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“The purpose of the lab is to provide a trained workforce for the asphalt industry, as well as to facilitate research with the potential to improve and encourage growth in the asphalt industry,” said Mary Corley, program manager for our Highway Construction Program in the Corporate and Community Education Division. The funds contributed by SCAPA will be used to purchase laboratory equipment for asphalt mix design and testing, Mary added.

The lab, which will be housed in McKissick Hall, is set to open in September.

“We are happy to be able to contribute towards the success of another asphalt research laboratory in South Carolina, which we feel will help provide quality research to improve the performance of asphalt materials on our state’s roads and infrastructure,” said Drew Boggs, SCAPA president.

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Ronnie L. Booth
President

Over the last three years, all of us have embraced the new realities associated with becoming a multi-campus community college. This transition impacts everything we do – how we allocate resources, staff our locations, make decisions, plan programs, and more. It hasn't been easy, particularly in times of scarce financial resources, but everyone has done an admirable job adjusting to this new paradigm.

To help us think strategically about how we plan and manage our resources in this new environment, the Executive Staff chartered a project team late last fall to develop a multi-campus strategy. According to its charter, the strategy will enable us to “ensure effective, proportional, and scalable delivery of programs and services across all locations and inform strategic College decisions on expansions and new acquisitions.”

This Multi-Campus Strategy Workgroup has spent the last six months examining every aspect of how we should conduct business at multiple locations. They took complex scenarios and broke them down into specific components in an effort to define levels of services – support and programming – that should be offered at each location. This body of work provides the framework needed to make decisions on a day-by-day basis so that every time a question comes up, everyone will know the answer based on parameters that have been defined in the strategy. In short, operational issues are clarified and expectations are defined so we can better manage both.

The product of their work is a detailed resource guide that will direct our planning and decision-making in a multi-campus environment. One of the primary tools contained in the guide is a comprehensive service catalog that defines the appropriate level of services to be offered at each campus. The guide also defines constraints and opportunities at each community campus, the role of campus directors, steps to follow in planning credit and non-credit programs at each campus, and factors that should be considered in planning future expansion to new sites.

Now that this work has been completed, our challenge is to be sure we embrace and use the guide as a tool in our planning and operations. We don't want it to collect dust on a shelf. In the near future, copies will be distributed to appropriate offices, and it will be available on the eTC portal.

The work of this group also informed decisions we made on a staffing model for each community campus. Tim Bowen, our Anderson Campus director, also will serve as Director for the Oconee Campus at the Hamilton Career Center, which is in great need of hands-on attention and development. Dr. Brian Swords has done an outstanding job as Interim Director for the Easley Campus while retaining his duties in Corporate and Community Education. We now will proceed with hiring a permanent, full-time director who also will be responsible for the QuickJobs Centers at each campus, as well as our learning center in Honea Path. The community campus directors are supported by a core team comprised of an administrative support person, an operations manager, and a student services generalist to assist with enrollment and student life functions.

We have made tremendous progress in increasing access to public higher education and training in Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens counties through our new community campuses. Now that we have a multi-campus operational strategy in place, I am confident we will experience even greater success in the future. The real winners will be our students. They don't see what goes on behind the scenes, but they will be the ones who benefit from our systematic approach to operations at each of our locations.

Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D.
President



Spotlight on Rosenwald Schools Exhibit

An exhibit of Anderson County's Rosenwald Schools, which were built primarily for the education of African Americans in the early twentieth century, is the first of many collaborative projects between Tri-County Technical College and the Anderson County Museum.

The mini exhibit of Anderson County's Rosenwald Schools is currently on display in the lobby of our Anderson Campus, located at 511 Michelin Boulevard.

Representatives from the Anderson County Museum and Tri-County gathered June 2 to formally announce their new partnership and to promote the upcoming exhibits that will celebrate the history, culture, and education of the Anderson area.

"Our partnership is about serving, educating, and transforming our community," said Tim Bowen, director of the Anderson Campus. "Since opening in 2007, it has been our mission to weave the campus into the fabric of this community," said Tim.

"A simple project blossomed into a bold vision when we marshaled our resources," added Tim, when describing the partnership between the College and the museum.

"This is one of the most exciting days for the Anderson County Museum," said Beverly Childs, director of the museum. "History was made when we got together and said let's form a partnership."

Alison Hinman, curator of collection at the Anderson County Museum, gave an overview of the history of the 19 Anderson County Rosenwald Schools.

Because of the segregated school systems, in the early 1900s Anderson County had more than 400 schools throughout the county, most of which were one room schoolhouses, she said. "The Rosenwald Schools were the brainchild of Julius Rosenwald, CEO of Sears and Roebuck, and Booker T. Washington," she said. The Rosenwald initiative, which began in the early 1920s, was to build new school buildings for the African American communities throughout the United States. Over a 10-year period, Rosenwald would provide matching funds to build precisely designed buildings that enable the best environment for learning, she said.

"The Anderson County African-American community would take advantage of this initiative to construct 19 modern school structures between the years of 1920 to 1930. The records from



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this tremendous project are kept at Fisk University, along with the names of the schools, the photos of most of the schools, and a record of what was contributed by the communities," said Hinman. The records indicate that in the rural areas of the county the black Andersonians raised most of their own funds, without white or public funds being contributed except in a few instances, she added.

The Rosenwald Schools in Anderson County were: Anderson County Training School; Belton School, Generostee School, Deep Creek School, Ebenezer School, Fork Grove School, Honea Path School, Rosenwald Jackson School, Mt. Able School, Mountain Springs School, Murray's Grove School, New Light School, Northside School, Pendleton School, Pleasant Grove School, Reed Street School and Shop, Shiloh School, Shady Grove School, and Welcome School.

Rosenwald began the idea of prefab houses with the introduction of the Craftsman homes catalogs, where people ordered pre-packaged homes from their store, which were shipped by railroad and built on land.

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SPOTLIGHT is a regular feature of CONNECTION that highlights College instructional programs, activities, and support services. Surveys show that our own faculty and staff play a significant role in influencing potential students to apply to the College. We're all ambassadors – so stay informed and keep doing a great job spreading the word that Tri-County is a great place to learn and grow!



English Department Head
Robin McFall writes:

“On April 22, **Jennifer**

Beattie spoke at the South Carolina Association of Departments of English annual luncheon. I have been attending these meetings for the past seven years; and, without a doubt, she gave the best presentation I have heard. Those in attendance asked a number of questions and were truly interested in what she has done with ENG 101 and COL 105 and with learning communities. She had several people ask for contact information so that they could get more details from her. All were impressed with the linkages she had created with other courses and wanted to incorporate such items in their freshmen composition classes. Needless to say, I am very proud of what she has accomplished with these classes and with her presentation. She truly did an outstanding job and is a wonderful asset to the College.”

Martha Diane Blackwell sent this letter to **Barbara Hammond**:

“In May 2009, my position as a teller supervisor at a local bank was eliminated due to the downfall of the banking industry. For twenty-seven years, banking was my entire working career. It was all I knew. Like everyone else, facing unemployment for the first time was terrifying. With my background in banking, I thought finding a job in the same field would be easy. I never dreamed after two years I still would be unemployed.

Facing reality, I realized I was not going to find a banking position, regardless of the reason. I needed a new career; one that offered benefits as well as a future. That is when I started looking for other alternatives. Banking was not an option...but what was? I knew I had to further my education, knew it would not be easy, and knew I did not have a clue of where to start!

In September 2010, I gathered all the nerve I had and went to Tri-County, searching for information on the first step to a new career. Needless to say, I was totally out of my “comfort zone.” Since there was a good chance I would turn around and leave, I never told anyone.

That was the day I met Mrs. Barbara Hammond.

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Our College Family

excellence through service

Dr. Amoena Norcross has been selected as the College’s 2011-2012 Faculty Fellow. Her research project will focus on investigating best practices for improving student retention in online classes, focusing specifically on English 100 and English 101. Amoena, an English instructor with more than 20 years of teaching experience, has been teaching at Tri-County for the past 18 years. Faculty Fellow Selection Committee members unanimously agreed that her proposal has great potential for providing increased knowledge and understanding of best practices for student retention in online classes.



Dr. Amoena Norcross

Janelle Hicks, director of Health Care Programs for our Corporate and Community Education Division, has been asked to serve as a member of the Medical University of South Carolina’s (MUSC) Alumni Advisory Board for the College of Health Related Professions. In May, the Alumni Board members received special recognition at the Ribbon-Cutting Party for the MUSC, College of Health Professions, grand opening of the Center for Rehabilitation Research in Neurological Conditions.



Janelle Hicks

Sandra Strickland, program director for the Corporate and Community Education Division, recently graduated from the Leadership Anderson program. Leadership Anderson is a leadership development program facilitated by the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Regents to inform a corps of committed and qualified individuals about our community’s past, present, and future, as well as its problems, challenges, and future direction.



Sandra Strickland

In addition, Sandra was elected by her classmates to serve on the Leadership Anderson Alumni Association Board for a three-year term. The purpose of the Leadership Alumni Association Board is to provide an avenue to continue community involvement and leadership mentoring roles for Leadership Anderson graduates.

in transition

Emily Danuser is the new Academic Resource Specialist in the Business and Public Services Division. Last month she graduated summa cum laude from Southern Wesleyan University where she received a bachelor of science in Business Management. She was on the Dean’s List and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. She also holds an associate degree in Business Management from Greenville Technical College where she was named to the President’s List.



Emily Danuser

While a student at SWU, she spent a year as a Human Resource Generalist at Oconee Medical Center and from 2008 – 2010 worked as an Assistant Office Administrator for Pace Pavement Technologies.

Emily lives in Sunset and is a member and teacher at Shady Grove Baptist Church.

Brag & Share

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After 30 years of State service as an educator and an administrator, **Susan Allen** will retire June 30. "I'm retiring, but I'm not headed for the rocking chair," said Susan, who joined the College in 2008 as its first Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

After some down time with her husband, Ken, and her family, she plans to pursue other opportunities, both professionally and personally. For the past three years, Susan has been responsible for learning support services, which include the library, instructional support, and faculty development. In addition, the Gateway to College program reported to her, and she served as the official point of contact for academic-related concerns. She was instrumental in Tri-County being the only 2010 applicant from South Carolina to receive Title III funding for a five-year plan to more powerfully focus on student learning and success for first-time postsecondary students. She has served as administrator of the grant during the first year of its launch.

When asked what's next, Susan smiled, and said, "I'm leaving my TCTC adventure for a trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. For now, I'm taking one adventure at a time."



Susan Allen

Mrs. Hammond is the instructor for several QuickJobs programs offered at Tri-County. She and I discussed several different courses being offered and the opportunities available. The courses were short, flexible and reasonably priced. She took her time, explained in detail, and made me feel as though I would be not facing this endeavor alone. After listening to my concerns and goals, she made her recommendations. Deciding on Medical Terminology, I enrolled in her class.

I am now employed at AnMed Health and enjoy my job. I think one of the deciding factors of being offered this position was my courses at Tri-County. I never would have had the courage to enroll and complete the classes had it not been for Mrs. Hammond. I will be forever grateful to her, and my life is much fuller having had the chance to know her."

Best regards,

Martha Diane Blackwell

Laura Thompson, administrative specialist for the Nursing and Veterinary Technology Departments, expressed her appreciation to **Croslena Johnson**, director of Student Life and Counseling:

"I just wanted to share how appreciative I am of Croslena Johnson, who always is willing to help. I had an issue and was trying to find somebody, and Croslena took the time to walk over to a nearby office to see if anyone was available and to give me the information I needed. This was not in her job, but she volunteered to help me out, which was such a kind thing to do and did truly help me."

Claudia Poore is proud to announce that daughter, **Brittany**, received a B.A. in Elementary Education at Clemson University's May 13 spring graduation. Brittany is a 2008 graduate of our Associate in Arts program.

If you wish to thank someone publicly, share personal news, brag about a recent accomplishment in your unit, or any other highlight, send it in for our "Brag & Share" column. E-mail your submission (65 words or less) with "Brag & Share" in the subject line to Lisa Garrett at lgarrett@tctc.edu.

Food, Fellowship Enjoyed by All at Annual Picnic

College employees gathered at the Easley Campus May 20 to enjoy barbeque and games at the Annual Employee Picnic. The event was coordinated by the Staff Advisory Board and funded by the Tri-County Technical College Foundation.



Frances Wilson, administrative assistant in the Corporate and Community Education Division, left, enjoys barbeque with **Richard Parker**, director of the World Class Training Center, and his son, **Alan Parker**.

Bob White, applications analyst in the Information Technology Department, attended the annual employee picnic with his wife, **Nancy**.



Tonique Dennis, administrative assistant for the Physical Plant, enjoys the employee picnic with friend, **Martez Robinson**.



Cathy Payne, chair of the Staff Advisory Board, gets assistance in drawing names for prizes from **Hunter Goss**, grandson of **Rena Hughes**, who works in housekeeping at the Easley Campus.

SCAPA *(continued from page 1)*

“The asphalt research lab at Tri-County Technical College will ensure the future of a workforce with technical training in the field of asphalt technology. SCAPA is proud to be a part of this new venture and looks forward to working with Tri-County Technical College in its asphalt research efforts,” added Ashley R. Batson, SCAPA executive director.

In September 2010 the College began offering courses in the South Carolina Department of Transportation’s (SC DOT) statewide technician certification program. This program provides the requirements an individual needs to seek certification as an SC DOT-certified inspector for work performed on construction projects.

More than 500 individuals completed SC DOT technician certification classes in 2010, said Mary. Tri-County is the only facility in the State that offers SC DOT certification courses in Hot Mix Asphalt, Coarse Aggregate, Earthwork, and Foundations.

The SC Asphalt Pavement Association’s donation to the College will provide students with a state-of-the-art asphalt materials testing facility where they will receive hands-on training in Hot Mix Asphalt applications. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held later this year at the College.

Students Raise Funds During Pink Zone Week



Angie Abraham (third from left) presents a check for \$709.28 to **Terra Dillard**, administrative director of Oncology at St. Francis Hospital (second from left). **Cindy Trimmier-Lee**, coordinator of Student Support Services, left, holds one of the shirts worn during Pink Zone Week, in which the Athletics Department, the Minority Student Association, and the Student Government Association held numerous events to raise funds for St. Francis and promote breast cancer awareness. Also pictured is **Croslena Johnson**, director of Student Life and Counseling Services.

RTV Students Work as Production Assistants with FOX News at GOP Debate



Three Radio and Television Broadcasting students worked as Production Assistants with Fox News Channel when Greenville hosted the GOP’s first nationally televised debate in May. **Stephen Moses**, **Robbie Bruce**, and **Matt Stephens** worked three days and were paid \$200 a day. All three of these students have worked for Amy Roberts, RTV instructor, with ESPN, Raycom Media, and others at the nationally televised Clemson games. In this picture, Robbie Bruce and Matt Stephens are acting as stand-ins at the candidate podiums in order for the director to adjust lighting and camera angles.

Lisa Walton: Health Care Hero

It had been 15 years since Lisa Walton, a medical technologist at Oconee Medical Center and adjunct Medical Laboratory Technology instructor, placed her name on the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) registry.

Throughout the years, she periodically received mailings from the organization – letters asking for personal data updates and newsletters filled with stories about individuals who have given the hope of a longer and better life to someone suffering from various forms of leukemia and lymphoma.

After someone joins the national registry, names are placed in a national database. But when Lisa received a letter from the NMDP last October, she thought it was promotional material. “I didn’t expect the words I read,” she said. “They wanted updated health information from me and told me I was a possible match for a lady who has Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML), a fast-growing cancer of the blood and bone marrow. I never in a million years expected to read those words,” said the Seneca resident.

She complied with their request, and a week before Thanksgiving, she received a call on her cell phone from the NMDP registry. She had been identified as a finalist.

“I had made it to the next stage,” she said. “What an unlikely opportunity and such a privilege. How could I not say yes?” she asked. She gave a blood sample in

December and was tested against the recipient. “I had a 1 in 12 chance of matching. It was then I learned she was 50 years old. I prayed that the best person would be the match. But I surely didn’t think I would be the one.”

A medical technologist with 22 years of hospital lab experience, Lisa says every time she suspects leukemia in a blood smear under the microscope, it gives her pause.

“It makes me so sad when diagnostic tests reveal this potentially deadly disease, and I know the pathologist will give someone information that will change his or her personal life forever.”

On January 15, 2011, she had worked a shift at the hospital and when she got home she found a Federal Express package from NMDP waiting on her. The letter read, ‘Thank you for your willingness to donate PBSC stem cells for a 50-year-old woman.’

The next letter in the packet stated that the physician requested that the donation take place in early February. The purpose of a bone marrow transplant is to put healthy stem cells in place of the unhealthy ones. This can treat or even cure the disease.

“I was overwhelmed with the fact that I have the privilege to do this for someone,” she said. “I’m blessed and privileged to participate in this experience.”

She prepared for the procedure over a five-day period by receiving 10 injections of a medication that causes stem cells to move out of the bone marrow and into the blood.

She traveled to a Falls Church, Virginia, clinic where she got

ready for the procedure. Instead of drawing marrow from her hip while under local anesthesia, the procedure was done by apheresis, whereby blood is taken from the body and cells are separated and PBSC stem cells are harvested.

For the stem cell collection, the donor is connected to a machine by a needle inserted in the vein (like for blood donation). Blood is taken from the vein, filtered



Lisa Walton

According to the organization’s website, The National Bone Marrow Registry is a source of hope to people fighting leukemia and other blood diseases. Every time a new name is added to the registry of potential bone marrow donors, the chances increase that a person in need of a bone marrow transplant will find the match that saves his or her life. The website is <http://www.marrow.org/JOIN/index.html>.

by the machine to collect the stem cells, then returned back to the donor through a needle in the other arm. Lisa was awake during the four-hour procedure, which she said was painless. There is almost no need for a recovery time with this procedure.

NMDP paid all of the expenses for the procedure. The recipient had the donation March 2. Lisa may never hear of her prognosis.

“God gave me the opportunity to be a donor. There is a 1 in 20,000 chance to match. I was a 6 – 6 match for tissue type. That’s the best match you can be, especially outside of the family.”

She says she shared her journey with students she was teaching in a hematology class. “The first week of teaching about bone marrow, I got the opportunity to tell them first hand about this incredible experience of mine. So few have the opportunity to share this experience that is directly related to what you are teaching,” she said.

She enjoys the balance of bringing real-life experience to the classroom from her career as a medical technologist at OMC.

“I like having my feet in both worlds. Being a teacher makes me a better technologist. Being a health care provider makes me a better teacher. It’s a privilege to do both,” she said.

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169 Participate in Second Annual 5K Road Race

The College held its second annual Tri-County 5K Road Race May 21. The race started and ended at the Anderson Campus located at 511 Michelin Boulevard. All race proceeds will benefit the programs and services of the Anderson Campus.

Awards went to the top three finishers in the Open and Masters categories. Also, there were age group awards for the top three finishers in each five-year category beginning with age 14 and under.

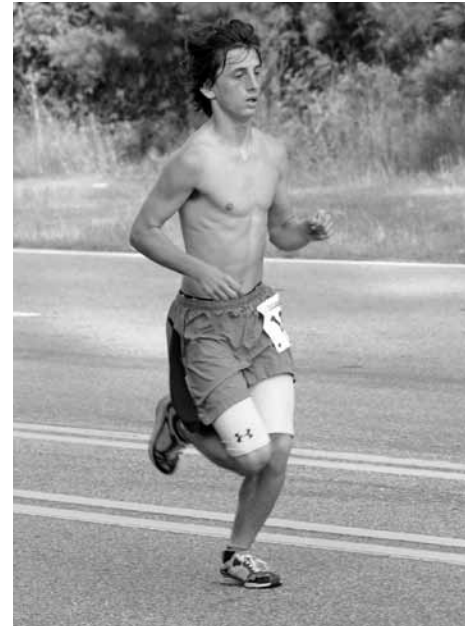
Many thanks to the employee and student volunteers who helped with the event, as well as those who participated as runners and walkers.



Erin Burdette, left, daughter of **Margaret Burdette** in our Institutional Research and Evaluation Department, was the overall winner in the Women's Category.



John Lummus, vice president for Economic and Institutional Advancement, poses with the top three winners in the Masters Category.



Alex Adams of Williamston, a student from Palmetto High School and member of the Track Team, was the Overall First-Place winner.



Chris Worthy, lead mathematics instructor/ Comprehensive Studies department head, won first place in her age bracket.



Public Services Department Head/Early Childhood Education instructor **Dr. Harriette Dudley**, and her husband, **Ernest**, give a thumbs up as they cross the finish line.



Spanish instructor **Trini Tumlin** and **Rafael Islus** near the finish line. Trini won first place in her age bracket.



The Science Department showed their school spirit by participating as a team in the event.



Runner **Jordan Brewster** stretches before the race begins.



Medical Assisting Major Donates Blood



Jennifer Mickle, of Anderson, was among the faculty, staff and students who participated in the College's Future Laboratory Professionals/AnMed Health-sponsored blood drive. Mickle, a Medical Assisting major, is pictured with **Kelly Wilbanks**, a medical laboratory technician (MLT) and 1991 graduate of the College's MLT program. Twenty-five units of blood were collected.

Student Democrats Travel to Nation's Capital



Student Democrats raised money during the spring semester to take a trip to Washington, D.C. (travel dates were May 9-12). This was the first time many of them had visited the Nation's capital. Advisor **Mary Geren** and students toured the Capitol Building and met with **Congressman Jim Clyburn** (seen in this photo). They also visited various famous landmarks in the D.C. area.

Concepts Presented For New Pendleton Master Plan



Kenn Bullock (standing, right) of Woolpert, Inc., Charlotte, N.C., met with members of the Pendleton Master Planning Committee to review concept ideas for a comprehensive master facilities plan for the Pendleton Campus. The concepts were developed from feedback provided by the campus community earlier this year through brainstorming sessions and design charrette activities. Once completed, the plan will provide guidance and direction for short- and long-term improvements and construction for the Pendleton Campus. A channel was established on the Message Center tab in eTC that allowed faculty, staff, and students to view the concept plans and give feedback.

Lisa Walton

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She hopes to get an update on the recipient one day. She also hopes to arrange for a bone marrow drive on campus in the future. "It's so easy to be checked – just a DNA swab from inside the cheek," she said.

"I still am overwhelmed when I think of this," she said.

It also had an effect on her hospital co-worker, a nurse, Jo Beth Messick, who nominated her for a Health Care Hero award sponsored by GSA Business. There were 75 nominees in six different categories.

Lisa was named a Health Care Hero in the Health Care Professional category. She represented Oconee Medical Center and Tri-County. The award was presented by Smith Center for Cardiovascular Wellness Thursday, May 12, at the Carolina First Center.

Golden OPPORTUNITIES to shape the future

Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company Donates \$50,000 to Name Manufacturing Resource Center

Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company continued its commitment to Tri-County Technical College and to the community by making a \$50,000 gift to name the Manufacturing Resource Center. The gift also was given in support of the College's Major Gifts Campaign whose goal is to raise \$7 - 9 million by our 50th anniversary in 2012.

The Reliable Sprinkler Manufacturing Resource Center is housed in Cleveland Hall on the Pendleton Campus and serves students in the Engineering Graphics, General Engineering, and Machine Tool Technology majors. The lab is filled with sophisticated equipment that includes a HAAS 5 axis vertical machining center, a rapid prototyping center, and a ROMER seven axis scanner arm.

"As a third-generation, family-owned business, our family strongly believes in giving back and being a part of the fabric of the community we live in," said Michael R. Fee, vice president and owner of Reliable, a leading manufacturer in fire protection equipment, with 20 locations in North America, including the corporate manufacturing facility in Liberty.

Fee added that another benefit of the Manufacturing Resource Center is "to further upgrade the skills and talents of the Tri-County students who will eventually be our future employees, as well as other companies in the Upstate, making the Upstate of South Carolina the number-one place in the United States to live and work."

Engineering Design and Machining Technology Program Coordinator John Norris believes students learn best through engaging, hands-on projects. John often accepts troubleshooting projects from area companies and uses the work as a learning experience, as well as a student project. Tri-County students are given real-world projects to help local industry go from a conceptual idea to prototype.



Reliable Automatic Sprinkler Company continued its commitment to the College and to the community by making a \$50,000 gift to name the Manufacturing Resource Center. Pictured from left are **Michael R. Fee**, vice president and owner of Reliable; **John Lummus**, vice president for Economic and Institutional Advancement; and **Courtney White**, manager of Donor Relations.

This past year they worked on a chopper, and in past years, John and his senior students have designed a mechanical device to lower caskets into a vault, a penny press, die casting and plastic injection molds, and aided in automating a process for mold pattern design. They've tackled upgrading the former version of the MEGAFLEX 121 ratchet manufactured by Torq Tuf and redesigned a hair dryer for a Greenville company.

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Sandvik Donates \$5,000 in Support of Major Gifts Campaign

Sandvik in Westminster made a \$5,000 donation to the Foundation in support of the College's Major Gifts Campaign. In 2009 the Foundation kicked off the public phase of its first-ever Major Gifts Campaign aimed at moving the College toward achieving role-model status among community colleges in the United States. The College is working toward a goal of \$7 - 9 million and the campaign will end in 2012 with the College's celebration of its 50th anniversary. Here, **Jaime Herrera-Torres**, Sandvik's tooling supply-regional manager Americas, third from left, presents the check to **Dr. Booth**, second from left. Pictured with them are **John Lummus**, vice president for Economic and Institutional Advancement; and **Elisabeth Gadd**, director of Development.



FCL, Clemson Extension Gift Supports Oconee Students

Members of Sew What's New of the Oconee County Family Community Leaders (OCFCL) and Clemson Extension Service present money received from the estate of organization member April S. Barthelmes, to the Foundation. This \$20,771 donation will be added to the existing OCFCL scholarship endowment that funds scholarships to Oconee County residents. Ms. Barthelmes's gift will assist Oconee County students in furthering their education. Pictured from left are (standing) **Lou Robinson**, state FCL advisor and Clemson Extension contact for OCFCL; **John Lummus**, vice president for Economic and Institutional Advancement; **Dr. Booth**; **Beverly Jenkins**, president of OCFCL; **Beverly Matz**, and **Analise Roegner**; and (seated) **Ethelin Stancil**, treasurer of OCFCL; **Barbara Rhoads**; **Courtney White**, manager of Donor Relations; and **Mary Bell Nix**.



Four Foundation Board Members Recognized for Service

Four Foundation Board members rotated off of the board effective June 30. Recognized for their individual contributions were Kleo Stathakis, Corrine Cannon, Neal Long, and Marion Roach.

Corrine Cannon has represented Pickens County on the board since May 2005 and served on Nominating Committees and, most recently, on the committee charged with the responsibility of reviewing the Foundation's by-laws and making recommendations concerning them to the board. As a result of her efforts, the by-laws were unanimously approved at the August 20, 2009, meeting.

Since 1996 Neal Long has served as one of Anderson County's representatives on the board. Throughout his five consecutive terms, he supported the Foundation through donations and service on committees and through fundraising efforts by identifying and soliciting potential donors. Most recently he served on the Audit Committee. Neal and his wife, Doris, are consistent donors to the Foundation.

Marion Roach has served on the board since July 1, 2008, and she represented Pickens County. During her term, she served on nominating committees and with identifying potential donors. She and her husband, Steve, have given generously to the College.

A charter member of the board, Kleo Stathakis has represented Anderson County since the first meeting on June 7, 1985. For 26 years, she served on numerous Foundation-related committees, assisted in the solicitation of major gifts to the Foundation, and established an endowed scholarship in memory of her husband, Pete Stathakis. She has served as secretary to the Foundation Board since January 1, 1995. Her most notable accomplishment as a board member was when she introduced Mrs. Ruby Hicks to



Kleo Stathakis



Corrine Cannon and John Lummus



Marion Roach



Neal Long, left, and John Lummus

the College and Foundation. Mrs. Hicks, a member of the College's Foundation Board, died October 2, 1992. She bequeathed the majority of her estate, valued at nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, to Tri-County to establish scholarships. Until 2001, this was the largest single donation the College had received in its history.

Students Sign Letters of Intent to Play Men's Golf, Women's Basketball, and Soccer



Tri-County Technical College's athletics programs include varsity-level Women's Basketball, Women's and Men's Soccer, and Men's Golf.

Teams are sanctioned by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and compete within Region 10 at the Division I level.



Stephany Brand, of Marietta, GA, seated left, signed a national letter of intent to play Women's Soccer. She is pictured with her mother, **Teryl Brand**, seated beside her, and Coach **Caitlin Brougham**, standing left, and **Angie Abraham**, director of Athletics. A former 5A Walton High School goal keeper, Brand has extensive experience playing at the Select level and posted impressive numbers her senior year as she led the Lady Raiders to the Final Four in the Georgia High School State Soccer Tournament. The Lady Hawks' first soccer game will be August 27.



Tasheka Mosley, of Greenwood, seated left, signed a national letter of intent to play Women's Basketball. She is pictured with her mother, **Linda Holloway**, seated; Women's Basketball Coach **Alesia Smith**, standing left; and Athletics Director **Angie Abraham**, standing right. While at Greenwood High School, Mosley was named All State, MVP Defensive, All Region, and All Star Team MVP.



Tamassee-Salem High School senior **Landon Garrett** signs a letter of intent to play golf at Tri-County. He is joined by, from left, Tamassee-Salem Athletic Director **Tim Sheriff**; Tamassee-Salem Golf Coach **Adam Hopkins**; his mother, **Debbie Garrett**; his father, **Phil Garrett**; Tri-County Golf Coach **Clint Wright**; and Tamassee-Salem Principal **Steven Moore**. Landon was the team MVP each of the last four years and was an all-region performer last year before being named the Region 1-A Player of the Year to cap his senior season. He was an all-region basketball player; in addition to being both Tamassee-Salem's Wendy's Heisman Award winner and its Male Athlete of the Year as a senior.



Logan Davis, of Gaffney, seated right, signs a national letter of intent to play Women's Basketball. She is pictured with her mother, **Kim Gault**, seated; Women's Basketball Coach **Alesia Smith**, standing right; and Athletics Director **Angie Abraham**, standing left.

Easley Campus Showcase Events Draw Prospective Students



Our Easley Campus hosted two events (in May and June) to showcase program offerings. College representatives from admissions, financial aid and others were on hand to answer questions. Pictured here, **Brandon Gilliam**, of Easley, a registered personal banker at Wachovia in Easley, talks with Advisor **Yvonne Vinson** about enrolling in business and finance classes. The Easley Campus offers classes in University Transfer, Business, Health Sciences, Criminal Justice, Medical Office Specialist, and Early Childhood Development, among others. This fall, the College will add first-semester Industrial Electronics Technology (IET) and Licensed Practical Nursing classes to its program offerings at the Easley Campus. Fall semester begins August 22.

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“Often the company doesn’t have the equipment they need to solve their problem and instead of purchasing it, they contact us and we take it on as a project,” said John. “Often it involves reverse engineering. The company may have the physical part but no print, no documentation about the part. Using reverse engineering, we create drawings and create the documentation to manufacture that specific part for them. You can’t replicate the part without the drawings,” he said.

“Working on these projects is a great experience for students,” said John. “They get to go inside plants and interact with engineers. Although it adds to their classwork and homework, they welcome it because it broadens their experience and opens doors for future jobs,” he said.

“They get a real taste of what it’s like to work for a company and the pressure to get a project done,” said John. “This is what it’s like in a real manufacturing environment.”

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He used the same philosophy when providing funds for the Rosenwald Schools, Hinman said. The first plans were designed by the Tuskegee Institute architects but eventually plans were drawn by architect Samuel Smith.

Plans were designed based on the fact that schools were in rural settings with no electricity available. Plans were specifically designed for the number of teachers the schools had. “Many schools are easily recognizable because of their consistent appearance. Most were built with wood clapboard, painted white, with large double hung windows,” she said.

Some of the larger designs were present in Anderson County. In Pendleton, the Anderson County Training School and Reed Street in Anderson were examples of multi-teacher school plans.

Most of the Rosenwald Schools have disappeared from Anderson County; however, a few have survived by being used for a different purpose such as a community center or a farm building. “The remaining structures have lost their distinctive long windows due to the need for draft-free environment for central heating and electricity,” Hinman said.

Of the 19 schools in Anderson County, only three remain – Shiloh, New Light, and Mt. Pleasant. Some remnants of the Anderson Training School and Reed Street survive. In 2002, the

National Trust for Historic Preservation put the Rosenwald Schools on its top 10 endangered list.

Westside Community Center Director Bea Thompson, who attended Mt. Pleasant and whose two older sisters attended Shiloh, called the exhibit and the partnership “wonderful. It’s amazing to sit here and listen to what you will do in the community.”

The Rosenwald Schools of Anderson County exhibit is the first in a series of joint projects presented by the museum and Tri-County over the coming years.

Students from the Industrial and Engineering Technology Division will be involved through construction projects. In the fall, students will build a full-scale, one-room, one-teacher reproduction of the Rosenwald Schools.

And in the future, they will build a replica of an electric trolley that ran in Anderson.

Later an historical mall at the campus will house these projects for students and the community to view and enjoy.

“One of my loves in life is history,” said Dr. Booth. “History makes us who we are. This exhibit is an opportunity to celebrate that history. I want to thank the county and the community, as well as College faculty and staff, for their good work.”

Executive Staff Updates

- **Enrollment:** Credit enrollment is down slightly for Summer Term. Fall Semester enrollment is expected to be flat (no growth), and we have budgeted accordingly for FY 12.
- **Mission and Vision:** Over the next several months, the College will revisit its Mission and Vision Statements. Focus group sessions will be held to obtain feedback from faculty and staff.
- **Sustainability Initiative:** The College has several “green” practices in place, but our next step is to develop goals to create a sustainability initiative. We will focus on this initiative during the next planning cycle.
- **Pendleton Master Plan:** Additional feedback has been obtained through focus groups. The next step is to obtain feedback from the College Commission for August approval.
- **Easley Campus Update:** Dr. Brian Swords, interim director for the Easley Campus, provided an update on enrollment, partnerships, facilities improvements, and community involvement.
- **Clarke/McKissick Hall Renovations:** Space will be renovated to create an asphalt/highway construction laboratory for a new SC DOT Technician Certification and Training program through Corporate and Community Education. In addition, three classrooms will be created to accommodate University Transfer classes, which will allow the I&ET Division to consolidate Project Lead the Way labs/classes in Cleveland Hall.
- **LC² College Readiness Tool:** The Executive Staff approved the purchase of software to assess the college readiness level of new students as part of the LC² initiative funded by Title III.
- **Distance Learning:** A team was chartered to study faculty credentialing for instructors teaching distance learning classes.
- **Other:** internal communications procedure; multi-campus strategy; policy and procedure updates; and budget preparation.

Clemson, Tri-County Launch Joint Program in Medical Laboratory Science

Beginning this fall, Tri-County graduates with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, who meet specific criteria, can enroll as juniors at Clemson University. Qualified students will be accepted in the Bachelor of Science in Microbiology degree program, with a concentration in Biomedicine.

With a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and two years of work experience, graduates will be eligible to take the board exams for certification as a clinical laboratory scientist, the highest accreditation level. With this accreditation, they will be qualified for positions in hospitals, public health clinics, industry, research and forensics.

Medical laboratory scientists are an important part of the medical specialists’ team that determines the presence, extent, or absence of disease, and monitors treatment. Seventy-five percent of all medical decisions are based on the results of medical laboratory testing.

“Clemson University is proud to launch this program with Tri-County Technical College that will give students affordable opportunities for well-paying careers in the medical profession,” said James Barker, Clemson University president.

“Our partnership with Clemson University spans nearly 50 years when former President R. C. Edwards donated Clemson land to build our Pendleton Campus in 1963. That was only the beginning. Articulation agreements like this one, our Bridge to Clemson program, and countless other initiatives have made our two institutions role models for collaboration,” said Dr. Booth.

“According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. alone needs 10,000 new board-certified laboratory scientists/technicians a year just to maintain current levels of staffing, but the educational programs across the country are graduating only 4,000,” said Vincent Gallicchio, Ph.D. Gallicchio has a joint appointment at Clemson University in the departments of biological sciences and public health. He is president of the International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science.

“I foresee these graduates as future managers and innovators in clinical laboratory science. With a baccalaureate degree, they may also wish to pursue graduate degrees in research or other aspects of medicine,” said Hap Wheeler, chair of Clemson’s biological science department.

“I believe the outstanding reputation of our Science Department was a key factor in Clemson’s confidence that our graduates would be well-prepared for their program,” said Polly Kay, program coordinator for our Medical Laboratory Technology program.



Jeff Burrell, left, of Powdersville, a May 2011 graduate of our Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program, will be among the first to be accepted in Clemson’s Bachelor of Science in Microbiology degree program, with a concentration in Biomedicine. He is pictured with **Polly Kay**, instructor and coordinator of our MLT program.