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Evening nursing classes to be offered at Bevill State

Students planning for a career in nursing will soon have a new option from Bevill State Community College.

The College is set to begin a new part-time evening program in January on the Jasper Campus.

According to Penne Mott, dean of Health Sciences at Bevill State, the evening program is ideal for individuals who work during the day.

"The program provides students interested in nursing more options and flexibility since the program will follow the Col-

lege's evening schedule and weekend clinical rotations," she stated in a recent press release from the college.

Students interested in applying for the Evening Nursing Program must complete an application and meet the minimum admission standards before submitting the application.

The online nursing application will be available through Nov. 21 on the College's website.

The application, and the list of admission standards, can be found at www.bscc.edu/programs/health-sci

ences/nursing.

The Evening Nursing Program is scheduled for eight semesters. Students admitted for Spring 2017 will take academic courses the first two semesters (spring and summer) and begin nursing courses Fall 2017. Students who have already taken academic courses will also be considered for admission. If selected, these students will also start nursing classes in Fall 2017.

Only 30 students will be accepted for the first cohort of students, but according to Dr. Reitha

Cabaniss, director of Nursing at Bevill State, the College is implementing some assistance to ensure these students find success with the new evening program. "There will be meetings with the students admitted during the spring and summer semesters

to make sure they are on task for completing their academic requirements. We are also hiring two

new full-time employees exclusively devoted to the program," explained

Dr. Cabaniss, "We want this program to be successful, and we are dedicated to making sure we create a program that is designed for our students' success."

"Providing greater option for our students is very important to us," said Bevill State President Larry Ferguson



Upward Bound orientation

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Upward Bound (UB) orientation was held on Monday, Sept. 26, in the Bevill auditorium on the Hamilton Campus of Bevill State Community College. New inductees, returning participants and parents/guardians were in attendance. This orientation introduced the rules and regulations to the new participants and well as reminded the returning participants of their commitment to the program. Hamilton Campus Director Beth Roberts welcomed everyone and Upward Bound alumni Courtney Broussard and LaKetta Williams were the speakers for the event. These young women are both success stories and inspired the students to take advantage of all opportunities given them through Upward Bound. Broussard teaches at Home Economics at Guntersville Middle School and Williams works in the Diversity Department at the University of North Alabama in Florence. Katelin Bell, project coordinator for UB, was in the program at the same time as Broussard and Williams were, so Bell had the honor of introducing her two Trio alumni friends. Upward Bound Director Donna Swinney talked to the students about what it means to be an Upward Bound student while Bell talked about the "nuts and bolts" of participating in the program. UB Student Assistant Casey Mills, who was in UB for three years before graduating from Hamilton High School in 2016, also spoke to the students and parents about advantages of being in the program. Swinney explained that Upward Bound is a federally-funded program serving first-generation low-income high school students. She said, "Our mission is to provide these students with academic, cultural and personal support for the purpose of high school graduation, postsecondary completion and lifelong success. Our vision statement is to inspire and to empower all students to reach their full potential, positively impacting their families and communities."



Brilliant High School

Pictured are students from Brilliant High School (from left) Riley Logan and Alexis Boman. Not pictured are Holly Prescott, Kaitlyn Tidwell and Chamberlyn Webb.



Hackleburg High School

Pictured are students from Hackleburg High School (front row, from left) Selena Outz, Kaylee Mujica, Katie Holcomb, Vivian Marquez, (back row, same order) Zach Hill, Zoe Russell, Landon Tidwell, Gracie Collier and Dalton Rackard. Not pictured is Alicynn Jennings.



Hamilton High School

Pictured are students from Hamilton High School (from left) Zach Rawls, Alyson Moore, Caroline Hammontree, Kaliah Peoples, Addison Brown, Collin Evans, Taten Palmer and Layton Daniel. Not pictured are Emma Chandler, Ashton Frost, Caleb Norris and Dawson Raburn.



Marion County High School

Pictured are students from Marion County High School (from left) Ian Barnes, Whitney Brock, Hannah McNeese, Alasia Gardner and Zyler Bass. Not pictured is Rhiannon Seaman.



Phillips High School

Pictured are students from Phillips High School (from left) Alyson Moseley, Daisy Grace, Sadie Mallard, Cy Lauderdale, Emely Blanco, Megan Britnell and Sydney Saylor.



Awards Banquet

Pictured are (from left) Donna Swinney, Upward Bound Director; Courtney Broussard, Upward Bound Alumni and Home Economics teacher at Guntersville Middle School; LaKetta Williams, Upward Bound Alumni and Diversity Department at University of North Alabama; and Katelin Bell, Upward Bound Alumni and Upward Bound Project Coordinator.



Orientation

Pictured are (from left) Donna Swinney, Upward Bound Director, and Casey Mills, Upward Bound student assistant.

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UPWARD BOUND

Bevill State to host robotics competition

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BEST Robotics, Inc. has chosen Bevill State Community College's Fayette campus as a hub for their local competition this October.

The competition will be held at the Fayette Campus on Friday, October 28th and Saturday, October 29th. Ten different teams from area middle and high schools will be competing in this year's competition including: Bankhead Middle School, Berry Middle School, Fayette County Enrichment Program, Fayette Middle School, Hubertville Middle & High Schools, Huffman High School, Northside Middle & High Schools, and Winfield Middle & High Schools.



NASA/Tony Greicius

Science of the Times



The BEST Robotics theme this year is "Bet The Farm." The teams will be judged on their exhibits, marketing presentations, team notebooks, as well as the practical robotics competition. Winners from this competition will go on to a regional competition and could eventually compete in the national competition.

BEST stands for Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology and their mission is to engage, excite, and inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, and technology through participation in sports-like science and engineering-based robotics competitions.

The Fayette Campus of Bevill State has been chosen as one of the 47 hubs in 16 different states. "What BEST does is challenge the students to work as a team to apply the engineering design process to build a robot to perform specific tasks. It has them essentially form a company that will include not only the engineering side but also the business side," said Ken Swinney, Bevill State Math & Physics instructor & local BEST Competition faculty organizer.

The goal of BEST is to get the students to understand what engineers do and for the profession to be demystified through practical applications. "Bevill State is happy to be a BEST Robotics hub and to help students use science and math to solve real-world problems and boost their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics," said Dr. Larry Ferguson, president of Bevill State. "We have partnered with local industries to help support this initiative and are appreciative to have local engineers and other technical professionals volunteering to serve as judges for the competition."

The BEST Robotics Competition is open to the public on both October 28th and 29th in the Bevill Auditorium & Gymnasium on the Fayette Campus. For more information, please visit www.bscc.edu/best-robotics or call (800) 648-3271, extension 5146.



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Bevill State marks Alcohol Awareness Week

Bevill State Community College-Hamilton marked National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, Oct. 19-25, by having an event on its back lawn on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Colleges and universities across the nation sponsored programs, forums, and educational initiatives aimed at raising awareness of alcohol issues on campus. On a lighter effort, the college held its annual Mocktail event, serving light refreshments outdoors. It then hosted a competition, using vehicles donated by Fikes Chevrolet of Hamilton. Students used special goggles to simulate

stages of drunkenness and then tried to run to a car and

buckle up before their opponent. Students laughed about the event, but experienced a simulation of real-world problems in that condition, to the point of running off a straight path and having temporary nausea.



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Bevill State awarded grant for EMS Ambulance Program

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HAMILTON - Bevill State Community College Health and Sciences Department has recently been awarded an \$81,000 grant for a mobile ambulance training lab for the Emergency Medical Health Sciences (EMS) program.

The grant was announced by the college in an Oct. 7 press release.

The lab will enable students at Bevill State to complete the short-term EMS certificate and gain credentials.

The ambulance program initially began in 1995, but "the mobile laboratory will support educational programs that will allow Bevill State students to experience training in a real-life ambulance environment," explained department director Scott Karr.

Plans on recruiting new students will be through local career fairs, and other means.

Penne Mott, dean of health services at Bevill State, said in the release, "High school students will be introduced to the EMS career field through career fairs and other events."

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) created the grant to serve three of Alabama's "at-risk" counties: Marion, Pickens, and Fayette. Walker County will also be served. All of these counties have several medically under-served communities.

The objective of this grant is to support educational programs that will train healthcare professionals who will reside in the Alabama area.

Campus services director Beth Roberts of the Hamilton Campus said the program is for "those students earning the EMS certification to go on and become workers in the field." Simulation labs, with equipment as "realistic as an actual ambulance" are included, Roberts said.

Dr. Larry Ferguson, president of Bevill State, said in the press release he is very positive regarding this new addition. He feels it is "an outstanding opportunity for the Bevill State service area, and dual enrollment students can have the lab sent directly to them."

EMS Department director Scott Karr said on Monday, Oct. 10, he is also very excited about this new addition for the students, as they can now get "hands-on" experience in the field. There will be two full-time staff and several part-time instructors.

Bevill State spokesman Andrew Brasfield said the funding comes "directly through the Appalachian Regional Commission grant, and all of the grant funding will be put towards the ambulance."

A trauma mannequin was purchased in 2013 from a previously funded ARC grant, which will now have a new home in the ARC-funded mobile ambulance training lab.

The ambulance has been ordered and is in the process of being constructed, but it may be January or February before it is available for use. Karr hopes to have it ready in time for the 2017 spring term.

For more information concerning the EMS program, interested persons may call the EMS department at 1-800-648-3271, Ext. 5534 or visit www.bscc.edu.