



MSSPS Cookbook Event “Huge Success”

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A large and enthusiastic crowd of family, friends and former students who learned about cooking and other weighty matters from longtime educator Mary Sallee gathered for the unveiling of a cookbook named in her honor on September 16. Event organizers termed the event “a huge success,” noting that the event itself and the subsequent sale of cookbooks featuring recipes of “Miss Mary” and BRTC staff members topped \$4,000 in the first week.

Guests dined on a meal of old favorites of “Miss Mary,” including Johnny Mezzetti, Honeymoon Salad, Miss Mary’s Chocolate Cake, and Easy Fruit Cobbler, all from the “Memories of Miss Mary” section of the cookbook. These and other dishes were prepared for the crowd by Angela Caldwell, VP for Technical Education, and Administrative Specialist Janna Guthrey, who spearheaded the cookbook project.

The cookbook is already in its “second printing,” according to Guthrey, who also serves as Chair of the



Dr. Mary Ann Greenwood signs cookbooks for banquet guests (left to right) Bonnie Collins, Cari King, and Kay McDonald.

Randolph chapter of the Single Parent Scholarship program.

All proceeds from the event and the sale of cookbooks go toward support of the Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship program.

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Important Dates

- Oct. 12**
Advisory Dinner
- Oct. 17-19**
AATYC Annual Conference
- Oct. 26-27**
Holocaust Survivor Presentations
- Oct. 28**
Flu Clinic, RCDC
- Nov. 19**
LETA Graduation
- Nov. 24-26**
Thanksgiving Holiday – Campus Closed

17th Annual Golf Tournament

The 17th Annual iBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament is deemed a success with net proceeds exceeding \$26,000, according to Tournament Co-Chair Roger Johnson. The two-person scramble featuring 65 teams was held October 1 at Rolling Hills Country Club in Pocahontas.

The tournament, underwritten by iBERIABANK, is a major fundraiser for the college. Net proceeds from the event are used by the BRTC Foundation for scholarships and other needs of the college and its students.

The tournament is supported through sponsorship of

iBERIABANK with a donation of \$10,000, and other businesses and individuals who purchase \$500, \$250, or \$125 level sponsorships.

Tournament volunteers included members of the BRTC Foundation Board, BRTC faculty and staff, and iBERIABANK staff. Numerous businesses and individuals from the area provided donations of door prizes, drinks, food and other items that contributed to the success of the event. Golfers had an opportunity to win a 2011 Chevrolet truck, courtesy of Baltz Chevrolet-Olds of Pocahontas, for a hole-in-one on #15.

An added feature this year was the “19th Hole After-

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Nine Receive Gaines' Scholarship

The Richard and Patti Gaines Scholarship was awarded to nine students this semester. The recipients are Ginger Britton, Christina Derbes, Cammie Hays, Larry Kersey, Amanda Lane, John Nichols, Berenice "Ester" Shelly, Melissa Vorce, and Sarah Woodson (not pictured). Derbes, Nichols, Lane, and Vorce are all Pocahontas residents and all four are pursuing Associates Degrees at Black River. Nichols plans to go into Paramedics. Derbes, Lane, and Vorce all intend to attain a Bachelor's Degree from ASU in, respectively, Public Health and Safety, Special Education, and X-Ray Technician Sciences.

Britton, Hays, and Shelly, residents of Walnut Ridge, Powhatan, and Imboden, are all in the BRTC nursing program pursuing ASN licensing. Kersey is seeking a degree in Industrial Maintenance.

The Richard and Patti Gaines Scholarship is funded in full by iBERIA-

BANK and is given in honor of the Gaines' and their many years of service

to BRTC. Each recipient is awarded a one-time scholarship of \$1,000. Any full-time BRTC student is eligible for this scholarship. For

more information on the Gaines Scholarship program, go to the BRTC Financial Aid page at <http://finaid.blackrivertech.edu>



Christina Derbes



Cammie Hays



Larry Kersey



Ginger Britton



Amanda Lane



Berenice Shelly



Melissa Vorce



John Nichols

Grainger Continues Scholarship Support

The recipients of this year's "Grainger Tools for Tomorrow" scholarship are Ronald Mounts of Hoxie and Daniel Runyon of Marmaduke. Mounts is pursuing a degree in Aviation Maintenance and Runyon is studying Automotive Mechanics. These

students have each received \$1000 for the Fall semester and will be awarded the same amount again in the Spring semester, with the overall value of the scholarship totaling \$2000 apiece.

Students must be in their second year of college and



Daniel Runyon



Ronald Mounts

working towards an Associate's Degree or certification in specified industrial trades to be eligible for the Grainger scholarship. Recipients are chosen in a two-step process involving both BRTC and Grainger. A BRTC scholarship committee elects candidates for the scholarship and personnel at Grainger make the final decision on which students are to receive the scholarship.

This is the second year Grainger has awarded \$4000 for these scholarships. According to Laura Coy, Public Affairs Manager at Grainger, the company "is committed to developing a bright future for these students and the skilled labor workforce." Coy also stated that her company "look[s] forward to working with [BRTC] on the continued success of this valued program." The "Grainger Tools for Tomorrow" scholarship is, indeed, a valued program for both companies involved but especially for the student recipients who benefit each year.

Wal-Mart Success Scholarships Awarded

This semester, the BRTC/Wal-Mart Success Scholarship was awarded to four students in BRTC's Practical Nursing Program. The four recipients are Rosemary "Angie" Bennett, April Carter, Ester Shelly, and Cammie Hays. Bennett and Carter are

both Hoxie residents in the Practical Nursing Program. After obtaining LPN Licensure, Bennett plans to complete an Associate's Degree in Registered Nursing followed by a BSN. Carter hopes to practice in Obstetrical Nursing. Ester Shelly, Imboden

resident, is also in the Practical Nursing Program. Cammie Hays of Powhatan is majoring in Phlebotomy.

Any current BRTC student who has completed at least one semester is eligible for the Wal-Mart/BRTC Success Scholarship. It is a one-time,

non-renewable scholarship in the amount of \$500, with the funding provided in whole by Wal-Mart. For more information about this scholarship or others, contact Natasha Rush, BRTC Financial Aid Specialist, at (870) 248-4000, extension 4019 or natasha.rush@blackrivertech.edu.



Rosemary "Angie" Bennett



April Carter



Cammie Hays



Berenice "Ester" Shelly

Staff Positions Filled

Jonathan Woodard has been hired as Information Technology Manager to serve the Black River Technical College-Paragould campus and Billie Fry has been promoted to the position of Registrar's Assistant in the Office of Student Services on the BRTC-Pocahontas Campus.

Woodard graduated from Lynn High School, earned his AAS in Business Technology-Networking degree from BRTC and then a BS in Computer/Information Technology from ASU. The Paragould resident joined BRTC after working for three years as Assistant Network Administrator for Liberty Bank of Arkansas. He had also completed an internship for BRTC while a student.

Billie Fry of Smithville had been Administrative Specialist in the Student Services Department since March 2009. Prior to employment with BRTC, she worked nine years for Lawrence County Farm Bureau. She received her AA degree from BRTC in May 2001.



Jonathan Woodard



Billie Fry

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Party" featuring Happy Hour and the band "Chillyrose." This event was sponsored by iBERIABANK.

President Richard Gaines expressed his appreciation to the many volunteers along with the individual donors, businesses, corporations and vendors who helped make the tournament a huge success. He expressed a special thanks to iBERIABANK for their continued annual support in underwriting the tournament.

Tournament Winners

Morning	Championship Flight	A Flight	B Flight
1st place	Kelly Scobey and Shane Roofe	Joey Pfeffer and Jade Wells	Richard Blount and Dewayne McCrillis
2nd place	Kevin Rose and Billy Keedy	Bud Dubois and Joe Cooper	Ron Benson and Gayle Benson
3rd place	Kim Holdren and Darrell Everette	Tom McClain and Darrell Fears	Jim Canada and Greg Sanders

Closest to the pin winners:
Buddy Harrison, Gene Bloodworth, Brent Reynolds and Billy Keedy

Afternoon	Championship Flight	A Flight	B Flight
1st place	Cade Liebhaber and David Steimel	Don Thurber and Fran Thurber	Jeff Roberts and Jeff McClung
2nd place	Dennis Mathews and Chris Mathews	Jeff O'Donnell and Harvey Copenhagen	Dale Ray and Roger Ray
3rd place	Bill Prichard and Mike Prichard	Linda Mason and Bonnie Boatner	Stephen Malone and Jeremy Baltz

Closest to the pin winners:
Darrell Kelley, Frank Thielemier, Cade Liebhaber, and Lloyd King

Three Earn Master's

Brandi Chester, Misty Bradley, and Jared Bassham have all recently earned their Master's Degrees.

Ravenden Resident Bradley joined BRTC staff in July 2007 as a Financial Aid Specialist, and has since been promoted to Analyst. She holds a BS in Business Administration from Williams Baptist College. This August she was awarded a Master's Degree from ASU in Business Administration.

Bassham resides in Jonesboro. He has been working for BRTC's Law Enforcement Training Academy since 2005, but has been affiliated with LETA in other ways since 2000. He holds a BSE in Social Science from ASU and has recently completed an MA in History from the same institution.

Chester began working at BRTC as a Financial Aid Officer in January 2001 and was promoted to Financial Aid Director in July 2008. She refers to herself as a "life-long resident of Pocahontas." She has just earned a MSE in Business Technology from ASU.



Misty Bradley



Jared Bassham



Brandi Chester

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A highlight of the evening was a presentation given by Dr. Mary Ann Greenwood, daughter of Dean and Mary Sallee. A resident of Fayetteville, Greenwood is CEO of Greenwood Gearhart, Inc., an investment firm. Greenwood quoted Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor in describing herself to her audience as "an ordinary person who has had extraordinary experiences."

She enumerated those things that are most important in her life: her education, her marriage, her children, her career, and an obligation to give back. She said "the more you give back, the more you are rewarded."

Greenwood also told those present this "secret": "You can have it all, but you can't have it all at once. So make the right choices...and allow yourself to do your best."

Past and current MSSPS recipients spoke to the guests about the impact of the scholarships on their lives. Recipients included Lynette Bowman, Delene Blansett, Carla Brown and Lawana Watson.

The evening also featured a crowd-pleasing musical performance by members of the Kimbrough Trio of Ben McClellan, Travis Rainbolt and Jonathan McQuay, along with

Choir Director Joniece Trammel.

Special guests included Kim Dollins of the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Foundation, and Jean Oaks of the BRAD Corporation, which contributed \$10,000 to the MSSPS program earlier this year.



Dr. Jan Ziegler and Janna Guthrey discuss the itinerary for the banquet.

Other special recognitions included Marzelle Carmickle of Pocahontas, a charter member of the original Home Economics class and the Pocahontas Future Homemakers of America. Guests also included members of the charter MSSPS committee, several former classmates of

Dr. Greenwood, and former students of "Miss Mary."

Cookbooks are available through the BRTC Office of Development, the Randolph County Heritage Museum, or the Eddie Mae Herron Center at a cost of \$10. Books will be mailed from the college upon request at a price of \$13.00 for the first book, plus 50 cents for each additional book in the same shipment. Checks may be sent to Vickie French at BRTC, or phone Janna Guthrey at 870-248-4000 ext. 4092 or Melissa Mewborn at ext. 4189 for more information.



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Mission Statement

Black River Technical College is an institution of higher learning committed to a partnership with the individual and the global community to provide lifelong learning experiences, seeking always to empower those it serves to achieve their academic, vocational, and personal development goals.

Campus Commentary



*Ramonda Housh, APN, C-PNP
Director of Nursing*

The nursing department is excited about the growth of Black River Technical College. As the enrollment at BRTC increases, so does the number of students pursuing nursing as a profession. We currently have approximately 500 students declaring Health Professions Nursing Emphasis, Practical Nursing or Registered Nursing as the degree they are seeking.

BRTC is pleased to announce recent approval from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing for an additional practical nursing class. With the increased demand, we felt it necessary

to offer a third class. This class will begin in January of 2011.

Students who have completed or will be completing their general education prerequisites for the program need to apply at this time. The deadline for application for the Spring 2011 class is October 31, 2010. The prerequisite courses include: Math for Nurses; English I; Human Growth and Development; Basic Human Nutrition; Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab; Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab; and Introduction to Computer Concepts. This is a total of 23 prerequisite hours.

All students applying this semester are invited to attend the Meet & Greet scheduled for November 9 at 5:30 p.m. It will be held at the RCDC building on the Pocahontas campus. We encourage the applicants to bring their family members and support group to the Meet & Greet as well. Here, they will learn about the program demands and have the opportunity to meet the faculty and ask questions. They will

also be able to sign up for the TEAS (nursing entrance exam) while there.

The TEAS test will be given on Nov. 17, 18, and 19. It will be given on the Paragould campus on Nov. 18th. The exam cost is \$30.00, payable to BRTC. There is a practice test available on PLATO. Students can contact Helen Shipley in Career Pathways for more information on the practice exam.

We are also pleased with the growth of the LPN-to-RN program. Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium, ARNEC, has recently added two additional schools. University of Arkansas Community College in Hope and Rich Mountain Community College in Mena have joined the consortium and will be starting classes in the spring of 2011. Several of the original six schools will also be increasing their enrollment into the LPN-to-RN program. BRTC will be taking up to 40 students on our campus in the spring of 2011. This will make ARNEC one of the largest RN programs in the state, with a possible enrollment of 210 students in the spring of 2011.

With all this new growth comes transition. We have added two new

faculty members, Shay Brewer, RN, and Robin Banks, RN, to the Practical Nursing program. ARNEC has also recently employed a new full-time faculty member, Missy Wilkins, RN, and she will be housed here at BRTC. The former Auto Body building will be renovated and Respiratory Therapy will be moving to this newly remodeled location. This will allow physical space for the expansion of the Practical Nursing program. The RN CVN classroom will be relocated to AC 100 in order to accommodate the increased class size.

Both programs have proven to be very successful and allow students to pursue a career in a personally rewarding and economically stable job market. The PN program is proud of the pass rates of our graduates which has been 90%-100% for several years. The pass rate for the LPN-to-RN program for 2009 was 95%, fifth in the state of all RN programs, ASN and BSN. We are looking forward to the continued success of these programs as well the success of Black River Technical College.