

Halifacts

January, 2005

A publication of current events at Halifax Community College

Dentist On Board at Halifax Community College

Dr. Bill Blaylock maintains a general dentistry practice, N. B. Blaylock Jr., D.D.S., P.A. in Rocky Mount. He also provides much of his time to the Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Program. According to NC state law, the clinic must have a licensed dentist on board during operational hours.

"I am extremely impressed with the dental hygiene faculty at HCC. They are doing an excellent job preparing the students for a career in dental hygiene," said Blaylock.

Blaylock is credited with the establishment of the night dental clinic at HCC. The purpose of the clinic is to provide free dental care for patients. Area dentists from Nash, Edgecombe and Halifax counties provide services such as extractions and fillings, allowing HCC to offer even more professional care. The only criteria is that you must be a patient with the HCC Dental Hygiene clinic. The clinic is open one night a month from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

Blaylock was also instrumental in the establishment of the new Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax Dental Society Scholarship (NEH). This project is a partnership between dental professionals in Nash, Edgecombe, and Halifax Counties. The scholarship will provide financial support yearly to deserving second-year dental hygiene students in each of the three counties.

During the November 2004 NEH Dental Society meeting in Rocky Mount, HCC Foundation Director, Bonita Terry-Malone, spoke to the group and shared information about HCC and how the Society can help. The group was encouraged to establish a scholarship that would assist the students and give donors a 100% tax deduction.



Dr. Bill Blaylock, D.D.S. with the 2nd year Dental Hygiene Students.

Approximately \$9,000 was raised and the scholarship was established.

"I am extremely grateful to the members of the NEH Dental Society for their generous contributions," said Blaylock.

Because they wanted students to benefit immediately, Society members agreed to select recipients for the Spring 2005 semester. The NEH Dental Society plans to endow the scholarship for the Dental Hygiene Program to ensure future support. Guidelines will be based on student merit as well as academic performance.

Blaylock is originally from Rocky Mount. He attended University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the UNC School of Dentistry. He belongs to the NC Dental Society, the American Dental Association and the 5th District Dental Society. Blaylock resides in Rocky Mount with his wife, Lindy.



Members of the NEH Dental Society L to R: Dr. Kevin Schrimper, D.D.S., Dr. Hank Strickland, D.D.S. and Dr. Bill Blaylock, D.D.S.

Message from the President



Dr. Ted H. Gasper, Jr., HCC President

We have had many challenges this past year, and certainly we will have many more in the future. With a history of excellence and growth, Halifax Community College has demonstrated over the years that it will continue to reach new goals and set even higher standards. I would like to say thank you to the faculty and staff for striving to make Halifax Community College the best it can be.

Since the last edition of the *Halifacts*, we have experienced exciting and positive events on campus. Some are highlighted in this edition.

- ▶ In September, 133 scholarships were given to deserving students during the 17th Annual Celebration of Excellence Ceremony.
- ▶ In October, we welcomed guests to the new Wellness Center Open House.
- ▶ In November, Joyce Smith, HCC Nursing Instructor, one of five finalists for the Excellence in Teaching Award, was honored during the NCCCS Day of Recognition.

- ▶ Governor Mike Easley visited the campus and formally announced that Piezotronics (PCB), a high tech manufacturing company would begin operating in Halifax County.
HCC began providing vital training for the plant.

These highlights represent the diligence and loyalty of a talented team of professionals at Halifax Community College. These individuals work hard to move HCC to a greater place of excellence. While we will continue to strive for superiority, we recognize that it can be better accomplished with you - the community.

Please be encouraged to visit the campus. Come see what makes us great.

Thank you for supporting Halifax Community College.

Dr. Ted Gasper, Jr., Ed.D

Faculty Profile

HCC Instructor Recognized at NCCCS Ceremony



Joyce Smith, (second from left) along with Lillie Solomon, HCC Trustee Chairman, Eloise Hardee, HCC Nursing Instructor/Department Head and Dr. Ted H. Gasper, HCC President, attended the "Day of Recognition" Ceremony.

Joyce Smith, HCC Nursing Instructor, was recently honored at the State Board of Community Colleges North Carolina Community College System "Day of Recognition" ceremony, which was held at the RBC Center in Raleigh. She was among a select group of five finalists who represent the best teachers in the North Carolina Community College System.

The Excellence in Teaching program was established on October 10, 1985 by the State Board of the NC Community College System. This program is designed to provide recognition for full-time teachers who exemplify the highest quality standards of instruction and professionalism in the classroom and who consistently demonstrate excellence in service to their colleges and communities. The award is sponsored by the State Board of Community Colleges and endowed by R. J. Reynolds.

Smith has been a nursing instructor at Halifax Community College for over 25 years. She is a member of the Great 100 Nurses of NC, coordinator for 1st year nursing students, co-founder of the HCC Nursing Alumni Association, and a member of the NCNA District 17 Board of Directors. She received the Who's Who Among Teachers and Leaders Award in 2002 and was nominated again in 2004. Smith resides in Roanoke Rapids and is married with four children and 5 grandchildren.

Delores Amason, former HCC Dean of Student Services & Enrollment Management, was the 1997 Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient, and Dr. Pocahontas Jones, Dean of the Evening and Weekend College, was the 2003 Award Recipient.

Student Profile

HCC Student Addressed Annual Foundation Awards Ceremony



Katrina Whitaker

Katrina Whitaker, an HCC sophomore student, was the speaker at the 17th Annual Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Her speech, "Scholarships Make A Difference", paid homage to donors and the Foundation for their support to HCC students. She spoke of representing the non-traditional student. She, like many adult students, is returning to school to improve her life.

"I want a better life, and the support I receive at HCC says to me that I am deserving of that life and to keep pushing for it. This scholarship is a pat on the back and a strong loving hug. The donors honor me by having faith in my personal ability to achieve and the presentation of their gift encourages me to continue my success," she said.

Whitaker, currently enrolled in the Teacher Preparation Program, received the Gloria Amelia Maxwell and the North Carolina Trust Fund Scholarships. The mother of a 10-year old daughter and 6-year old son, Whitaker plans to finish her studies at HCC and pursue a career in the education field.

"I want to help children experience the joy of having a dream and actually seeing it become a reality," said Whitaker.

During the ceremony, 133 recipients were recognized and received awards from Dr. Ted Gasper, HCC President, Kenneth Brantley, HCC Trustee and Jack Bryan, HCC Foundation Chairman.

Tele-Centers Funded Through e-NC Grant

The North Carolina e-NC Authority has approved \$400,000 in funding for the establishment of two additional Business & Technology Telecenters. One will be located in Anson County and the other will be a partnership between Northampton and Halifax Counties.

The project involves a collaboration between HCC and the Roanoke Center in Rich Square. Both sites will offer business development services - each unique to their own missions.



Halifax Community College receives a \$400,000 grant from the e-NC Authority. Directing and supporting the project, l to r: Dr. Ted Gasper, HCC President, Bonita Terry-Malone, Director of Institutional Advancement & Executive Director, HCC Foundation, Vera Palmer, Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Curtis Wynn, Executive Vice-President and C.E.O., Roanoke Center.

The grant will be used at the Roanoke Center to provide technology services and resources, training programs, office space for lease and a business incubator to entrepreneurs, small businesses, local governments, and community organizations.

The Telecenter at HCC, which will operate through Continuing Education, will be a business development center with emphasis on helping develop and nurture small businesses. The center will provide space for prospective entrepreneurs to access Internet and other resources needed to jumpstart their businesses. It will also have a large, well-equipped conference room with teleconferencing capability. A technology assistant will be on hand to troubleshoot and provide hands-on assistance for clients.

In addition to funding two new telecenters, e-NC also contributes to two existing telecenters. Unlike the funding for the new centers, which came from NC General Assembly, monies for the existing Telecenters came from private funding.

The project was spearheaded by Willa Dickens, former HCC Director of the Small Business Center and Curtis Wynn, Executive Vice-President and C.E.O. of the Roanoke Center. The grant was written by Bonita Terry-Malone, Director of Institutional Advancement & Executive Director, HCC Foundation.

HCC Campus Fund-Drive - A Success

The Halifax Community College Foundation recently completed the 2004 Annual Campus Fund Drive to support the student scholarship program at the college.

According to Bonita Terry-Malone, HCC Foundation Executive Director, "we attained 80 percent participation from faculty and staff, raising \$15,000, which is a 36% increase over last year."

These awards continue to provide opportunities for many students who cannot otherwise afford the cost of tuition and books. They also pave the way for future graduates who will become productive taxpayers in our community. Scholarships are most certainly an investment in the community's future and will yield life-long returns.

For information about establishing a named scholarship, call the HCC Foundation Office at (252) 536-7239. All gifts are tax deductible.

**Halifax Community College
Board of Trustees**

Lillie J. Solomon
Chairman

Dr. Stanley M. Edwards
Vice Chairman

Kenneth Brantley
Helen B. Brown
Roger W. Dalton
Bernella W. DeLaMora
Rachel K. Hux
Rev. Robert L. Knight
Frederick Webb, Jr.
Cary Whitaker
William O. White, Jr.
V. Barry Wilson

**Halifax Community College
Foundation Board of Directors**

Jack Bryan
Chairman

Charles McElheney
Vice Chairman

Dr. Ted H. Gasper, Jr.
Secretary

Dr. Jose Antony
Reginald Baird
Helen Brown
M.E. Gilstrap
Marshall Grant
John Jones
David King
Steve Medlin
Hubert D. Pope
Alex Thannikkary
Pat Wilkie
Clark Young



www.halifaxcc.edu

Halifacts Staff

Bonita Terry-Malone
Editor

Donna Sellers
Writer/Photographer

Kim Edwards
Graphic Artist

Halifax Community College welcomes students and employees without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability.



100 College Drive, PO Drawer 809
Weldon, NC 27890
(252) 536-HCC1 ♦ Fax: (252) 536-4144
www.halifaxcc.edu