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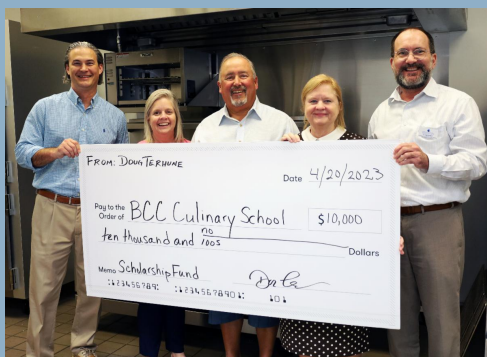
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**Donor Keeps Things Cooking**

*Culinary program celebrates milestone, graduates, and generous gift*

The most recent class of students in BCC's Culinary Arts Program graduated this month, marking two successful years of the program's existence. To help keep the program cooking, Douglas Terhune presented a \$10,000 check to Foundation Executive Director Teresa Nelson and Culinary Arts Program Director Lisa Schultz. The donation will be used to fund scholarships that will provide more students with the opportunity to pursue a career in the culinary field.

Terhune has a long-standing history of supporting BCC students. In the past, his generosity helped transform an old cafeteria into the Douglas Terhune Center for Culinary Arts, a state-of-the-art teaching facility and event center. Terhune is also a member of the BCC Board of Trustees, and according to Nelson, he is dedicated to giving back to the community in every way possible. He serves as an inspiration to others, encouraging them to contribute their own time, talent, and resources to help change lives.



**How to Help**

If you have a favorite program or career area you'd like to support or simply want to further BCC's mission of helping all students succeed, contact us at (910) 755-7320.

"There are numerous opportunities to create a positive impact in the community," stated Teresa Nelson, executive director of The Foundation. The Foundation presents hundreds of scholarships every year, providing students with the means to enhance their lives through education. These scholarships are made possible through contributions of varying sizes from



(Top, l to r) Greg Bland, VP of Continuing Education Economic & Workforce Development, Lisa Schultz, Douglas Terhune, Teresa Nelson, and Craig Doshier, Coordinator for Community & Donor Relations.

(Bottom, l to r) Pres. Gene Smith (far left), Lauren McCoy, Instructor (back row, fourth from left), and Lisa Schultz with Culinary graduates.

individuals and organizations that share a deep concern for students and recognize that education plays a crucial role in shaping their lives for the better."

If you are already a donor, we thank you. If you are ready to join us, please reach out. For more information on BCC's Culinary Arts program and its many courses, contact Lisa Schultz at 910-755-8083.

## Student and Donor Spotlights

### Meet Student Veteran Andrew Burgmuller



After nine years serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, BCC student Andrew Burgmuller found himself on the BCC campus for orientation after enrolling in his first college classes. Also present were two BCC employees and veteran mentors who approached Andrew, offering help and guidance. Like Andrew, they understood how it felt transitioning from the military to civilian life and wanted him to know that he wasn't alone.

Two years later, Andrew has stepped into their shoes, helping student veterans succeed in every way possible at BCC and beyond. "There are so many resources for veterans at BCC," said Andrew. "I had no idea about them until I arrived on campus. I was familiar with the GI Bill but soon learned

that much more is available. I'm grateful for the help I received and enjoy paying it forward to those who come after me."

While beginning college in your thirties might intimidate some, Andrew dove right in and hasn't looked back. He took advantage of resources like free tutoring and, before long, became a tutor himself. He applied for scholarships created for student veterans and received several awards. Andrew also applied for the federal work-study program and is now employed part-time at BCC in The Learning Center (TLC) while he attends school.

"The Foundation is a wonderful resource run by people who care," Andrew said. "I've been fortunate to benefit from scholarships funded by organizations like the Committee to Honor America's Veterans and Calabash Elks Lodge. It's humbling to see people who have given so much of themselves as part of the military still giving to the next generation. They make me want to do the same. There's nothing quite like helping a student who enters TLC with an ashen face leave with a smile."

Student veterans can find Andrew in TLC or contact him via email at [andr25118@brunswickcc.edu](mailto:andr25118@brunswickcc.edu).

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### Donor Spotlight: Committee to Help American Veterans



Photo Caption: (front, l to r) Lynda Sanders; John Corbett, CHAV Chairman; Teresa Nelson, Executive Director, BCC Foundation; Karen Joseph, CHAV First Vice Chairperson; Gere Andujar, CHAV Secretary. (Back, l to r) Chuck Helmboldt; David Sheppard; Lou DeVita, CHAV Asst. Treasurer; Charlie Nem, CHAV Treasurer; Mike Mahoney; and AJ Oates.

Brunswick Community College student veterans have reason to celebrate. The Committee to Honor America's Veterans (CHAV) recently presented a check for \$2,200 to The Foundation of Brunswick Community College. This gift brings the organization's total donations to \$10,200 since 2016.

CHAV's support funds Partnership for American Veterans Employment (PAVE) scholarships, helping to ensure that veterans have all the resources they need to achieve their academic and career goals successfully.

PAVE is a signature program at BCC designed to support institutional work-study positions for qualifying veterans. Student veterans receive financial assistance and valuable work experience through employment opportunities at the College.

"We know that veterans often face unique challenges when transitioning from military to college life," said Teresa Nelson, Foundation Executive Director. "That's why programs like PAVE are so important. We are grateful to CHAV for recognizing this and generously supporting student veterans at BCC."

Any Veteran honorably discharged from the U.S. Military who is a Brunswick County resident interested in pursuing a degree, certificate, or diploma as a full-time student is encouraged to contact the BCC Foundation office at 910-755-6530 to learn more.



## Foundation Fact

A gift of \$2,500 annually provides one scholarship (tuition & fees) to a deserving BCC student pursuing an Associate degree.

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# Foundation Photos



*Photo Captions: Thanks to your generosity, April was a busy month at The Foundation of BCC!*

- *Top L: Ken Wensel, Seaside United Methodist Church Liaison to the Foundation Outreach Committee, Teresa Nelson, and John Curry, Seaside United Methodist Church Chair of the Outreach Committee.*
- *Top R: Marsha Olender, Assistance League of Greater Wilmington Chapter President, Teresa Nelson, Jocelyn Gregory, Assistance League of Wilmington Chapter member, and Shaylene Ball, BCC Director of Nursing*
- *Middle L: President Gene Smith, Teresa Nelson, and Andrew Burgmuller with members of the Calabash Elks Lodge #2679*
- *Middle R: Teresa Nelson and Liam Clifford, Electrical Lineworker graduate and recipient of the Colby Haithcock Memorial Scholarship Award*
- *Bottom: Mandy Bayless, Kiwanis of Southport Oak Island Scholarship Chair and Teresa Nelson*

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