

## Meet MCC's New Student Success and Transition Advisory Team

### Griffin is MCC's New Student Success Specialist



**Michelle Griffin**

A familiar face has been hired to fill MCC's new Student Success Specialist / High School Liaison position - Adjunct English and Communications Instructor, Michelle Griffin. She will be working through the Student Services Department to build close working relationships with our local public, private and charter schools and encourage new MCC students to complete their first year successfully.

Griffin, a resident of Robersonville, earned her BS degree in Education with a concentration in English from ECU and her Master of Arts in Liberal Studies from UNC - Greensboro. She also holds an AAS Degree in Medical Office Technology from Lenoir Community College.

Griffin has worked as an Adjunct Instructor at MCC since

2013. Prior to that, she worked as a teacher more than 12 years in NC Public and private schools.

Griffin is well known among MCC's students for her encouragement and kindness. Student success is her primary goal for her students.

Griffin's office is located in Building 4. She can be reached via email at [michelle.griffin@martincc.edu](mailto:michelle.griffin@martincc.edu).



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**Completion by Design (CbD) has a simple, pioneering vision: working collaboratively can create integrated institutional policies, practices, processes and culture at institutional scale that both provide personalized student experiences and improve student performance and completion outcomes.**

### McGhee joins MCC's Transition Advisors' Team



**Rose McGhee**

One of MCC's new Student Success Specialists is a familiar face, Willette "Rose" McGhee. Since 2001, McGhee has worked as a part-time instructor for both traditional and nontraditional students in MCC's Division of Continuing Education. Most recently, she was teaching at Bertie Correctional Institution (BCI) in Windsor. She now joins Michelle Griffin as part of the Student Services team working with new MCC students to encourage them to successfully complete their first year of college.

McGhee, a lifetime resident of Williamston, earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Mount Olive University and her Masters of Science degree from Walden University.

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She is currently working toward a doctorate in Education - also at Walden.

While teaching at BCI, McGhee assisted in registering and enrolling students, evaluated student performance through conventional exams as well as other testing modalities, advised and counseled students relative to their educational and career goals and assessed and evaluated student retention and persistence. Each of these skills make McGhee a particularly good fit for MCC's Student Success Specialist's position.

McGhee's office is located in Building 4. She can be reached via email at [rose.mcghee@martincc.edu](mailto:rose.mcghee@martincc.edu).

**Bishop is BCS' Transition Advisor****Montez Bishop**

Another MCC Student Success Specialist is Montez Bishop. He joined the staff on July 10.

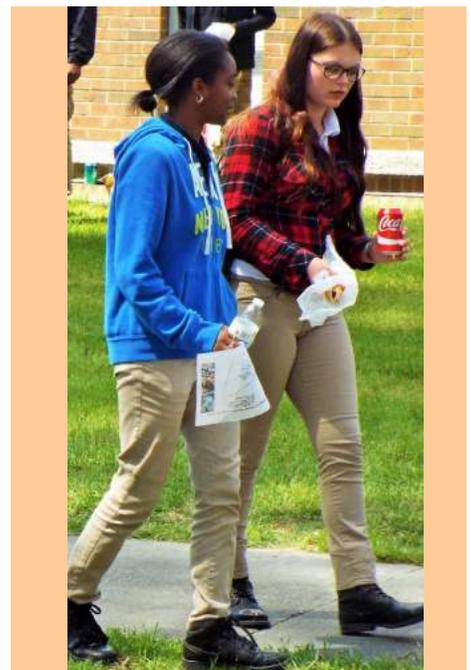
Bishop began his higher education in 2002, with the Basic Law Enforcement Training at Halifax Community College. He then went on to earn his Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Mount Olive in Mt. Olive, NC. He is currently working toward completion of a Masters of Public Administration degree through Walden University.

Prior to joining the MCC staff, Bishop was an Admissions Representative University of Mount Olive (UMO) since July 2016. While at UMO, he counseled and recruited prospective students, conducted MOU presentations for various groups and attended recruiting events. Bishop also worked at Miller-Motte College as an Admissions Representative.

Before embarking on a career in education, Bishop worked in

law enforcement, first as a Deputy for the Hertford County Sheriff's Department, followed by 10 years with Vidant Company Police Department as a Lieutenant. He is also a Certified General Law Enforcement Instructor.

Bishop's office is located in Building 4. He can be reached at extension 320 or via email at [Montez.bishop@martincc.edu](mailto:Montez.bishop@martincc.edu).

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## Nixon and Warren join MCC's Transition Advisors Team



**Kinsey Warren**

MCC's newest Transition Advisors are Kinsey Warren and Kanon Nixon.

Warren started in her position on July 31 and is working directly with students at South Creek High School.

Nixon joined the staff on August 1 and is currently working primarily with students on the MCC Campus.

Warren, a life long resident of Martin County, came to MCC from a diverse background of corporate management and sales. She has managed multiple medical offices including - Urgent Care in Washington and My Eye Doctor offices in Garner and Wake Forest. She has also worked extensively in sales and sales management for Turner Broadcasting and the Carolina Hurricanes.

Warren, a graduate of Wil-



**Kanon Nixon**

Williamston High School, has earned two degrees from UNC at Chapel Hill, one in Psychology - Exercise and the other in Sports Science.

Nixon comes to MCC from ECU's Career Services Department. While there, he assisted students with admissions, choosing academic programs and course election. He also recruited, taught students on academic probation, presented career related workshops and assisted with career fairs.

Having grown up in Chowan County, Nixon graduated from John A. Holmes High School. He then continued his academic career at ECU where he earned BA's in Business Administration and Psychology. He went on to earn his Masters Degree in Counselor Education this year and work as an intern at McClammy Counseling and Re-

search Laboratory.

Warren's office on the MCC campus is in Building 4, room 23A, and her office extension is 299. Warren may be reached via email at [kinsey.warren@martincc.edu](mailto:kinsey.warren@martincc.edu).

Nixon's office on the MCC campus is also located in Building 4 room 23B. He will maintain an office at Bertie High School as well. He can be reached at extension 298 or via email at [kanon.nixon@martincc.edu](mailto:kanon.nixon@martincc.edu).

