

The Martin Messenger

A monthly newsletter for Martin Community College

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Martin Community College **Open House** Bertie Campus

409 Granville W. St. in Windsor, NC

July 14 - 5 to 7 pm **Free Refreshments**

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Martin Community College (MCC) is hosting its first open house for the general public on Thursday, July 14, on its campus in Windsor. This event is designed to make the public aware of the classes and services MCC provides in Bertie County.

The public is invited to attend this event between 5:00 and 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served. The campus is located at 409 W. Granville Street in Windsor, NC.

Attendees will have an opportunity to visit with a variety of MCC instructors and representatives from both curricula and continuing education to learn more about the programs or services in which they are most interested. Currently, MCC offers a

wide variety of classes and services in Bertie County. They include Basic Life Skills, Dialysis, EMT/EMS, Fire & Rescue, Forklift Driver, GED Program, HRD/CRC KeyTraining, Nurse Aide I, Nurse Aide II, Personal Interest Classes, Professional Development Classes, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, and Small Business Center consulting on Wednesdays.

Representatives from MCC's Basic Law Enforcement Training and Curriculum Courses will also be on hand to advise potential students.

For more information about MCC's Bertie Campus Open House on July 14, please call 252-794-4861, or contact Deborah Thompson at 252-789-0256 or via email at dthompson@martincc.edu.



Pictured above are Bertie Early College High School (BECHS) students at the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) Microbe 2016 meeting in Boston, MA. The conference was held June 15 through 18. Standing from left to right are: Patrice Gilliam, Deandre' Watson, Sha'ki-ma Smallwood, Armani Speller, Matthew Lee, Bruce Boller (teacher), Sandrika Freeman, Cody Burton, Vanessa Hernandez, and Emma Hughson. These students are simultaneously earning their High School diploma and college credits from Martin Community College (MCC) and North Carolina State University (NCSU) – saving their parents thousands of dollars toward tuition and books.

Bertie Early College Students attend prestigious ASM Microbe conference in Boston, MA

From June 15 -18, nine students from Bertie Early College traveled to Boston, MA to attend ASM Microbe 2016, the joint annual meeting for the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) and the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC).

This international meeting brought together over 11,000 scientists, microbiologist, veterinarians, and physicians from all over the world to present and discuss current research across all aspects of microbiology, biotechnology and medicine.

This fantastic opportunity was the culmination of the students' Biotechnology II experience. Their teacher, Mr. Bruce Boller and Dr. Matt Koci, Associate Professor at North Carolina

State University, accompanied the students.

The highlight of the conference was attending the keynote speaker address by Bill Gates. In an interview with Richard Besser, Bill Gates, founder of Microsoft and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, discussed the state of global health and the importance of microbial sciences in basic and translational research to foster transformative innovations.

Students were also able to attend workshops on various microbiology topics conducted by researchers from around the world. While at the conference students attended poster sessions, networked with researchers, and toured the conference expo that featured over 100 biotechnology com-

panies. Students were able to make connections for future educational and employment opportunities.

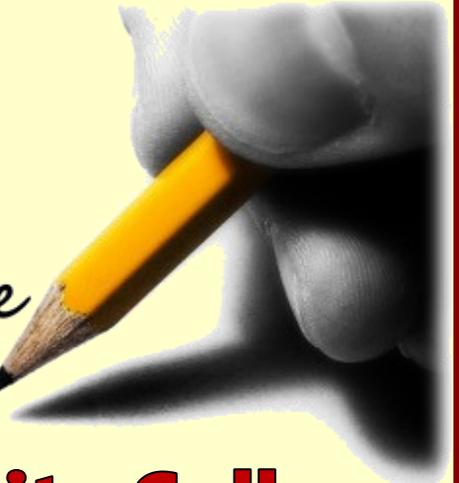
Additionally, while in Boston, students were able to visit historic sites and landmarks and were exposed to culturally diverse people, places and cuisine.

The trip was part of a larger biotechnology educational program being developed by Boller and Koci, which is supported the Burroughs Wellcome Fund Student Science Enrichment Program.

As this program continues each year, additional BECHS students will have opportunities to attend scientific conferences and present on the truly innovative biotechnology they are doing in Bertie County NC.



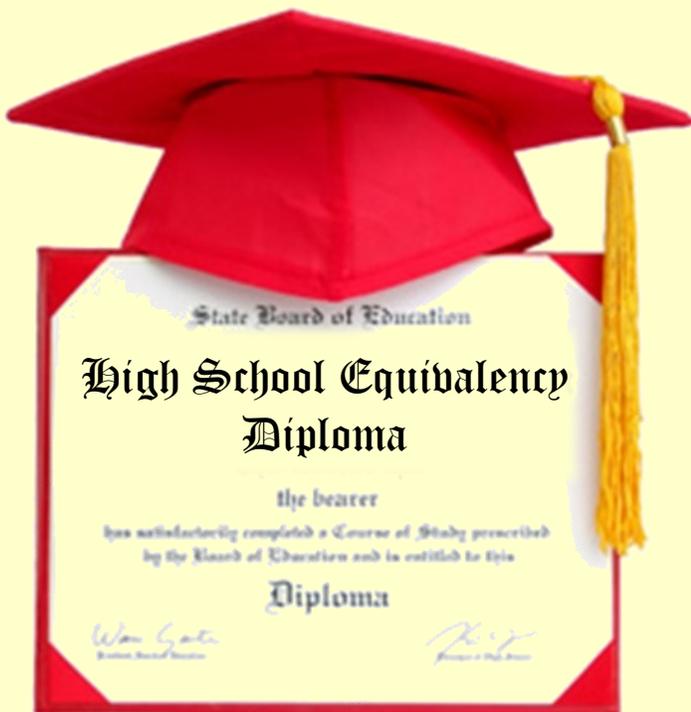
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M-TH (6PM-9PM)
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M-TH (8:30AM-1:30PM)

Willow Acres Community Center
M, T, W (7:30AM-2:00PM)

Bertie County

MCC - Bertie Campus
Learning Center Hours
M-TH (8:00AM-4:30PM)
T, TH (6:00PM-9:00PM)
Basic Life Skills Training Hours
M-Th (8:00 AM-3:30 PM)

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Pictured left, are seven of twenty-one MCC students participating in a tour of the NC A&T in Greensboro. Leading the tour was NC A&T student, Nick Knight (far left). Knight is describing a focal point of the campus which features a reflection pool and four pillars describing the sacrifices and achievements made by A&T students during the Civil Rights movement. The pillars are made of bullet ridden walls from former campus buildings where local law enforcement attempted to squelch student protests for civil rights. Seated on the wall behind Knight are MCC students (from left to right), Claudarrish Wallace, Jason Gorham, Jesus Hernandez, Caleb Smith (behind Hernandez), Tyron Lawrence III, Javien Smith and Maurice Perry III.

MCC Takes 21 Students on “Man Up Educational Excursion”

Thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Community College System, twenty-one students representing Martin Community College (MCC) were able to tour universities and cultural sites in Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte. The three day event, dubbed the Man Up Educational Excursion, was paid for with grant funding from the Minority Male Mentoring Program, also known as 3MP. The program was developed in the late 1990's to provide leadership training for minority males.

Those attending included; Aisnik Corey, Claudarrish Wallace, Joseph Gorham, Khalil Jefferson, Javien Smith, Jonathan Cradle, Caleb Smith, Byron Horton, Richard Evans, Corey Evans, Deshon Andrews, Shamar Benson, Chazz Cobbs, Jesus Hernandez, Maurice Perry III, Jamal Brown, Lashon Watford, Tre Whitehurst, Tyron Lawrence III, Deavion Speller, and La'Jharus Evans. Chaperones for

the group included MCC Counselor and tour organizer Crystal Pugh, MCC HR Director Harlan Frye, MCC's Bertie Campus Director Norman Chery and his wife Jean, and MCC PR Director Judy Jennette.

The group started their tour on Tuesday, June 28, at Shaw University, the South's oldest Historically Black University, in Raleigh. Shaw is a private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Baptist Church and among the oldest HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in the nation. Founded in 1865, Shaw University has a rich history steeped in tradition, activism and service. It was the first college in North Carolina to offer a four-year medical school; the first institution of higher learning established for freedmen after the Civil War and the first historically Black College in the nation to open its doors to women.

Due to heavy rain, the group's tour

was limited to questions and answers in the campus chapel. The MCC students were impressed to learn that despite Shaw's small size of roughly 900 students, it continues to produce outstanding professionals who contribute to the advancement of American society. Among Shaw's famous alumni are; life long civil rights leader Ella Baker, award winning gospel singer Shirley Caesar, television executive and lawyer Willie Gary and the first heavyweight boxing champion with a college degree - James "Bonecrusher" Smith.

After lunch, the group enjoyed a quick visit to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh and then moved on to Greensboro for a night's stay followed by a tour of NC A&T (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University) and the International Civil Rights Museum.

The students were very impressed with the attractive and modern A&T campus. A&T is a land-grant doctoral research university established by Congress in 1890 by the Second Morrill Act which mandated “a separate college for the colored race.” The Agricultural and Mechanical College for the Colored Race (now N.C. A&T) was established as that school in the state of North Carolina by an act of the General Assembly ratified on March 9, 1891. Originally operating in Raleigh as an annex to Shaw University, the college went on to make a permanent home in Greensboro, NC.

In 1915, state legislators changed the college’s name to the Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina; and in 1967, they elevated it to university status. N.C. A&T became a constituent university of the University of North Carolina in 1972. With an ongoing commitment to excellence in all its educational, research, and outreach programs, today, NC A&T is especially focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs.

The famous Greensboro Four; David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair, Jr., and Joseph McNeil were A&T students when they organized and launched the courageous lunch counter sit-ins at the Woolworth’s store in downtown Greensboro in 1960. Today they are credited for launching the most influential sit in during the Civil Rights Movement. NC’s first black Supreme Court member and Chief Justice, Henry E. Frye, is also a graduate of NC A&T.

After touring the A&T campus, Khalil Jefferson, currently a dual enrolled student at Riverside High School and MCC stated, “I am

thinking about getting a degree in Civil Engineering. Now that I’ve seen the A&T campus, I think that it might be a good fit for my interests.”

Aisnik Corey, a Computer Technology student mirrored Jefferson’s sentiment, “I feel drawn to A&T. This school seems to have a strong science and technology program. I could see myself transferring here to earn a four year degree.”

Following lunch on the A&T campus, the students then toured the International Civil Rights Center and Museum housed in the old Woolworth’s building in downtown Greensboro. The museum is an archival center, collecting museum and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. It celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement. Among the exhibits is the perfectly preserved lunch counter where the sit-ins occurred.

Prior to their tour, retired NC Supreme Court Justice, Henry E. Frye dropped by the museum to welcome the students to his home town and encourage them to soak up the significant history of this building and its exhibits. He commended them for participating in the tour and for taking their education seriously. Justice Frye’s Supreme Court robe is a part of the museum’s exhibits.

The students then re-boarded the Bear Grass Tours bus and made their way to Charlotte for an overnight stay and tour of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) and an I-MAX Theater showing of Journey to Space.

With more than 28,000 students, UNCC is the third largest university in the UNC system. It was born amid a 1940’s generation of universities founded immediately after World War II in response to rising education demands generated by the war and its technology. By 1965, the legislature approved bills creating the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the fourth campus of the statewide university system.

After a thirty minute presentation in the admissions hall, the students were invited to take a self-guided tour of the UNCC campus. Many of the students noticed that the size of the campus made it more like a city than a school. When asked what he thought about the campus, Deshon Andrews commented, “I’m happy at Martin. I don’t have to walk so far.”

MCC automotive student, Byron Horton, hiked more than two miles, one-way to see the UNCC automotive engineering department. He noted, “Their program is divided into two distinct areas – one geared specifically toward NASCAR and the other for regular automotive technology. They have really great automotive facilities.”

Horton, who was an elementary school teacher in Indiana until he had to quit and return to Martin County to help his mother, has been exploring additional career options in preparation of her full recovery. After seeing UNCC, he stated, “Although I had never considered it before, I think I might enjoy being an automotive technology instructor.”

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During his tour of UNCC, Shamar Benson, a dual enrolled student at Riverside High School and MCC commented, "I was going to transfer to a small college after I graduate, but I think A&T would be a better fit for my undergraduate studies and then move on to UNCC for my Masters degree."

Last on the tour was a visit to the IMAX Theater at Discovery Place in downtown Charlotte where the students saw Journey to Space, a celebration of space exploration, a tribute to international cooperation in space research and a vision toward our near-term future beyond Earth's orbit — a manned mission to Mars within a generation.

Lashon Watford, a recent graduate of MCC's Computer program, commented, "I really enjoyed the IMAX movie. I have never seen anything on such a large screen. It was really neat."

MCC Counselor and trip organizer, Crystal Pugh stated, "This was a rewarding experience for our students. I am so glad we were able to put it together for them. For some it was the first time they have ventured so far away from Martin or Bertie County. I am elated that they were able to see education at a whole new level and learn that there are amazing opportunities on their horizons."

Pugh adds, "I hope that we can continue to offer this program for years to come."



Pictured from left to right above are MCC students; Aisnik Corey (Computer Technology), Chazz Cobbs (Electrical Technology) and Deavion Speller (Dual Enrollment) as they read the historic marker dedicated to NC's first Supreme Court Judge and Chief Justice, Henry E. Frye, just outside of the International Civil Rights Museum in Downtown Greensboro.



Pictured above is MCC's HR Director, Harlan Frye, speaking with students in a food court on the UNCC campus. Frye encouraged the young men to pursue degrees in fields of study that they enjoy and excel in. He also encouraged community service.



Pictured above, from left to right are MCC Dual Enrollment students; Deavion Speller and Tre Whitehurst as they wait in the lobby of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro. The museum is in the original Woolworth's building where the Greensboro 4 staged their sit in for Civil Rights.



Pictured clockwise above in front of the UNC Charlotte Student Union are MCC students; Kahlil Jefferson (Dual Enrollment), Shamar Benson (Dual Enrollment), Deshon Andrews (GED), Lashon Watford (Computer Technology), Aisnik Corey (Computer Technology) and Jonathan Cradle (Computer Technology). All six walked just over two miles while touring the third largest UNC system campus.



Pictured left, are MCC students; Jesus Hernandez (back) and Shamar Benson (front) as they take a break from touring the NC A&T campus in one of the student lounges. A&T features numerous student services: Campus Recreation Center, Career Services, Counseling Services, Greek Life, Health Services, Housing, International Programs, Living & Learning Communities, Lyceum Series, Student Union, Multicultural Student Center, Student Development, Student Government, University Events Center, Veteran & Disability Support and TRIO Programs: Ronald McNair Program, Student Support Services, and Upward Bound.



NERSBA and MCC Grow together!

Since moving its campus to Jamesville in 2014, the relationship between NERSBA (Northeast Regional School for Biotechnology and Agriscience) and MCC has blossomed. The high achieving NERSBA students blend in well on the MCC campus and the NERSBA administration has welcomed the MCC staff and faculty with open arms. Pictured above is the first graduating class of NERSBA students on June 18, 2016. Each of them graduated with honors and many received significant scholarships to major universities. Pictured left are NERSBA students LJ Evans and Maurice Perry who participated in MCC's Man Up Education Excursion in June. Pictured below is Dr. Ann Britt at the NERSBA faculty and staff appreciation dinner held on June 14.



The MCC Foundation is sponsoring a day trip to see ...



Kinky Boots

**Saturday, September 17, 2016
2 pm show, Orchestra Seating
Durham Performing Arts Center**

The Martin Community College Foundation (MCCF) is offering a day trip on September 17 to see a matinee performance of the award winning Broadway hit, Kinky Boots, at the Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC). This is the first, of what is hoped to become, a regular series of day trips to the Triangle area and an ongoing "friend raiser" for the college.

Although some segments of the trip are still being finalized, the orchestra seat tickets have been purchased and a Bear Grass Tour bus has been reserved. Departure time on the 17th will be approximately 8 am. The itinerary will include a special activity in the Raleigh/Durham area, lunch at a nice restaurant and the matinee show (2 pm) at DPAC. The bus should return to the MCC campus around 7 p.m. The anticipated fee for this trip is \$200 per person, which is all inclusive. Any proceeds realized from this trip will be used to enhance MCC and support its students.

KINKY BOOTS, affectionately dubbed, Broadway's huge-hearted, high-heeled hit, is a joyous musical celebration about discovering unexpected friendships and believing that you can change the world

when you change your mind. Inspired by true events, KINKY BOOTS takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan.

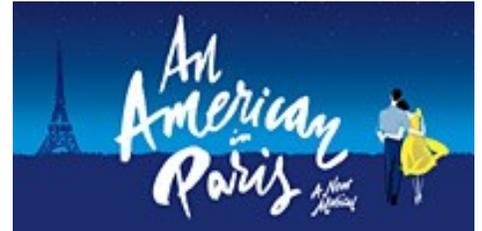
The show is about Charlie Price, a man who is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

With music by Grammy® and Tony® winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper, direction and choreography by two-time Tony Award-winner Jerry Mitchell (Legally Blonde, Hairspray) and a book by Broadway legend and four-time Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein (La Cage Aux Folles), KINKY BOOTS is the winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Choreography.

Only 20 tickets have been purchased. To reserve a seat for this trip, please contact MCC's Director of PR and Institutional Advancement, Judy Jennette, 252-789-0310 or via email at jjennette@martincc.edu.

Upcoming shows

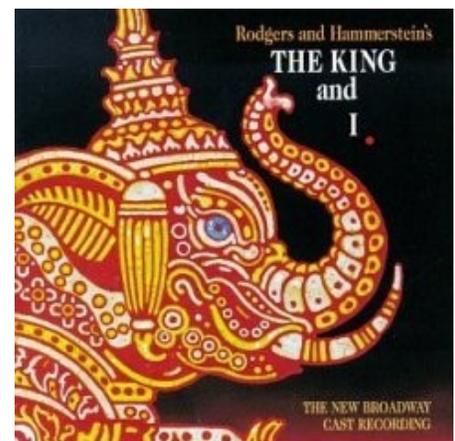
If you are interested in any of these shows, please contact Jennette to be placed on the contact list.



**An American in Paris
(January 7, 2017)**



**Something Rotten
(April 8, 2017)**



**The King and I
(June 10, 2017)**

Fall Semester Curriculum Night Classes

MCC's Fall Semester begins on Tuesday, August 18 and ends on December 16. Currently, in-state tuition is \$76 per credit hour. Financial Aid may be available for qualified students.

ACCOUNTING

Principles of Financial Accounting -(ACC 120-70E)* - Th, 6 to 7:15 pm, Williamston Campus. An introduction to business decision-making accounting information systems. Emphasis is placed on analyzing, summarizing, reporting, and interpreting financial information.

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 168-1E)* - M & W, 6 to 8:50 pm, Williamston Campus. A comprehensive study of the anatomy and physiology of the human body. Topics include body organization, homeostasis, cytology, histology, and the integumentary, skeletal, muscular, and nervous systems and special senses.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to Computers (CIS 110-70E)* - M, 5 to 6:50 pm, Williamston Campus. An introduction to computer concepts, including fundamental functions and operations of the computer. Topics include identification of hardware components, basic computer operations, security issues, and use of software applications.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Success and Study Skills (ACA 115-70E) - Th, 6 to 7:15 pm, Williamston Campus. An orientation to the campus resources and academic skills necessary to achieve educational objectives. Emphasis is placed on an exploration of facilities and services, study skills, library skills, self-assessment, wellness, goal-setting and critical thinking.

ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

Software for Technicians (ELC 127-1E) - T, 5 to 8:50 pm, Williamston Campus. An introduction to computer software which can be used to solve electrical/electronics problems. Topics include electrical/electronics calculations and applications.

ENGLISH

Writing and Inquiry (ENG 111-13E)* - Th, 6 to 8:50 pm, Williamston Campus. Designed to develop the ability to produce clear writing in a variety of genres and formats using a recursive process. Emphasis includes inquiry, analysis, effective use of rhetorical strategies, thesis development, audience awareness, and revision.

Oral Communication (ENG 115-60E) - M, 6 to 8:50 pm, Williamston Campus. Introduction to the basic principles of oral communication in both small group and public settings. Emphasis is placed on the components of the communication process, group decision-making, and public address.

MATH

Math Measurement and Literacy (MAT 110-70E) - M, 6 to 8:50 pm, Williamston Campus. An activity-based class that develops measurement skills and mathematical literacy using technology to solve problems for non-math intensive programs. Topics include unit conversions and estimation within a variety of measurement systems; ratio and proportion; basic geometric concepts; financial literacy; and statistics including measures of central tendency, dispersion, and charting of data.

SCIENCE

Principles of Science (SCI 110-1E) - T, 6 to 8:50 pm and Th, 6 to 7:50 pm, Williamston Campus. An introduction to basic principles of chemistry, physics, and biology. Emphasis is placed on chemical reactions, energy forms, and ecological studies.

SOCIOLOGY

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 210-71E)* - T, 6 to 8:50 pm, Williamston Campus. An introduction to the scientific study of human society, culture, and social interactions. Topics include socialization, research methods, diversity and inequality, cooperation and conflict, social change, social institutions, and organizations.

WELDING

Basic Welding Processes (WLD 112-1E) - M, 5 to 8:50 pm, Williamston Campus. An introduction to basic welding and cutting. Emphasis is placed on beads applied with gases, mild steel fillers, and electrodes and the capillary action of solder.

*** This course has been approved for transfer under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement as a pre-major and/or elective course requirement.**

Face-to-face registration is available every Monday from 8 am to 5:30 pm on the MCC campus!

ENHANCING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

WHEN

Aug 3
9 am – 3 pm

WHERE

**Deadwood,
Bear Grass**

2302 Ed's Grocery Road

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Founder and President of the
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July 21 is Deadline to apply for SECU Scholarships

The State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) Foundation will award 116 scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 each, to students attending North Carolina Community Colleges. Each college will receive two (2) scholarships. These scholarships are distributed semi-annually in two payments: fall semester, \$1,250 per student; and spring semester, \$1,250 per student for a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters. **The deadline to apply for MCC's 2016-17 academic year is Thursday, July 21.**

Recipients are selected by a Scholarship Selection Committee on each campus. The criteria have been designed to give the committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee must use the following criteria to award the SECU Foundation "People Helping People" Scholarships.

- ◆ Preference will be given to students whose parents or guardians and family members are public sector employees who live and work in North Carolina, but not a Director, employee or family member of a SECU employee.

- ◆ The applicant should be a current full-time MCC student, a high school graduate, or has completed the General Education Development (GED) program and is enrolled in an MCC associate degree or diploma program.
- ◆ Applicants must also be a U.S. citizen and a resident of North Carolina under NCGS 116-143.1, and eligible for in-state tuition.
- ◆ Applicants should exemplify the SECU membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People" by demonstrating leadership, excellence of character, integrity, and community involvement.
- ◆ Preference may be given to students with limited financial aid from other programs.
- ◆ An applicant must demonstrate scholastic achievement and maintain a 2.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale or a high school equivalency certificate.

Recipients must use the scholarship to pay for education related expenses like; tuition, books, fees,

course supplies and transportation. Recipients also agree to continue at the community college where enrolled at the time of the scholarship award for the duration of the scholarship, for four consecutive fall/spring semesters or upon completion of a diploma/degree program. Scholarships are not transferable to another student or another school.

There is an easy-to-complete application available in the MCC Financial Aid office and on the table in front of the Financial Aid office entrance (lobby area). Applicants must attach a short 500 word (1 page) or less essay to their application. The essay should be a bit biographical and describe the applicant's decision to further their education. For more information, please contact Teri Leggett at 251-789-0240, or via email at tleggett@martincc.edu.

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Martin Memos

July 4 - MCC closed for 4th of July holiday

July 8 - Free shredding day at SECU

July 11, 18 & 25 - Registration Mondays for Fall Semester

July 12 - BLET Classes begin

July 14 - MCC Open House on the Bertie Campus in Windsor, 5 - 7 pm

July 21 - SECU Scholarship application deadline (turn into room 1-22D)

July 25 - Deadline to submit items for the Martin Messenger