

THE FOUNDATION **FOCUS**



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Dear Friends,

As the year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on all that we've accomplished together in 2025. This has been a year filled with generosity, partnership, and powerful stories of student success - made possible by those who believe in the mission of BCC and The Foundation.

Because of you, lives have been changed, dreams have taken shape, and new

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opportunities have opened for our students. This season of giving is a special time to make an end-of-year gift, and I want you to know that every gift, of any size, makes a real difference. Your support helps ensure students have the resources they need to succeed.

If you are considering a year-end contribution, gifts may be made by check or online through [PayPal link on our website](#). Your generosity today helps carry our mission forward into the new year.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are also excited to be planning our 10th Annual Bella Italia Gala on February 7 at the beautiful Sea Trail Convention Center in Sunset Beach. It promises to be our grandest celebration yet, and we look forward to sharing this special evening with you.

From all of us, thank you for making this year so impactful. Wishing you a joyous holiday season filled with love, laughter, and time with the people you hold most dear.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Teresa Nelson

Keep the Focus on Learning with a Year-End Gift

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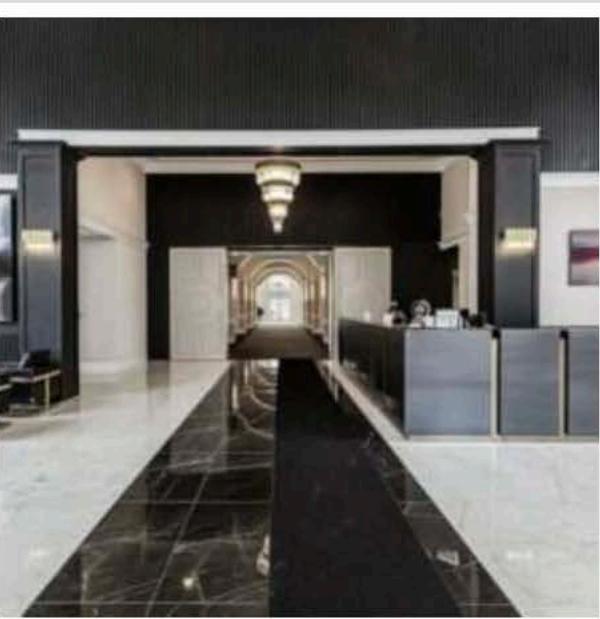
Your year-end gift helps ensure students have the support they need to stay focused on learning, not financial stress. Together, we're investing in opportunity, persistence, and success. Every dollar counts, and every gift, no matter the size, is deeply appreciated.

You may donate by mailing a check made payable to BCCF to the address below. If you'd prefer to make your gift online, visit the [Giving page on the Foundation website](#) to access PayPal.

For information on mentor or volunteer opportunities, please reach out to Teresa Nelson at nelson@brunswickcc.edu.

Ten Years and Counting





Join us for the 10th Annual Bella Italia Gala, an evening of fine dining & philanthropy in support of the mission of The Foundation of BCC.

Event Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026

Location: Sea Trail Convention Center, Sunset Beach, NC

At Bella Italia, every course tells a story. Guests will be treated to a multi-course Italian dinner thoughtfully paired with wines, creating an immersive culinary experience that feels like an evening in Italy, no passport required.

Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy a gourmet Italian-inspired menu with wine pairings, exciting updates from BCC President Gene Smith, heartfelt stories from BCC Student Ambassadors, sharing how donor support has shaped their journeys, opportunities to support scholarships and programs that change lives at BCC, photo opportunities, raffles, live auction, music, and dancing.

This year's gala marks two exciting milestones - our 10th anniversary and first year at Sea Trail Convention Center, a stunning venue that offers the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable evening.

Become a Sponsoring Partner

When you become a **Sponsoring Partner** of the Bella Italia Gala, you're not just supporting an event, you're investing directly in the life-changing work of The Foundation of BCC.

Sponsoring Partners enjoy benefits that may include:

- Recognition on event materials and signage
- Reserved seating at the gala
- Complimentary raffle tickets
- Acknowledgment during the evening's program
- Visibility on BCC and Foundation communication channels and marketing materials
- The joy in knowing that your generosity is making a difference in the lives of BCC students

Click on the button below to learn more about sponsorship levels and benefits or to reserve your Sponsoring Partner package.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Artisans Gallery on Howe Supports BCC Students at Southport Center for Heritage Arts



The Foundation is delighted to recognize a \$4,000 donation from The Artisans Gallery on Howe in support of students at BCC's Southport Center for Heritage Arts. This gift, presented to BCC President Gene Smith and Foundation Executive Director Teresa Nelson, strengthens our shared mission to foster creativity, expand opportunities, and nurture the next generation of artists in our community.

Located in the heart of historic downtown Southport, The Artisans Gallery on Howe is home to an extraordinary collective of local fine artists and craftspeople. Through their welcoming, inclusive space, and their nonprofit arm, Stepping Up For Arts (SUFA), the association champions artistic expression while raising funds to uplift arts education across the region.

This support will help provide hands-on learning experiences, resources, and inspiration for students pursuing their artistic passions at the Southport Center for Heritage Arts. We are grateful for this meaningful partnership and for the Artisans Gallery on Howe's dedication to lifting up local talent, one artist at a time.

Welcome to the Team

Last week, The Foundation opened its doors for a special Meet & Greet to celebrate connection, gratitude, and growth. Faculty and staff from across campus stopped by to learn more about The Foundation's work and to welcome two new members to the Foundation team.

Guests enjoyed great conversation, fellowship, and delicious treats while getting to know Mary Ann Rackowski, Administrative Assistant, and Jana Kisskalt, Coordinator for Financial Operations and Donor Database Management. Both bring a wealth of experience and a shared passion for using their talents to make a positive difference for BCC students.

The event served as a reminder that behind every scholarship, program, and opportunity supported by The Foundation is a dedicated team committed to student success. We are thrilled to welcome Jana (below left) and Mary Ann (below right) and look forward to the impact they will make at BCC.





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The Brunswick Community College Foundation, organized in 1982, is a charitable organization 501(c)(3) instituted to enhance BCC's mission to a level of excellence and purpose for students and the community. The Foundation is a vital resource for the acceptance and solicitation of all gifts for the support of education and the continued growth and progress of BCC.