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## From the Executive Director

Dear Donors and Friends,

Welcome to a brand new academic year and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our rapidly growing student population. This semester marks record enrollment at BCC, making the need for your support more vital than ever.

I'm happy to report that we're off to a solid start. Your support of more than \$241,000 provided scholarships for nearly 208 students this fall. For many, your support was the deciding factor in whether or not they could attend college. That is remarkable!

In this issue of *Foundation Focus*, you will learn more about how you can help with donations of your time, talent, and treasure. We want to create more scholarships and provide support as mentors and volunteers in our schools and community. We are also building our Emergency Fund established to help students through immediate financial crises so that they can continue classes.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming year. If you find yourself on campus, please stop by to say hello. If you need us in any way, please don't hesitate to ask. You may contact me at any time. As always, thanks for all you do. -- Teresa

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## Men & Women of Philanthropy Reunite

Do you feel strongly about mentoring and providing guidance and support to the youth of Brunswick County? If so, the Women and Men in Philanthropy & Leadership organizations may be for you. After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, members of both groups visited campus on September 12 for a meeting, roundtable, and lunch with The Foundation of BCC staff members and college leadership.

Members also heard from a BCC student scholarship recipient and representatives from Communities in Schools of Brunswick County. Watch our Foundation Focus newsletter and

[Foundation Facebook page](#) for information on upcoming events and activities. We are actively recruiting new members to help with outreach efforts. To learn more, contact Teresa Nelson at (910) 755-6530 or nelsont@brunswickcc.edu. Ready to join us now? Please complete and submit your application (linked below) today!

#### MEN IN PHILANTHROPY

#### WOMEN IN PHILANTHROPY



## Ambassador Training Underway

Student Ambassadors fill a vital role at BCC. They are the face of our college and exemplify the eager, hard-working, determined-to-succeed students of BCC. They represent The Foundation on campus and in the community. Ambassadors make presentations, give keynote speeches, meet with donors and families, serve in many leadership roles, and more.

The mentors who volunteer to coach and train our Ambassadors are critical to their success. The Foundation held a Meet and Greet session for students and mentors to prepare for the new school year. Nearly all of this year's Ambassadors are new to BCC, so this was an essential first step in their training. It was a huge success. Thank you to our mentors for taking such an active role in helping our students succeed.





## Ambassador Spotlight: Meet Miley Ritchie



Student Ambassador Miley Ritchie is one to watch. This first-year student arrived at BCC after graduating from West Brunswick High School, where she started her sophomore year. If there's one thing this young woman knows how to handle, it's change. While she lives in Calabash, NC, Miley moved from Kentucky to North Carolina and back again before finally landing home.

"I love living in Calabash, but all the back and forth wasn't easy," said Miley. "It was hard to make friends, and kids aren't always nice to the new girl, so I had to find my way. For me, senior year in high school was when everything came together. I rocked it. I stopped being afraid and started figuring out me, who I wanted to be, and to help my younger sister do the same."

Miley joined the Cross Country team and made it to regionals. Academically, she soared. Miley gained confidence and made friends. After graduation, she found her fit at BCC. "After so many moves, I wanted to stay put at least for my first two years of college," she said. "Plus, BCC is fantastic and has everything I need and more. The academic programs and support are

excellent. Everyone is so welcoming, and the campus is a fun place to be. You can feel the school spirit, and I couldn't be happier."

After meeting several faculty and staff members, Miley was encouraged to apply to become an Ambassador. She is as enthusiastic and genuine as they come and aced her interview. Miley looks forward to meeting new people and getting involved on campus. She hopes to get lots of practice speaking in public and is ready for whatever challenges come her way.

## Donor Spotlight: MicroSolv Technology



*Photo Caption: Picture (l to r) are BCC President Gene Smith, MicroSolv Technology Corporation President Bill Ciccone, Executive Director of The Foundation of BCC Teresa Nelson, and VP of Continuing Education and Economic & Workforce Development Greg Bland.*

Brunswick Community College (BCC) students who want to train for careers in manufacturing may soon benefit from a \$1,500 donation from MicroSolv Technology Corporation. BCC President Gene Smith, joined by VP of Continuing Education and Economic & Workforce Development Greg Bland and The Foundation of BCC Executive Director Teresa Nelson, accepted the donation during a recent visit with MicroSolv President Bill Ciccone.

"This donation is the culmination of a long-term partnership between BCC and MicroSolv Technology Corporation," said VP Bland. "This relationship has included customized training in forklift operations, fire prevention, facility evacuation, CNC logic, and programming. This most recent donation will provide workforce development scholarships to students seeking opportunities to retrain, retool, and learn a new skill."

An HPLC Columns and Chromatography Accessories manufacturer, MicroSolv is a privately held company based in the USA. They acquire, develop, and manufacture different technologies such as Cogent TYPE-C™ HPLC columns, RSA™ autosampler vials, pharmaceutical grade syringe filters, HPLC fittings, other types of chromatography accessories and supplies, including stainless steel frits and filters, and many other tools for the Separation Sciences. The corporation is located in the Industrial Park in Leland, near BCC's Leland Center.

"It was an honor meeting Mr. Ciccone and learning about MicroSolv," said Nelson. "His dedication to supporting community colleges and serving Leland and surrounding areas was evident in mere minutes. We are grateful for his support of our students and look forward to working together for many years."

If your organization has specific manufacturing training needs, please get in touch with VP Bland at blandg@brunswickcc.edu. If you'd like to find out how you or your company can invest in the community and make a difference in the lives of BCC students, please contact Nelson at nelsont@brunswickcc.edu.

## Fighting Food Insecurity: How to Help

North Carolina, known for its picturesque landscapes, beautiful beaches, and southern hospitality, faces a silent crisis affecting thousands of its residents every day: food insecurity. Despite the state's agricultural riches, many individuals and families across North Carolina struggle to put food on the table. According to Feeding America, approximately 1 in 6 North Carolinians, including 1 in 5 children, are food insecure.

Closer to home, food insecurity is a reality among BCC students, faculty and staff members, and their families. To help, BCC established two food pantries on our main campus. You can find them in Building A on the first floor and in the main Brunswick Interagency Program Building. Our food pantries serve people every day, which is why it's so important that they remain filled with a wide variety of food options and personal care items.

You can help by donating. On the right is a list of what's needed most this month. Please drop off items at the OneStop Student Services Center (Building A, first floor) or ship them directly to:

Brooke Goff  
Student Activities & Events Coordinator  
Student Services  
50 College Rd, NE  
Bolivia, NC 28422

Thank you!



- ✓ **Personal hygiene products**
- ✓ **Chef Boyardee varieties**
- ✓ **Trail mix**
- ✓ **Goldfish snacks (individual size)**
- ✓ **Microwave ready-made meals**



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