

Celebrating



Years
1967 - 2017

Annual Report 2017



Bladen Community College

A black and white photograph of five young people, three men and two women, peering over a brick wall. They are looking towards the camera with neutral to slightly smiling expressions. The wall is made of light-colored bricks and has the name of the institution printed on it in large, dark, block letters.

BLADEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

The Making of a Community College

Chartered on October 5, 1967 under the authority of North Carolina General Statute 115A, Bladen Technical Institute opened its doors to students on December 16, 1967. Classes were limited to automobile mechanics, business skills, and nursing with classes convening in leased buildings scattered around the county. The Johnson Cotton Company building on Highway 701 South housed administration, a library, and a few classrooms. Other classes met in the original Elizabethtown Baptist Church and Marks Tractor Company in Clarkton. By September of 1968, the college added classes in cosmetology and industrial maintenance. Evening classes were now an option for working adults.

A message from the President

Bladen Community College is celebrating 50 years in Bladen County. In these five decades the college has grown from leased buildings around the county to a 41-acre brick and mortar community college. The curriculum of program offerings has expanded from the basic classes that were offered when the college first opened to 73 programs of study today. In addition, career readiness programs and a broad program for business and industry are offered through the college's continuing education program.

Bladen Community College excels in responding to the community's needs by offering programs that are appropriate for the county. The faculty and staff are the best in the state in supporting students as they prepare for life's work. For example, a student of the college was recently recognized as the North Carolina Community College System student of the year for the accomplishments achieved in the classroom. For the past decade, students have won or placed in the state competition of SkillsUSA, the program that recognizes the skills of students enrolled in technical programs. Bladen has a wide number of classes offered on-line through distance education with classes originating from the college. Bladen was the first community college in the state to seek and achieve national accreditation for the college's distance learning program. Fall 2018 will see the first class of ninth grade students enroll in Early College, a program of collaboration between the Bladen County Schools and Bladen Community College. Upon completion of the four years of the high school curriculum and one additional year of college courses, student will graduate with the associate degree. The program will be housed on the college campus.

Beginning this spring, the college will start construction on two major building projects, thanks to the 2016 state bond, and grants from The Golden LEAF Foundation, Bladen County, and local businesses. A Workforce and Technology Building and a STEM Building will both be built on the Dublin campus. All together, these two facilities will provide 30,000 square feet of instructional space. We are fortunate to have these new facilities that will enable the college to expand programs to meet the needs of the county.

While the college adds two new buildings with support from the county, improvements are continually being made to the 15 buildings currently on campus. Making Bladen Community College the primary educational and training resource for Bladen County residents is the goal that we will continually seek to achieve. We are appreciative of the support by this community and our funding agencies as we pursue this goal.

Sincerely,

William C. Findt

1967 - 2017





The Presidents

Col. George Irving Resseguie

December 16, 1967

Retired September 19, 1984

A native of Winchester, Virginia, George Irving Resseguie was known as an accomplished musician. As a 12 year old boy during the Great Depression years, he played the saxophone and clarinet in a professional dance band to earn income.

In 1940 he graduated from Virginia Technical Institute. A year later he entered the United States Army as a second lieutenant. During his 20 years of military service, he continued to play with professional bands, received a master's degree from the University of Tennessee, earned a bronze star, and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After retirement, he embarked on a career in education, serving as Dean of Vocational Education at Central Carolina Technical Institute. In 1967, the Board of Trustees of Bladen Technical Institute selected Resseguie to become the first president.

Throughout his nearly 17 years at Bladen Community College, he was known simply as *the colonel*, a nickname he embraced. His interest in music thrived and he frequently participated in musical events on campus. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America where he held the rank of Silver Beaver, scouting's second highest service award. A well-known swimming coach, he served as president of the Amateur Athletic Union for several terms and was inducted into the North Carolina Swimming Hall of Fame in 1988.

Col. Resseguie died on December 30, 1992.



Mr. Lynn Grey King, Sr.

May 1, 1985

Retired May 31, 1997

Lynn Grey King, Sr., a long-time advocate of education, was involved from the beginning in the efforts to establish a community college in Bladen County. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1967 until he became president in 1985.

A graduate of High Point College, Mr. King taught in public education both before and after serving two years in the US Army. He received a master's degree from East Carolina University in 1963. For the next 22 years, he was a principal in the Bladen County School System.

In 1985, Mr. King was named president of Bladen Technical College. Two years later, the name changed to Bladen Community College. During his administration, a new classroom and laboratory building was completed in 1988. The East Arcadia Center was negotiated, enrolling 80 students in 1995 and the Small Business Center was established on the main campus.

In 1997, construction on the nursing building began, a structure which would become the Lynn Grey King, Sr. Allied Health Building.

For his contributions to Bladen County, Mr. King received the governor's highest honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award. He retired in 1997, and died on December 5, 2011.



Dr. John Darrell Page

June 1, 1997

Retired June 30, 2008

Born in Waycross, Georgia, John Darrell Page served in the U.S. Army before teaching at South Stanly High School in Norwood, N.C. In 1974, he became Vice President, Dean, and Evening Director for Stanly Community College. Dr. Page moved to Bladen Community College in 1990 as Vice President of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. In 1997, the Board named him president of BCC.

During his tenure with Bladen Community College, the Allied Health Building was completed, the JobLink Center was established, and the college changed from a quarter system to a semester system, an action that facilitated articulation and transfer credits into four-year universities.

In 2005, a classroom building was constructed in East Arcadia.

On the Dublin campus, a classroom building adjacent to the industrial training facility was completed in 2006. With a \$1 million appropriation from a legislative grant, the welding and industrial maintenance buildings were expanded in 2008.

Dr. William Charles Findt

August 1, 2008

William Charles Findt, a native of Indiana, is a graduate of Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He completed his master's degree at Appalachian State University, and received his doctorate in higher education administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

He began his career as a social studies teacher in Garland. In 1974, Dr. Findt was named Dean of Continuing Education at Sampson Community College. He served as the Assistant Dean at Alamance Community College, followed by tenure at Somerset Community College in Somerset, Kentucky, where he was Dean of the College. In 1991, he began service to Mitchell Community College in Statesville, as Dean of Continuing Education, Vice President for Development, and Executive Vice President.

Dr. Findt began his tenure at BCC in 2008, by working to strengthen the college's infrastructure and foundational functions. Since his arrival, the college became the first nationally certified Distance Learning college in North Carolina and discussions began to bring an Bladen Early College program to the campus. A memorandum of understanding was signed to develop an educational collaboration with Polytechnical School in Panama City, Panama. For the first time in BCC history, a student received the Dallas Herring Achievement Award. This award is the highest student recognition given by the North Carolina Community College System.

He is active in the community as a member of the Lumber River Workforce Development Board, the Bladen County Partnership for Children Board, the local Chamber of Commerce, and the Elizabethtown Airport and Economic Development Commission. He is a past president of the Elizabethtown Rotary Club, and a past trustee of the Penick Village Retirement Center of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in Southern Pines.

He and his wife Jo-Anne have three daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandchildren.



The Making of a College

1967

October 5, 1967
Bladen Technical Institute
is chartered under the
authority of NC
General Statute 115A.



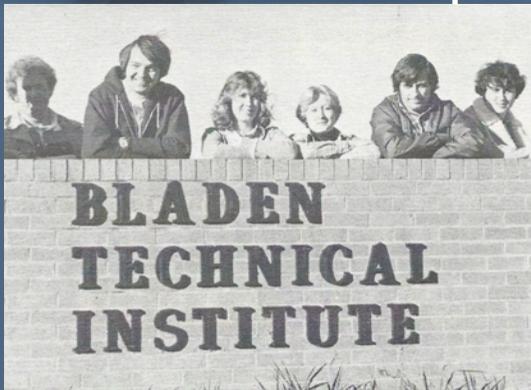
December 16, 1967
Col. George Irving Resseguie
begins his tenure as president
and registration begins
for students.



January 1968
Operations begin
with a limited
number of classes
in leased buildings
throughout
the county.



Johnson Cotton Company
houses classes.



Faculty members at Johnson Cotton Company building

1968

September 1968
Full scale
operations begin
with programs in
cosmetology,
executive
secretarial
science, business
administration,
industrial
maintenance,
automotive
mechanics, and
nursing assistant.
Evening classes
are offered.



1969

A property search team secures 25 acres of land near Dublin for what will become the permanent home of Bladen Community College. A portion of the site is donated by Dublin resident Roy Brisson. The remainder is purchased.



1970

Construction on the new campus begins.

1971

Spring 1971
Buildings 1 and 2 are completed, providing 27,000 square feet of facilities.

July 1971
All college operations move to the new location.

August 1971
Building 3 is completed and houses automotive mechanics.



1972

The present day criminal justice building is constructed to house the welding program. Instructor Emmett Guyton is pictured below.
The college has a softball team.

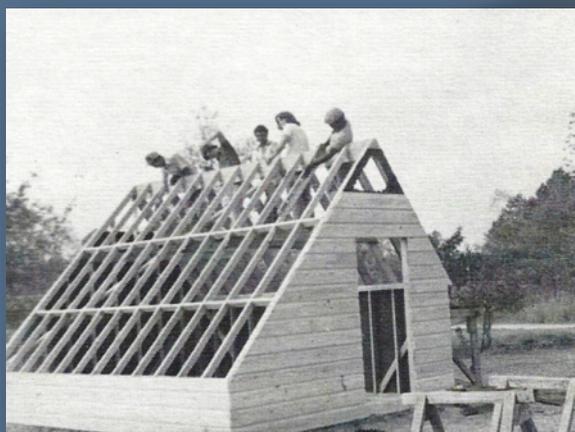


1973 - 1974

Two separate purchases of land add 16 acres to increase the campus to its present-day 41 acres.

In the summer of 1973, a 10,500 square foot shop complex is completed.

In the spring of 1974, a 3,600 square foot storage building is completed as a class project.



1975

Summer 1975
Construction begins on the Learning Enhancement Center, administrative building, and a multi-purpose building.



1976



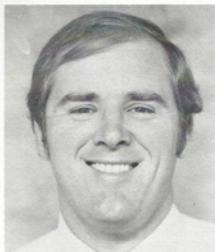
April 1976
The Learning Enhancement Center and administrative building are completed and occupied.

July 1976
The multi-purpose building, which is the present-day auditorium, is completed.

Fall 1976
The college is awarded full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

1978

The first college yearbook, the *APOGEE*, is published for the 1977-78 school year.



ADVISOR NOTE

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all those who helped make the *APOGEE* '78 a success. A list of all those who have helped in some way would be too extensive to even attempt. However, I would like to extend a special thank-you to Co-Editors Bonnie Jordan and Velma Manuel for their unending cooperation and also to Crystal Roberts, a special thanks for her willingness to help keep the ship afloat and safe.

On behalf of the annual staff, I would like to thank all of you for allowing us the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It is our prayer that *APOGEE* '78 will be a source of encouragement and strength to you both now and in the years to come.
Nash Hester



Registration takes place in the new multi-purpose building.



1979

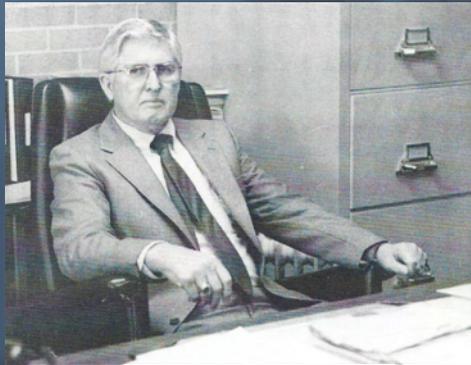
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1984



Carpentry class in 1984

1985



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1987

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Electrical engineering student in 1987



Student in the Learning Lab in 1984



Medical lab students in 1985



1985 Officers of the Ladies of Distinction club

1988

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1995

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1997

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JobLink Center is established on the main campus, connecting the college to the NC Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions, the Department of Social Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Telemon Corporation.

The college changes from the quarter system to a semester system to facilitate articulation with and transfer to four-year universities.

Construction begins on what will become the Lynn Grey King, Sr. Allied Health Building.



2005

A new building is constructed in East Arcadia.



2006



A new classroom building is completed adjacent to the industrial training facility.

2008



Dr. William Charles Findt becomes president of the college on August 1, 2008.

A \$1 million appropriation from a legislative grant allows expansion of the welding and industrial maintenance buildings.



2010

A \$3 million, 16,000 square feet Student Resource Center is opened.



2009

The infrastructure and foundational strength of the college becomes a priority. The college policies and procedures undergo evaluation and are brought into alignment with state community college standards. Emphasis is placed on strengthening fiscal accountability. The college sets goals to hire highly-qualified faculty and staff members. The actions prepare the college for growth in the 21st century.

2016

BCC student Willie Corbett earns the Dallas Herring Achievement Award, the highest student recognition given to a NC Community College System student.



2017

The Writing Center is established with a grant from the GlaxoSmithKline Foundation.



Trustee Dennis Troy is elected to the National Board of the Association of Community College Trustees.



2015

BCC becomes the area's first nationally certified Distance Learning College.



BCC signs a memorandum of understanding with the Instituto Politécnico Bilingüe Gosén, to facilitate communications and educational opportunities between BCC and Panamanian students.

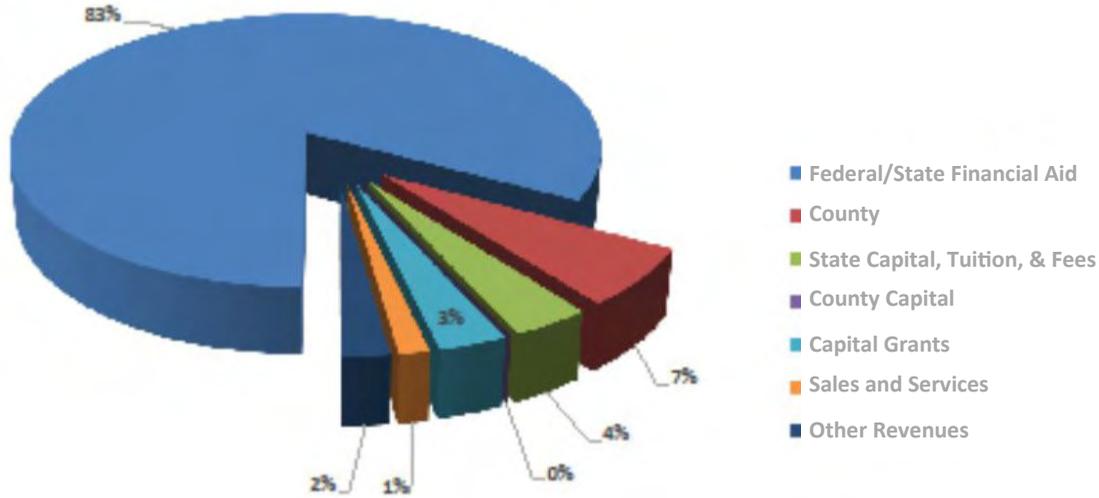


BCC students maintain a 13 year winning streak at SkillsUSA national competitions.

Discussions begin with the public school system to bring Early College to BCC.

Financial Accountability 2016 - 2017

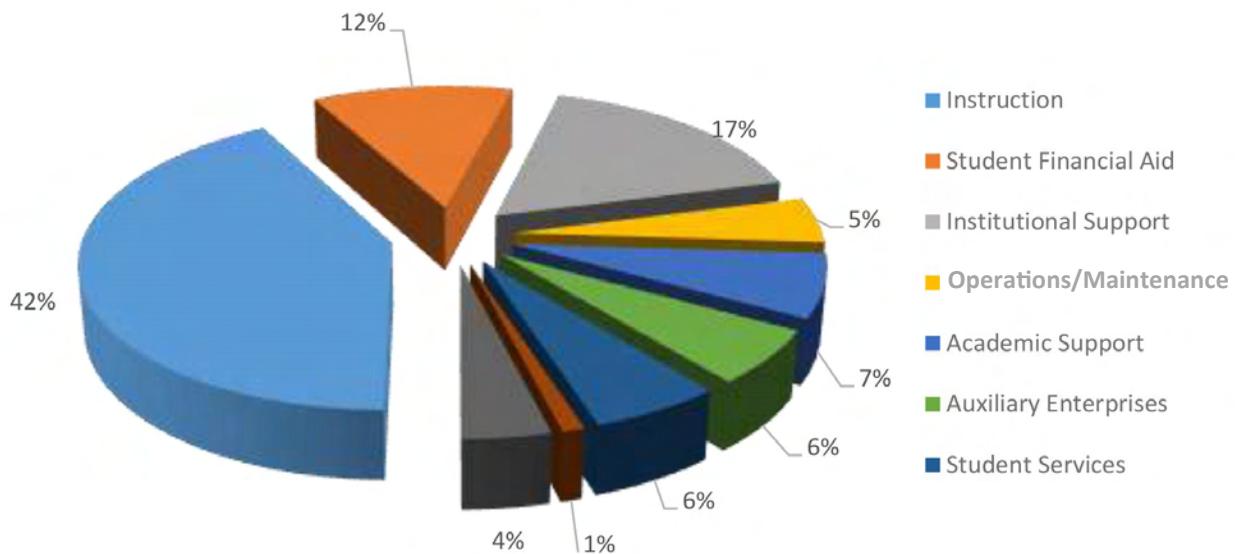
FY 2016 - 2017 REVENUE



Total Revenue \$13,904,689



FY 2016 - 2017 EXPENSES



Total Expenses \$13,904,689

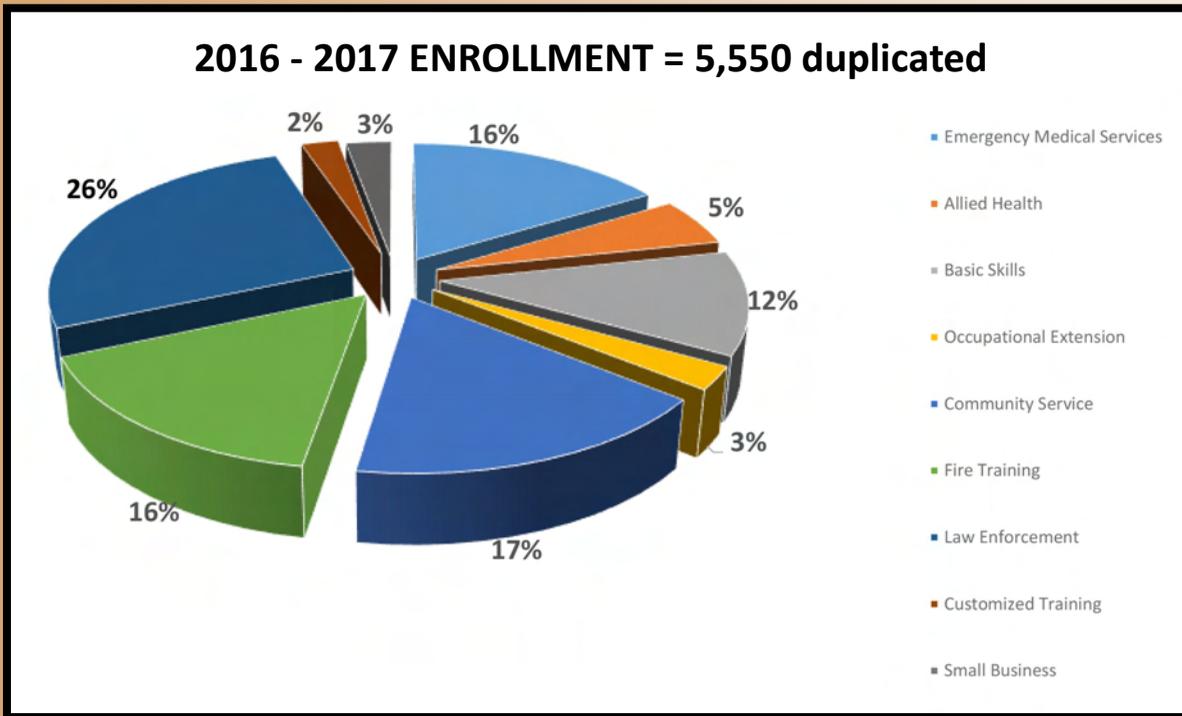


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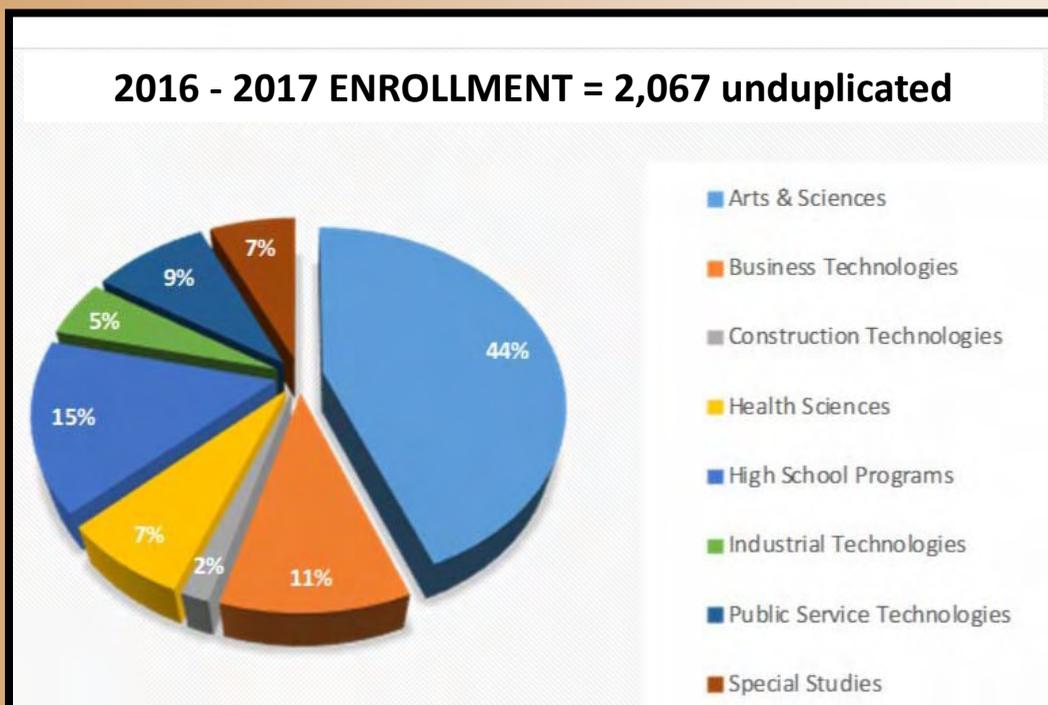
2016-2017 FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Received	Number of Recipients	Amount
Pell Grants	862	\$2,925,814
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	220	\$60,000
Federal Work-Study	41	\$51,218
Childcare	11	\$24,087
NC Community College Grants	140	\$78,676
NC Educational Lottery Scholarships	72	\$72,545
Targeted Assistance	49	\$4,973
BCC Foundation Scholarships	50	\$40,574
Wells Fargo Scholarship	1	\$500
Bladen County Commissioners Scholarships	21	\$14,862.80
State Employees Credit Union Scholarships	3	\$7,500
Golden LEAF Scholarships	25	\$14,631
Perkins Career & Technical Education Grant		\$66,250
Minority Male Success Initiative		\$18,472
NC Humanities Council Mini Grant		\$1,755
Smoke-free and Tobacco-free Community College Grant		\$3,200
Cannon Foundation		\$140,000
Duke Energy Foundation		\$9,750
NC GlaxoSmithKline Foundation		\$125,000
Bladen County Allocation		\$407,000

CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENT ENROLLMENT



CURRICULUM STUDENT ENROLLMENT





North Carolina Space Grant award recipient Savannah Schmidt

BCC welding student, Savannah Doyle Schmidt, was awarded the North Carolina Space Grant Community College Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Scholarship.

The Community College STEM Scholarship is based on academic merit and potential for successful matriculation into a 4-year degree program. It is the goal of the scholarship award to foster community college retention in STEM academic tracks through graduation or transfer to a four-year institution, to promote STEM career awareness and workplace skills while recognizing high academic achievement and promise, and to increase participation of all students, including underrepresented minorities, females, and students with disabilities, in STEM-related careers.

“I have always had an interest in learning how to weld,” remarked Schmidt. “I always thought if I ever learned, I would just do little things with it here and there. I never knew that once I signed up, I would love it as much as I do.”

In May of 2017, Schmidt won second place in Job Skills Presentation at the national SkillsUSA competition in Louisville, Kentucky. She plans to compete again in June of 2018.

The national SkillsUSA competition is the world’s largest showcase of skilled trades. More than 15,000 students, teachers, education leaders, and representatives from 600 national corporations, trade associations, businesses and labor unions participate in the event.

The SkillsUSA experience encourages professional growth and creative expression. While Schmidt does not consider herself to be an artist, she does enjoy working with metal.

“The fusion of metals is very fascinating, and seeing what you are creating through your shield is sometimes unbelievable,” she stated. “I have come to love and enjoy everything about it.”

Schmidt hopes to gain applied work experience for a few years after graduation and is considering becoming a Certified Welding Inspector. “I’d love to instruct and hopefully get students involved in SkillsUSA. Maybe I will have a fabrication and welding art business on the side.”

She stated, “I had no clue I would be where I am today and have accomplished so much in this short amount of time. All I did was sign up for a welding class. You never know where God is going to lead you.”

Students Enrolled In Continuing Education Programs - 5,550 duplicated

Students Enrolled In Curriculum Programs - 2,067 unduplicated

Student to Faculty Ratio - 13:1

Average Number of Students per Class - 15

Average Age of Students - 27 years

Number of Associate Degrees Awarded - 181

Number of Diplomas Awarded - 40

Number of Certificates Awarded - 139

Investing in OUR FUTURE...

At Bladen Community College, we are creating the future. We are breathing life into young adults whose dreams for the future are given a real chance to come true. Your financial support coupled with our dynamic and caring faculty, team-up to provide unparalleled opportunities to

invest in the future... **OUR FUTURE.** - Linda Burney, BCC Foundation Director

\$10,000 - \$50,000

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\$1,000 - \$1,499

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