HCTC NURSING PROGRAM RECEIVES LETTERS OF COMMENDATION; HIGH PASS RATE

The Nursing Program at Hazard Community and Technical College has been granted full approval status and has received two letters of commendation for excellence. The Kentucky Board of Nursing, the accrediting body for all nursing programs in Kentucky, met on April 7, and reviewed the results of the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) for the graduates of the Nursing Program at Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC).

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

It’s hard to believe that this will be the last newsletter I bring you as interim president. It has been a semester of ups and downs, but we have pulled together as a community and a college, and it has been the greatest pleasure of my professional career to have served you.

First, I want to stress that this college and this community are going to grow and improve under the leadership of the new president and CEO, Dr. Jennifer Lindon. She is the ideal choice for this college and region. No one can outwork her, we all have great respect for her, and I will be happy to see the future successes that will occur under her leadership.

The state budget situation proved to be a time of thoughtful examination and numerous conversations. Our Leadership Team was devoted to doing what is the very best for us financially. We had to make many difficult decisions, including the elimination of several positions, but I believe we have developed a healthy budget, and one that will put the college on a foundation for success in the years to follow.

To ensure we make the future bright for our college and our region, I hope that every person reading this encourages someone to enroll in classes. The mission of this college is to add value to people’s lives, and we can only fulfill that mission if people make the choice to come to HCTC. These incredible faculty members and dedicated staff will work to make enrolling one of the best decisions a student can make!

As a parting highlight to my tenure at our college, I had the chance to experience my first HCTC graduation on May 7. It warmed my heart to see families supporting their graduates, the appreciation the graduates showed to our institution, and knowing that the credential they earned from us can be life changing.

A major thanks to you all for being so welcoming. Thank you for sharing. Thank you for listening. Thank you for the chance to serve you. This region will always hold a special place in my memories and I’m grateful for these last six months. Onward and upward!

Juston Pate, Ph.D
Interim President

DR. PATE SPEAKS TO STUDENTS ABOUT LEADERSHIP

The Leadership-Education-Achievement-Development-Service (LEADS) group from Hazard Community and Technical College hear from HCTC Interim President Dr. Juston Pate, who authored a book about leadership.

A SWEET FAREWELL FOR TWO LONG-TIME EDUCATORS

English Professor Linda Blair is retiring from HCTC; she joined the college in 1991. She noted, “My number one goal in each class was to welcome my students at their level of learning and take them as far as possible in the time we had together. I loved seeing the students’ proverbial light come on when they understood, comprehended, or realized. I also loved that my students inspired me. I loved that they trusted me enough to share their stories, experiences, and problems. I loved that they made me laugh… and sometimes cry,” she said.

Lisa Ison is retiring after serving 27 years in several pivotal roles at HCTC involving direct services to students. She has served as Learning Center Coordinator, full-time English professor, Quality Enhancement Program director, division chair, faculty chair, and chair of multiple other committees. She also was the Director of the Mountain Writing Project for 10 years.
POWER IN COLLABORATION: ROUNDTABLE ON POWER GRANTS

A collaborative roundtable was held Tuesday, May 3 with representatives to discuss possibilities of regional transformation through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Economic Development Agency Power Initiative grants.

Representatives from Ashland Community and Technical College, Hazard Community and Technical College, Somerset Community College and Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, joined Big Sandy Community and Technical College officials, as well as Chuck Sexton, CEO of One East Kentucky; Jared Arnett, executive director of Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR); and representatives from Thomas P. Miller and Associates.

The Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) initiative is a multi-agency effort to assist communities negatively impacted by changes in the coal industry and power sector. Through the initiative, agencies including the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the U.S. Small Business Administration will provide competitive grants to affected communities to help them develop comprehensive economic strategic plans and undertake coordinated economic and workforce development activities based on those plans. These activities will be targeted at diversifying local economies; creating jobs in new or existing industries; attracting new sources of job-creating investments; and providing workforce services and skills training resulting in industry-recognized credentials for high-quality, in-demand jobs.

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Tuesday, June 7 • 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
HCTC Lees College Campus
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DR. JENNIFER LINDON CHOSEN AS HCTC PRESIDENT/CEO

Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) President Jay K. Box announced April 14 the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Lindon as president of Hazard Community and Technical College.

Lindon is an experienced leader who currently is HCTC’s Occupational Technologies/Workforce Solutions Dean and Chief Campus Administrator. Since joining the college in 1998, she has served in a variety of roles, including faculty rank.

“Dr. Lindon’s background and experience here at HCTC have prepared her well to lead this college,” Box said. “I’m sure she’ll do great things for the students, faculty, staff and communities HCTC serves.”

Lindon earned a doctoral degree in community college leadership from Mississippi State University. She earned a master’s and bachelor’s degree in business administration from Morehead State University. She also attended HCTC as a transfer student.

“I am honored to serve the students, faculty, staff and the Southeastern Kentucky region in the position of president of Hazard Community and Technical College,” Lindon said. “Having started my educational career at HCTC, I truly feel HCTC is my home, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead and the future of the area.”

Lindon will begin her duties as HCTC president on June 1.

“Jennifer Lindon will be a tremendous president for Hazard Community and Technical College,” said Stephen Bowling, vice chair of the HCTC board. “We look forward to her hard work, dedication, and commitment to the college and the principles that we stand for in our community.”
HCTC PRESENTS AWARDS DURING 64TH ANNUAL CIVIC NIGHT

HCTC’s Lineman Training Program began in October 2013. AEP Kentucky Power participated in the advisory committee providing valuable insight into curriculum recommendations. One significant need of the program was that of a line truck which would provide students the opportunity to learn skills such as pulling and setting poles, CDL driving, and pulling material needed for projects. To provide these skills, HCTC rented a line truck to provide the instruction. AEP Kentucky Power met this need by donating a line truck to the program which eliminated the cost of the rental truck. Additionally, American Electric Power visits each new class during their field exercises, attends the graduation of the program and provides a “live line demonstration” not just to lineman students, but to all occupational technology students, faculty and staff.

HCTC Outstanding Educational Service award was presented to AEP – Kentucky Power during the 64th annual Hazard-Perry County Civic Night by Dr. Jennifer Lindon. Shown here, from left, are: Bill Bettinazzi, Customer Service Coordinator of Kentucky Power Company; Greg Sparkman, Manager of Distribution Service for the Hazard District; Mike Laslo, Reliability Manager; Greg Pauley, president and Chief Operations Officer of Kentucky Power; Ranie K. Wohnhas, Utility Operations; and in front, HCTC incoming President Dr. Jennifer Lindon and Allison Barker, Corporate Communications Manager.

BOBBY OSBORNE WINS OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL LEADER AWARD

Bobby Osborne has been a member of the Kentucky Music Hall Fame since 2002 and celebrated his 50th anniversary last year as a member of the Grand Ole Opry. He is the only recording artist to have recorded state songs for two states – Kentucky and Tennessee. He was the first singer to record “Rocky Top”… Which has become most recorded song in bluegrass history.

He is one of the four recognized mandolin stylistic originators in the world. That list also includes icons Bill Monroe, Jesse McReynolds, and Jethro Burns.

When HCTC opened the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music, Bobby agreed to become an instructor as a way to give back to his hometown of Hyden, and to Bluegrass music education, driving long distances each week to work with students.

Bobby has received numerous awards, as well as a purple heart for his service as a Marine in Korea.

Osborne entertained the crowd with his music after accepting the award.

HCTC HISTORY PROFESSOR, DR. RICH HOLL, ON THE ROAD

Richard Holl, author of “Committed to Victory: The Kentucky Home Front during World War II,” with Winchester resident Sophie Senna Adams after a program about Rosie the Riveter at the Bluegrass Heritage Museum. While most “Rosies” are associated with arms and munitions work, Holl said the name applied to any of the approximately six million women who worked in all types of jobs previously held by men. They were welders, heavy machinery operators, farmers, gas station attendants, etc. in both the military and civilian realms. Holl shared the stories of other Kentucky “Rosies” as well.
STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES HONORED AT COLLEGE-WIDE MEETING

HCTC New Horizon nominees to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System are, from left, Wilma Maggard, faculty; Richard Ramsey, administrative staff; and Kena Mullins, support staff.

Austyn M. Caudill is honored for her dedication and commitment as the 2015-2016 Student Government Association President. Caudill demonstrated leadership skills during her term. She is recognized by Helen Brunty, Student Government Association advisor.

Peter Fanous is honored with the KCTCS All-Academic Team award by Dr. Jennifer Lindon, who becomes HCTC president on June 1.

Sherriann Robinson of Jackson is awarded the KCTCS All Academic Team award by Amanda Spencer-Barnes, faculty member.

STUDENT ART SHOW IN KNOTT CO., A SUCCESS

A crowd came to Knott County to see 175 works of art created by HCTC students during a May 5 show, which was enhanced by music and tours. Seeing artists in action was a highlight of the show.
The John Brown Outstanding Faculty Award is presented to two teachers this year. (Left) Joanna Martin, Surgical Technology Program Coordinator and instructor who joined the faculty in January 2009 and (right) Amanda Spencer-Barnes, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and who has worked for HCTC since September 2005. HCTC Interim President Dr. Juston Pate presents the awards.
Sherrianne Robinson of Jackson receives the President's Award from Dr. Juston Pate, HCTC Interim President. Christopher Michael Sanders (not in attendance) also received the award.

Tom Caudill is named recipient of the Estella Salley Outstanding Staff award. HCTC Interim President Dr. Juston Pate presented the award to Caudill, who has worked in the M&O department since 1988.

Sherrianne Robinson of Jackson receives the President's Award from Dr. Juston Pate, HCTC Interim President. Christopher Michael Sanders (not in attendance) also received the award.
FACULTY MEMBERS PROVIDE STUDENT & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HCTC’s Kentucky School of Bluegrass & Traditional Music Faculty member J.P. Mathes II was invited to be a featured speaker at the 27th annual International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, which held in Jacksonville, Florida on April 4th-8th. J.P. presented on the new technologies and methods that are being used by our Bluegrass Music faculty to teach students across the United States and even reach our new current international students from Japan. J.P. created HCTC’s new online Audio Recording Certificate program. The program in its second year and will graduate 8 students from three states and one International student. J.P. was also the only nominee from a community college for the conference’s grand prize award; The Ernest L. Boyer International Award for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology, for his dedicated work in utilizing technology to bring Bluegrass and Appalachian Music to students around the globe.

Misty Frazier passed the Clinical Social Work exam on April 11. She is now a Licensed Clinical Social Worker which allows her autonomous functioning to practice Clinical Social Work in Kentucky.

HCTC RECEIVES AWARD FOR BEING SMOKE FREE

HCTC was presented the Tobacco-Free Campus Award by the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy at the University of Kentucky on Thursday, April 28. The award was presented for exceptional leadership and collaborative efforts in promoting a healthy campus environment by implementing a 100 percent tobacco free campus policy. Vickie Combs, Senior Human Resources Director, accepted the award. She coordinated the college-wide effort. Mrs. Combs is shown here with Ellen J. Hahn, Alumni Professor in the Colleges of Nursing and Public Health at UK and Director of BREATHE including the Tobacco Policy Research Program, the Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy.

BLUEGRASS CONCERT ATTRACTS LARGEST CROWD YET

Each semester, a crowd is entertained in Leslie County when the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music provides ensemble performances. The crowd grows each semester because the word is out – quality musicians are on stage.

CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER & FALL CLASS SCHEDULES AT HAZARD.KCTCS.EDU
Dr. Jenna Boothe, Associate Professor of Nursing at Hazard Community and Technical College, was a Platform Speaker at the dinner meeting of Kappa Theta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing on April 12. The dinner meeting was the finale of the Chapter’s 19th Annual Nursing Research Day held at Western Kentucky University. The theme for the day was “Improving Health Outcomes through Evidence-based Practice”. Evidenced-based Practice is traditionally defined in terms of a “three legged stool” integrating three basic principles: (1) the best available research evidence bearing on whether and why a treatment works, (2) clinical expertise (clinical judgment and experience) to rapidly identify each patient’s unique health state and diagnosis, their individual risks and benefits of potential interventions, and (3) client preferences and values. Dr. Boothe presented her research on “Persuasive Technology and Self-determined Motivation to Exercise.”

Dr. Boothe has an expertise in healthy lifestyles and the benefits of physical exercise. She is very active in the community to assist individuals to exercise and become more active as their physical condition will allow. Her research has documented that technology increases motivation to exercise leading to a healthier lifestyle. Donna Combs, HCTC Nursing Program Coordinator stated, “We are very fortunate to have Dr. Boothe on our faculty. She always prepares student learning activities that reflect the latest evidenced based best practices information so that our nursing program graduates begin work with the current patient care knowledge and foundation.”

HCTC hosted an Open-Mic Night to bring awareness to Poetry and Diversity months. Subjects covered people, places, and things that inspired their writings, such as farming, past love, hands, revolutions, birth, mental illness, death and dying. Emily Hudson (shown here) and Kyra Higgins took to the microphone. Emily discussed those being proud of being Black woman from Appalachia, how others from distant places perceived her, her dream as a child to be a country singer, and her struggles about self-awareness. She spoke of how others that she knew masked their accent and lied about where they were from, and how her love of the Creator and Jazz music influences her work. Kyra discussed her book of poems that she is currently writing. She read the first and last poetry entry from her book. These entries gave insight about her struggles and triumphs with mental illness.

Students from HCTC, Maysville Community College, Knott County Central, The David School and Bethel Christian Academy participated in this year’s Spring Iron Pour on April 7. This is the largest collaborative project for the Associate in Fine Arts degree to date. Students made two part molds based of wood patterns, some of the projects ranged from an old shoe-to an axe.
The letters of commendation were issued for the Associate Degree Nursing Program at the Lees College Campus in Jackson and the Practical Nursing Program in Hazard. The 2016 graduates of both programs achieved a 100% pass rate on the first attempt. The 2016 graduates at the Technical Campus in Hazard achieved a 97% pass rate on the first attempt.

Donna Combs, Nursing Program Coordinator, congratulated students for their success. “I am so proud of our graduates. They worked very hard to complete the nursing program and pass the licensure exam on the first attempt. While all are currently employed, almost all are working at local hospitals, serving our community and improving the health and well-being of our citizens.” Each of the nurses now working provides inspiration, becoming role models within their families and extended families. HCTC Interim President Dr. Juston Pate noted, “I’m very pleased with this pass rate and look forward to seeing the program continue to grow.”

The NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN are the national examinations for the licensing of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in the United States. After completion of the nursing program requirements from a school of nursing, a graduate may take the NCLEX and, if successful, become a licensed “registered” nurse or licensed “practical” nurse. The nursing license is granted by each state upon successful completion of the NCLEX.

Registered nursing program classes offered at HCTC in Hazard at the Technical Campus and Jackson at the Lees College Campus. Practical Nursing Program are offered by the college at the Technical Campus in Hazard.

A total of 57 students have accepted admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program for the fall semester. For additional information about the programs, anyone may contact Donna Combs, Nursing Program Coordinator at 487-3103 or donna.combs@kctcs.edu.

Evening With Poets—The 2016 edition of Kudzu, the HCTC official literary publication, was unveiled at the Evening with Poets event on April 28. Writers published in Kudzu read their work to a crowd in the Stephens Library. Savannah Sipple, a faculty advisor and Master of Ceremonies for the event, said she was pleased to see this year’s edition focus on women in Appalachia.

SANDY PHIPPS CLASS DONATION PROJECT

Students in Sandy Phipps's PSY 230 class - Psychosocial Aspects of Death and Dying, were part of a meaningful service project for the kindergarten students at Highland-Turner Elementary School. One of the kindergarten class’ students, Jaiden Hicks, died on April 11 after an illness. The class decided to give each of the children a bear with a meaningful poem along with other stuffed animals.
PRACTICAL NURSING STUDENTS HOST HEALTH FAIR

Hazard Community and Technical College’s Practical Nursing Students hosted a Health Fair on April 8, at Walmart in Hazard. The students partnered with the Kentucky River District Health Department, Hazard ARH Medical Center, and Primary Care in Hazard to provide the Health Fair. HCTC Nursing Faculty, Beverly Smith, RN, MSN, the students and their community partners served 109 participants within a six-hour period of time. The participants received health education and health care services including: Blood Sugar and Cholesterol Screening, Bone Density Testing, Blood Pressure Monitoring, Pulmonary Function Testing, Stroke Education, literature on Smoking Cessation, Diabetes Education, BMI check and written health information.

This project provided the students with an opportunity to practice health promotion in collaboration, with experienced personnel from major providers in the community, to enhance their preparation as practical nurses upon completion of the Practical Nursing Program.

The Practical Nursing Program is offered at the Technical Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College. For additional information about the programs, contact Donna Combs, Nursing Program Coordinator at 487-3103 or donna.combs@kctcs.edu

KENTUCKY SOYBEAN BOARD PARTNERSHIP WITH HCTC AND KCTCS

A total of 88 million bushels of soybeans were produced last year. In 2013, the farmer-leaders of the Kentucky Soybean Board partnered with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to provide an online biodiesel education course, free of charge, to diesel technician programs in the state. Participation is optional, and the course is sometimes an extra credit opportunity. The course gives technicians an overview of the nation’s first advanced biofuel, as well as equipping them to dispel any myths about biodiesel that might remain in the marketplace. Hazard Community and Technical College honored students for completing the training.

Shown here, from left are: Carlos Herald of Hazard, Peter Fanous of Hazard, Stephen Smith of Hazard, James Deno of Hazard, Justin Calhoun of Hindman, Roy Spencer of Campton, Instructional Specialist Jeff Stidham, Rae Wagoner of Kentucky Soybean Board, faculty Jimmy Caudill, Dakota Halcomb of Cornettsville, Dustin Cox of Hazard, Kirby Whitaker of Hazard, and Justice Turner of Jackson.

The Hazard Community and Technical College Sustainability Workgroup is planting butterfly gardens in the wooden containers located on the Hazard, Technical, and Lees campuses. Here, (left) Dr. Jennifer Lindon, who becomes president June 1, and HCTC’s Bryan Swafford show the results of their work along with (right) HCTC’s Vickie Combs and Donna Roark.
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