from the State Employees Credit Union (SECU), scholarships to cover these expenses may be available to qualified students. Hales can assist students in accessing the scholarship applications. Applicants are encouraged to register early in order to complete all of the paperwork and apply for scholarships.

Campus Renovations Continue at Frenetic Pace



Campus renovations are continuing at a frenetic pace. The new Academic Skills Lab (formerly the print shop and Foundation office, pictured above) should be ready for students this Fall. The Library (pictured in the middle panel) will offer more study rooms and a fresh new interior. The campus in Windsor (pictured at the bottom) has had all of its trim painted red and steps to the roof added. The Cashier's office is also undergoing major changes with a new ceiling, carpet and fresh paint. The Public Safety Training Facility is well underway and the sign for the front of building 1 has been constructed and should be in place before the end of the summer. The MCC Buildings and Grounds Committee will soon be reviewing the bids for public safety and equine modular classrooms.



MCC Equine Instructor Trains a “Super” Nova for Mustang Makeover!



MCC's Equine instructor, Carey Stewart will be heading back to Lexington, Kentucky with her "super star," Nova, on June 18 to compete in the Extreme Mustang Makeover. The contest will be held June 20-22. Stewart has spent nearly 100 days training the 4-year old Nevada-born mare, which was completely wild when she picked her up on February 22. Nova has been to the mountains and beaches of NC (pictured on next page) and competing in a variety of shows. Pictured below left is Stewart with Nova at the Everything Equine Extravaganza on June 7-9 and above right are the pair at the Holiday Classic Horse Show in Raleigh in April.

Nova made her trainer proud at the Extravaganza event. Stewart states, "Not only did Nova place in two events, she did great in the pen with traffic, listening to my cues, and handling all the stuff going on at the show grounds. She also did amazing with the obstacles in the trail and ranch classes that I entered her in." Pictured above left is Stewart riding Nova on her first trail ride. (Cont. next page...)



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Also competing in the Mustang Makeover is MCC alumna and Stewart's former classmate Courtney Wexler. She works at Red Apple Farms just down the road from the College. Wexler's horse, Kayha, (pictured middle left with Stewart and Nova) is a two and half year old mare.

As one might imagine, the bond between a trainer and their horse can become a strong one and this is certainly the case for Stewart, as pictured below left. After the Mustang Makeover competition concludes on June 22, the horses will be auctioned off to raise money to rescue more wild horses.

Stewart knew early on in the training process that she would be bidding on Nova. Nova's exceptional intelligence and smaller stature make her a perfect fit for Stewart's small children and involvement in MCC's Equine Training program. Thus, Stewart has mounted a fund raising campaign to assist her in raising money for the mustang auction. She is selling sky blue T-shirts emblazoned with a mustang (that looks a lot like Nova - pictured below) and Nova's brand from the Bureau of Land Management under the image. The shirts are only \$20 and can be purchased directly from Stewart.

Good luck in Lexington Carey!

MCC's DA students make great impressions!



Pictured above are Morgan Brunell (Tarboro, NC) and Georgia Balance (Macclesfield, NC). They taught children at Eastern Elementary School in Washington, NC about the importance of good oral hygiene and health during Dental Health Education Month in February.



Pictured with ECU's mascot, Pee Dee the Pirate, from left to right are Morgan Brunell (Tarboro, NC), Haley Jensen, both from Chocowinity, NC and Tori Jackson of Ponzer, NC. Also participating in the event were Daisy Warren (Greenville, NC), Georgia Ballance (Fairfield, NC). They were assisting with the annual Give Kids a Smile Day in Greenville, NC. ECU's School of Dental Medicine, College of Nursing and Brody School of Medicine, the Pitt County Health Department, and the James and Connie Maynard Children's Hospital at Vidant Medical Center sponsored the event.

February was Dental Health Education Month, and several MCC Dental Assisting students visited three elementary schools in the area to teach young students about good dental hygiene. The MCC students prepared an educational presentation about the importance of good oral health. They taught the children about "sugar bugs" and how they attack teeth and cause cavities and how to fight the "sugar bugs" through proper brushing and flossing as well as regular visits (every six months) to the dentist. In all, the MCC students handed out 400 gift bags with tooth brushes, toothpaste and floss.

Morgan Brunell and Georgia Balance visited Eastern Elementary School in Washington, NC. Kaitlyn Vick, Daisy Warren, and Tori Jackson taught children at Pictolus Elementary School in Pitt County and Brianna Abrams and Haley Jensen went to Rogers Elementary School in Williamston, NC. MCC is very proud of these students for representing our school and volunteering in the community.

On February 1, all of MCC's Dental Assisting students participated in the 17th Annual Give Kids a Smile Day in Greenville, NC. This event, organized by the East Central Dental Society, provided nearly \$40,000 worth of free dental care to disadvantaged children. Eighty young patients each received a dental cleaning, fluoride treatment as well as having their blood pressure, height, weight, body mass index and vaccination history recorded. Of those eighty, there were six crowns, 23 extractions, 42 fillings, 88 x-rays, and 118 sealants. MCC's Dental Assisting students participate each year.

Give Kids a Smile Day originated in 2002 when two Missouri dentists gave free dental care to nearly 400 children. It has grown to a nationwide event held on the first Friday in February to kick off National Children's Dental Health Month. Since its inception, the movement has served more than 5.5 million children.

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lieve in themselves and to build on their accomplishments.



Daniel Price, MCC's 2019 Commencement Speaker

Dr. Deryl Fulmer, MCC's Dean of Academics Affairs then joined the Division Chairs in presenting the program awards and recognized the Distinguished Graduate for the 2018-19 Academic Year. To be eligible to receive a Program Award, a student must be a candidate for graduation, have a minimum overall GPA of 3.00, possess outstanding qualities in cooperation and initiative, and be nominated by a full-time faculty member (advisor). The "Program Award" denotes a student's excellence in a particular MCC program.

The graduates receiving Program Awards were as follows: Seung Jun Lee for Associate in Arts, Stephanie Lynn Powell for Associate in General Education, Erica Trejo for Associate in Science, Tyler Daniel Hopkins for Business Administration, William Owen Hayes for Commercial Refrigeration Technology, Jasmine Howard for Cosmetology, Jennifer

Mondragon for Early Childhood Education, Justin Toole for Electrical Systems Technology, Taylor Nicole Cavezza for Equine Business Technology, Megan Caroline Johnson for Equine Training Technology, D'Jara Outerbridge Browning for General Occupational Technology, Markus Stancil for Industrial Systems Technology, Melissa Maranda Thompson for Medical Assisting, Nichole Williams for Medical Office Administration, Cecille Annette Hyman for Office Administration, and Dustin Mann for Physical Therapist Assistant.

The Academic Excellence Award was then presented to Jason Phelps. Phelps an Electrical Systems Technology student, is a student ambassador and a member of Alpha Beta Gamma Honor Society.



Jason Phelps, MCC's 2019 Academic Excellence Award Winner

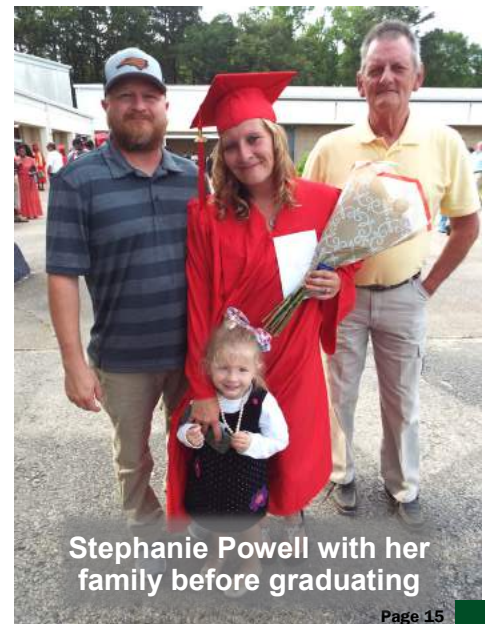
MCC's 2019 Distinguished Graduate award, which is based on scholarship, civic engagement, and demeanor, was presented to LaTeah Rodgers (pictured on page

1). Rodgers was nominated by her Cosmetology Instructor, Curtis Hyler. Hyler stated, "This student has experienced many challenges in her life. She has proven by example that you can reach your goals by not giving up on yourself. Despite suffering a stroke in 2011 that left her unable to walk or communicate for several months, with God's help, she fought her way back, and in 2017 enrolled in MCC's Cosmetology program."

Hyler continues, "LaTeah never hesitates to help her classmates or clients. ... She always has a positive comment to share and often says, 'Things are going to get better.'...She is very deserving of this recognition."

Rodgers was then invited to be seated on the stage and participate in the remainder of the Graduation Ceremony.

MCC's Acting President, Dr. Brian Busch, and Vice Chairman of MCC's Board of Trustees, Rick Cowan, then joined Fulmer to confer 121 credentials to graduates participating in the ceremony. More than 200 degrees, diplomas and certificates were awarded during the 2018-19 Academic Year.



Stephanie Powell with her family before graduating

Godwin is Featured EMS Presenter



MCC's EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Coordinator, Carla Godwin (pictured above left), was invited to be a presenter at the annual Northeast North Carolina Educational Seminar. The event was held May 20-22 at Jennette's Pier in Nags Head and is co-sponsored by the College of the Albemarle and Dare County EMS. Godwin was one of many EMS professionals from across the state who were invited to participate. She spoke about the history and evolution of EMS. The event provides training for EMS, Rescue, Fire, Law Enforcement, and 911 personnel. Also attending and presenting was Washington County's EMS Director, Jennifer O'Neal (pictured above with Williamston's Fire Chief, William Peaks). O'Neal is also a frequent instructor for MCC's EMS programs. Congratulations to Godwin and O'Neal for being recognized leaders in the EMS profession!

MCC's New Mascot is Official!



After numerous revisions and committee discussions, MCC finally has a new mascot! The Martin Mustang was a natural choice thanks to MCC's long standing Equine programs and a campus teeming with horses. Soon you will be seeing this Mustang all over the campus, and on promotional materials! T-shirts, hoodies, hats, etc. will be available on the MCC Bookstore web page by August.

MCC's Spring 2019 Honor Roll

Martin Community College (MCC) has released the names of its students on the President's and Dean's lists for the Spring of 2018 Semester. To make the President's List a student must have achieved a 4.0 gpa (grade point average) for the semester and have taken a minimum of 12 credit hours. Dean's List students must have achieved at least a 3.5 gpa for the semester and have taken a minimum of 12 credit hours.

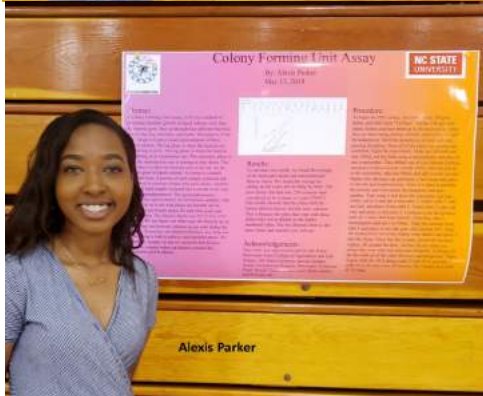
Those on the President's List are: Levi Ambrose, Lisa Armstrong, Julie Askew, Jessica Beacham, Shameka Best, Kristin Buck, Daniel Castello, Sarah Flanagan, Princess Foster, Brittany Gibson, Jordyn Gray, John Gurganus, Kasey Hall, Lauren Hardison, Pristina Harrell, William Hayes, Elisabeth Heath, James Holliday, Tyler Hopkins, Kaylee Jackson, Megan Johnson, Lauren Lassiter, Dustin Mann, Clara Moseley, Anna Noell, Vivek Patel, LaTeah Rodgers, Kendra Spruill, Zachary Styons, Amanda Vick, Julia Ward, Amy White, Amy Williams, Taylor Williams, and Katelyn Winslow.

Those on the Dean's List are: Phyllis Barber, Alexia Binns, Jasmine Birdo, Wyatt Blackburn, Taylor Cavezza, Keith Clark, Kirsten Cooper, Andrea Dail, Madison Davis, Tammy Earley, Ladrika Faison, John Griffin, Christopher Hardison, Britney Harrell, Crystal Holliday, Jasmine Howard, Marques Jeffreys, Ashlynn Lee, Seung Lee, Rosario Lilley, Jesenia Martin-Garcia, Logan Modlin, Emily Owens, Stephanie Powell, Ibrahim Romero, Richard Rowley, Kichelle Sherrod, Hannah Silverthorne, Evan Singlar, Demonte Speller, Mary Stoneburner, Keshona Swain, Melissa Thompson, Mikaela Valovick, Marlen Villegas, Ashlei Vogleson, Katlyn Ward, Tyler Wilkins, and Ashley Williams.

BECHS Students Continue to Amaze at Biotechnology Symposium



Caiyah Jones



Alexis Parker



Qudre Joyner



Ashley Bell

Bertie Early College High School (BECHS) in Windsor, sponsored its fourth annual Biotechnology Symposium on May 13. The event was organized by the school's science teacher, Mr. Bruce Boller.

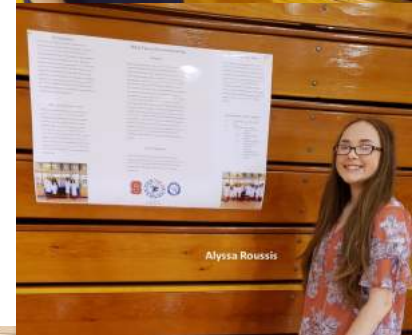
The purpose of the symposium is to showcase his students' impressive work and knowledge in relationship to a school year spent developing and producing research-quality recombinant (genetically modified) proteins. The students accomplish this through cloning, expressing, purifying, and validating the recombinant proteins. During the event, students described in detail the part they played in developing a mini-biotech company.

Started grant funding from Burroughs Wellcome in 2015, Boller joined forces with Dr. Matt Koci of NC State University's (NC State) College of Agriculture and Life Science's Pre-stage Department of Poultry Science to create the "Falcon Biomanufacturing" project.

BECHS was established in 2008 through a partnership with NC new Schools, NC State and Martin Community College (MCC). BECHS students are able to earn two years of college credit that can be transferred to a four-year university. The students' work and knowledge was impressive.



Maria Medina



Alyssa Roussis



Mark Phillips

Bruce Boller

Dr. Matt Koci



2019 GED® Grads Recognized



There were 19 MCC graduates of which 8 participated in the graduation. The students included Clinton Outlaw, Jason Price, Rashad Gilliam, Ashton Swindell, Austen Pruet, Sabrina Williamson, and Shameka Rascoe. Graduate Jamie Speller is not pictured.

MCC's 2019 High School Equivalency Graduation Ceremony was held on May 9th in the College auditorium. There were 19 MCC graduates of which 8 participated in the graduation. The participants included Clinton Outlaw, Jason Price, Rashad Gilliam, Ashton Swindell, Austen Pruet, Sabrina Williamson, Shameka Rascoe, and Jamie Speller.

The program started with the processional by Linda Brown, instructor for the High School Equivalency Program. The welcome was given by MCC's acting President, Dr. Brian Busch and Nathan Mizell, Dean of Continuing Education, introduced the speakers.

A poem, written by graduate Rashad Gilliam, was read and Dr. Deryl Davis Fulmer, Dean of Aca-

demic Affairs, gave the commencement comments. Charlotte Griffin, the MCC Foundation Board President, then presented scholarships to every graduate. Thanks to MCC's Foundation, each GED graduate has a scholarship for up to 6 credit hours of curriculum instruction at MCC. Three students, Austen Pruet, Jamie Speller, and Ashton Swindell were also awarded additional \$500 essay-based scholarships.

Candance Bryant-Whitehurst, MCC's Testing Coordinator, then presented the candidates for their credential. Dr. Busch and Rick Cowan, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented each graduate with their diploma. Dr. Busch followed up with congratulatory remarks, and Linda Brown closed the program with recessional music.

REAL Crisis Intervention

REAL Crisis Intervention, Inc. is a non-profit agency offering free 24/7 counseling and an extensive referral service. REAL provides: Counseling, Information & Referral, Sexual Assault Services, Advocacy, Suicide Intervention/Prevention, Pitt Resource Connection, Dial-A-Teen, Community Resource Connection, and Outreach/Education. They are located at 1011 Anderson Street, in Greenville, NC. You may contact REAL in the following ways: by phone at 252-758-4357, by email at realcrisis@embarqmail.com, or on the web at www.realcrisis.org



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PTA Hosts Health Fair



MCC's PTA (Physical Therapist Assistant) students joined forces with MCC's other Allied Health programs; Dental Assisting, Medical Assistant, EMS, and Continuing Education Health Care Programs on May 1 to host a Health Fair for Seniors. The event was part of the PTA students' final project and grade. The students split up into groups of two or three and prepared booth displays about various aspects of senior health - skin health, fall prevention, geriatric depression, nutrition, bladder health, arthritis, cardio-pulmonary disease, and aging brains. Students were required to collect and present factual information related to their topic and present their information in a tri-fold brochure as well as a table top display. They were also graded on how they met the public and explained their topic verbally. The students did an impressive job!



MCC's Open House and Hair Affair Highlights from May 2



Mother and daughter models Taylor Tucker (CCP student) and her mom Christy



Father and daughter models Katie Lewis and her dad Jeff (MCC Maintenance Dept.)



IT Instructor Vickie Murphy and Business Instructor Deborah Wyman



Models and MCC Cosmetology students Princess Foster and Hannah Silverthorne

MCC Offers Two New Degree Programs This Fall



Welding

Welding students are provided with the science, technology, and applications essential for successful employment in the welding and metalworking industry. Instruction includes consumable and non-consumable electrode welding and cutting processes. Courses may include math, print reading, metallurgy, welding inspection, and destructive and non-destructive testing providing the student with industry-standard skills developed through classroom training and practical application. Graduates may be employed as entry-level technicians in welding and metalworking industries. Career opportunities also exist in construction, manufacturing, fabrication, sales, quality control, supervision, and welding-related self-employment.

Entrepreneurship (Completely Online)

This all-online degree program presents the knowledge and skills necessary for self-employed business owners to operate and grow. Students will develop the ability to make informed decisions as future business owners. Courses include entrepreneurial concepts learned in innovation and creativity, business funding, and marketing. Additional course work includes computers and economics.



Martin Memos

- June - Aug 15 - General Registration for Fall Semester continues
- June 25 - MCC Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 14, Building 1
- July 4 - MCC Closed for America's Birthday
- July 15 - Health Care Orientation, 5:30 p.m., Room 14, Building 1
- July 16 - MCC Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 14, Building 1
- August 5 - Summer hours end, regular work hours resume
- August 12 - Faculty Workday / Convocation
- August 15 - Fall Semester starts