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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 College’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.bssc.edu/programs/health-sciences/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 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. Kaelin 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.”
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, Hubbertville Middle & High Schools, Huffman High School, Northside Middle & High Schools, and Winfield Middle & High Schools.

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.bssc.edu/best-robotics or call (800) 648-3271, extension 5146.
Monday is the last meeting that once midnight passes and from hiding one’s face in general—from that night through Saturday, Oct. 29.

Monday, Oct. 17, passed a resolution through Oct. 29. The Hamilton City Council, at its last meeting of this term on Monday, Oct. 17, passed a resolution banning anyone over age 12 from wearing clown costumes—and from hiding one’s face in general—from that night through midnight on the night of Oct. 29.

The ordinance was designed to address the rash of incidents across this ordinance,” Vickery said.

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HAMILTON - Statewide Amendment 12, designed to calculate the water needed for crops grown on land currently serving as a military base, was rejected Thursday when the project's sponsor said it had been challenged. If approved, the revised amendment will be presented to the Alabama Legislature for consideration.

The students are working with local officials to develop a plan for a new water tower and to set the standards for the tower's location and construction. The students have already discussed the need for a new water tower and have identified potential sites for the tower's location.

The board has approved the project's approval by the Superintendents of Education for Pickens County and Crenshaw County. The project will be implemented in partnership with the local school boards and will be managed by the Hamilton City Schools.

The purpose of the project is to provide a new water tower for the city of Hamilton and to increase the capacity of the current water system. The project will also provide a new source of water for the city's residents and businesses.

The project is expected to cost approximately $5 million and will be funded by a combination of local and state grants. The project is expected to be completed in 2024.