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Marianne Yohannan Receives Presidential Medallion for Instructional Excellence

Marianne Yohannan, Biology instructor for the College’s Science Department, was honored May 8 with the highest award presented to the faculty. She received the Presidential Medallion for Instructional Excellence at the College’s spring commencement.

Dr. Booth presented the medallion to the Anderson resident. The medallion is presented each year to the instructor who has contributed the most during the academic year to the profession of teaching, to the development of the College, and to the students.

In her nomination, colleagues praised her commitment to providing students with a positive educational experience through her teaching and advising duties, as well as her involvement with the various College initiatives devoted to student learning and success.

In her nine years of teaching in the Arts and Sciences Division, Marianne has made student learning and achievement a priority through her commitment to student success and accessibility to students both in and out of the classroom. In addition to her Biology classes, she has played a significant role in the Learning Excellence Initiative which focuses on the first-year student experience.

Part of this initiative involves the creation of linked learning communities and the Freshman Seminar class. Marianne was one of the faculty members who provided input into the development of the course and participated in training to facilitate this course. She has led at least one section of the course each fall semester from 2007-2011.

“These actions illustrate Marianne’s commitment to student success by meeting the challenge not only of teaching a course that is focused entirely on helping students transition smoothly into higher education, but of managing the coordination of content delivery with the colleagues teaching the linked courses in the learning community,” said Dr. Amoena Norcross, Title III activity director, in her nomination letter.

Amoena added that this experience gives instructors a better understanding of the challenges facing freshmen and of the college resources available to students. “Marianne has transferred the pedagogical methods acquired from teaching the Freshman Seminar class to her Biology classes and emphasizes co-curricular activities (such as the Tutoring Center) to

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Projects Lay Groundwork For High Impact Practices



Dr. Ronnie L. Booth
President

During Spring Convocation last month, I highlighted an impressive number of projects tied to our Strategic Plan that demonstrate how the creativity, dedication, and hard work of our employees can have a positive impact on student success. Our vision statement truly reflects who we are: Passionate people transforming lives and building strong communities one student at a time.

All of you deserve a round of applause. We are moving the needle in the right direction on important indicators of student success. Only 15 community colleges in the nation have a higher transfer rate, and our rate is 22 percent higher than the S.C. Technical College System average. In addition, our student success rate exceeds the System average by 18 percent; our graduation rate by seven percent.

We made great progress with three major initiatives, which together create a strong foundation for our next major priority—the implementation of High Impact Practices (HIPs) across the institution.

First is our Title III initiative, Learning through Community and Connections (LC2). We now have solid data that proves students who participate in learning communities have higher achievement, persistence, and retention rates. As Title III funding for the program sunsets, we are taking final steps to institutionalize this initiative, which includes the expansion of learning communities and full implementation of the Academic Support Network.

Second, the scope of our work-based learning program has exploded during the last three years. This past spring semester, we had nearly 100 students enrolled in co-op, internship, and apprenticeship programs in thirty companies, including Bosch, BMW, Duke Energy, Michelin, and Schneider Electric. In addition to developing strong skills through the application of classroom knowledge in the workplace, these students earned close to a half million dollars last year. Employers also benefit by developing and shaping the skills of their future employees.

Finally, we have expanded our service learning program by providing more students the opportunity to tie classroom learning to service in the community. Students were involved in a variety of service-related activities over the course of the academic year, including assisting veterans, working with elementary school children, and aiding rescue animals.

These three initiatives lay the groundwork for a full-fledged HIPs program at the College, which will provide each and every student the opportunity to participate in at least two high impact experiences, such as internships, service learning, and learning communities. Proven to improve learning, engagement, and completion, the implementation of HIPs will support the College's goal of providing a transformative student experience.

We are in the process of developing a five-year plan to implement HIPs across the curriculum. The program will serve as Tri-County's SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which will include a schedule for design, pilot, and implementation of HIPs for each academic program.

No one person, team, or project can move the needle on indicators like graduation, retention, and transfer rates. It takes everyone working

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GE Manager Bernie Anger Addresses College's Largest Graduating Class

Dramatic and accelerated changes in the digital world will be exciting and terrifying and will change how we interact, Bernie Anger, general manager of GE Intelligent Platforms, a business unit within GE Energy Management based in Charlottesville, Virginia, told the College's largest graduating class ever at the spring commencement. Six hundred and twenty-three received degrees, diplomas, and certificates at the ceremony held May 8 at the Anderson Civic Center.

"You have seen the information revolution shape your personal life. That same information revolution will shape your professional life, and we are only at the very early stages of the technology era we are living in. If you want to get a quick sense for the speed of change you will face during your career, I encourage you to look back in time and imagine similar scale changes happening twice as fast going forward. For example, go back 10 years (to the world before smartphones and Facebook) and imagine that much change happening in the next five years," he said.

"Until 1900 the recorded volume of human knowledge doubled approximately every century. By the end of World War II, knowledge was doubling every 25 years. Today the collective knowledge of humanity doubles every 13 months," said Mr. Anger.

He gave the graduates advice on how to deal with change in their professional and personal lives.

"Approach life with an endless sense of curiosity. If you want to thrive in the workplace, make learning a lifelong habit. Keep your learning muscle active," said Mr. Anger.

He said that making conscious choices is a great



College Commissioner **Butch Harris**, graduation speaker **Bernie Anger**, and **Dr. Booth** watch the graduation procession.

source of stability, particularly in highly stressful situations. "Transformative events are connected to difficult moments. When I reflect back on my own life, I can trace most of the transformative events of my life to a tough moment followed by a conscious choice. Choices matter."

He added that when change is happening, it brings hope of a better future. "That phenomenon is the power of possibility. Possibilities are brought forward by individuals and amplified by the efforts of many. My wish for you is that you find ways of declaring your own possibility and surround yourselves with those who can help transform that possibility into history. In so doing, you'll create a better world for us all."



Lindsey Montjoy Receives 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award

Lindsey Montjoy, of Anderson, received Tri-County Technical College's 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award, which highlights her dedication to her alma mater, was presented to her by **President Ronnie L. Booth**.

The recipient of this award must have been awarded a degree, diploma, or certificate from Tri-County; must have graduated at least one year ago; and must have made significant contributions to the College, the Alumni Association, or the community.

"This is such a surprise. I am so honored. I really feel like I am a part of the College and the Alumni Association," said Lindsey, who, at age 31, has earned four college degrees—two from Tri-County and two from Clemson University. She has advanced from an LPN to a lecturer in the School of Nursing at Clemson University in just a decade.

Scenes from Spring Commencement



The class of 2015 was the College's largest graduating class ever at spring commencement with 623 graduates.



Science faculty members **Dennis Lee**, **Spencer Heringa**, and **Drew McRae** react to the announcement of fellow faculty member Marianne Yohannan receiving the Presidential Medallion for Instructional Excellence.



SGA President **Selena Valdizon**, left, poses with **Courtney White** and **Rep. Neal Collins** prior to the ceremony.



Industrial Electronics Technology Program Coordinator **Shan Smith**, right, was instrumental in arranging for **Bernie Anger**, left, to be our graduation keynote speaker after meeting him at a conference. Note **Dr. Booth** is wearing a new President Chain of Office created by our Welding students. A tradition dating back to the Middle Ages, chains of office are massive metal necklaces worn by the university president on ceremonial occasions as part of his or her regalia.



When **Tyler Swaney**, left, entered Tri-County in 2012 as a Connect to College student, he set a goal to learn something new every day either in life or in his studies.

"I always want to move forward. Life is about learning, expanding, and growing," said Tyler, who is the first Connect to College graduate to be named one of Tri-County's Outstanding Graduates (Automotive Technology). "I'm entering a different life now," said Tyler. "I'm positive, I have a college degree, a new job, my grandfather, good friends, and a bright future," he added.

"My career goal is to be the best technician I am meant to be. This will be a lifelong career for me." He says he will make time to come back and visit with Tiffany Carpenter and C2C staff along with **Trent Hulehan**, Automotive Technology program coordinator, pictured right. "It feels like home at Tri-County. Trent is the best instructor I've seen. He became my mentor. He and Tiffany are like my second family. I couldn't have done it without them."



We bid farewell to Library Director **Marla Roberson**, who has accepted a job at Greenville Tech. Marla served as president of Faculty Senate this year.



We also say goodbye to Music instructor **Jeff Christmas**, who has led our Music program and chorus for the past four years. He and his family are moving to Maine where he and his wife, Meredith, have accepted new positions.



Industrial Electronics Technology graduate **Chris Okwuazi**, of Anderson, flashes a smile.



Fourteen Crescent, T.L. Hanna, and Westside High School seniors earned a Basic Electronics certificate through the College's Dual Enrolment Career Pathways program. Several (pictured here) joined Tri-County graduates at the College's spring commencement lineup May 8 to receive a college credential—before they graduate from high school. Pictured from left are (front row) **Veda New**, executive director, Anderson School District Five; **Dylan Shedd**; **Kenneth Buchanan**; **Patric Driver**; **Christopher Sisk**; and **Hannah Arnold**, assistant principal for instruction, Crescent High School; and (back row) **Joshua Webster**; **Dale Tench**; **Trenton Stamey**; and **Axel Lehmann**.



Connect to College (C2C) graduate **Vasilee P. Dimopoulos** gives a thumbs up after receiving his diploma from Easley High School through C2C program, which offers academically capable youth between the ages of 17 and 20 the opportunity to simultaneously earn their high school diploma and college credit, up to and including a postsecondary credential.

The Basic Electronics career pathway program is designed for high school students to achieve a Tri-County credential by the time they graduate from high school. Some of these students received Technical Advanced Placement credit for electricity classes taken in high school; then dually enrolled at the Anderson Campus for Engineering and Industrial Technology classes during their senior year. The program culminates with students receiving a Basic Electronics Certificate by the time they graduate from high school. They also accrue 16-plus hours of college credit towards an associate degree in either Mechatronics or Industrial Electronics.

Jackye Murphy Receives Adjunct Faculty Presidential Award

Jackye Murphy, an adjunct instructor in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) program, received the College's 2015 Adjunct Faculty Presidential Award May 7.

This award is given annually at the spring faculty/staff convocation to the adjunct faculty member who is recognized for excellence in teaching, who has consistently high student evaluations, and who supports the philosophy and goals of the College.

Jackye, a Hartwell, Georgia, resident and former elementary education teacher in Anderson County School District Four as well as Hart County Head Start (pre-K), has served as an adjunct instructor for the past two years.

"Jackye is a dedicated educator who makes every effort to reach her students on a personal and a professional level. She embraces the transformative student experience ideology and can always be counted on to go above and beyond her role as an adjunct instructor," said Meredith McClure, ECD program coordinator.

Jackye serves as the co-facilitator of the ECD student group, Inspiring Futures, and assists in planning meetings and fundraising. She and Meredith, along with seven ECD students, attended the annual conference for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the ECD program's accrediting body, last November in Dallas, Texas.

"She is dedicated to the mission of supporting, preparing, and empowering individuals from diverse backgrounds and enabling them to make a positive



Jackye Murphy, an adjunct instructor in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) program, right, received the College's 2015 Adjunct Faculty Presidential Award May 7. She is pictured with ECD Program Coordinator **Meredith McClure**.

"Jackye embraces the transformative student experience ideology and can always be counted on to go above and beyond her role as an adjunct instructor."

~Meredith McClure



Heather Irwin, nominee for Arts and Sciences Division

impact in the early childhood community," said Jackie Blakley, dean of the Business and Public Services Division.

Public Services Department Head Tom Lawrence describes Jackye as "an enthusiastic faculty member and student advocate who consistently provides an academically challenging environment balanced with individual student support. She exemplifies instructional excellence and a commitment to providing a transformative student experience. Jackye takes an active role in ensuring all individuals have the opportunity and tools required to meet their personal goals."

He added, "Our ECD student population is comprised of students with diverse ages, backgrounds, and academic preparation. Many of our students are geographically isolated, work full time, and have considerable life responsibilities outside

academia. To ensure student success, Jackye obtained scholarship funding to attend a graduate-level course at the University of South Carolina to support future course offerings in the ECD program.

"Jackye is a brave example of excellence in education. She is truly one of a kind and her passion for Tri-County is unsurpassed," said Meredith.

Jackye earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and a master's from Southern Wesleyan University. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Hartwell, Georgia, and they have two adult daughters.



Pre-Pharmacy Students Learn About Future Options

Representatives from three colleges/university pharmacy schools were on campus recently to give our Pre-Pharmacy students an overview of their individual programs. Pictured from left are **Deanie Kane**, director of admissions at Presbyterian College; **Dr. Kelly Clark**, director of admissions at South University's Columbia Campus; and **Alfred Moore**, director of student services at USC's College of Pharmacy.

Students Recognized for Service Learning Projects

The first Service Learning Recognition Luncheon was held May 7. Students in campus clubs and organizations, as well as courses, were recognized for their contributions to the community.

Recognized for their service learning projects were: Learning Beyond Campus/Environmental Club; Veterinary Technology Clinical Techniques class, Organizational Psychology class, Student Veterans of America, Student Ambassadors, English Composition class, Student Democrats, Student Government Association, Language Arts class (Early Childhood Development), and Accelerated Composition class.



Whitney Rose, left, a student in Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) instructor **Deborah Brock's** Immunohematology class, is pictured here with **Deborah**, right, and **Polly Kay**, MLT program coordinator. The MLT students are certified to obtain pre-screening information for prospective blood donors, and assisted with local blood drives conducted by AnMed Blood Donor Staff.

Nursing Class Honors Memory of Fellow Classmate

The Class of 2015 Associate Degree Nursing students honored the memory of fellow student, Angela Taylor, who died tragically earlier this year. The tribute included remarks by classmate Bonnie Kay, as well as Angela's father, Coach Williams Peppers, pictured below at right. It concluded with the placement of a plaque outside a room on the fourth floor of Fulp Hall. "I'm grateful she touched so many lives in a beautiful way," said Coach Peppers.



Coach William Peppers, right, with family members and the commemorative plaque for Angela Taylor

Student Leaders Honor Veterans During Annual Washington Trip

A group of 30 student club leaders, faculty, and family members headed to Washington, D.C., for the annual leadership trip May 2–5.

“It’s the highlight of the year,” said Mary Geren, English instructor, faculty advisor for Student Democrats, and a chaperone each year. Joining her this year were instructors Penny Edwards, Lara Wright, and Stacey Frank. Students represented the Student Ambassadors, Student Government Association, Student Veterans Club, and Student Democrats organizations.

“It’s the largest and the strongest group yet. They all appreciated the opportunity to learn about their Nation and to honor the fallen soldiers,” said Mary.

The goal of the trip is to learn about U.S. history, our government, and to honor our veterans. The group toured the Capitol, which is under construction, and visited the House of Representatives chamber, Monticello, the Pentagon, WWII memorial, the Marine Corps War Memorial (also called the Iwo Jima Memorial), Arlington Cemetery, and various museums.

Again this year, they received a personal private tour of the Pentagon by Lt. Col. Carl Young, son of College Commissioner Al Young. “It’s a personal connection for us (he is a Belton-Honea Path graduate), and he is so inspirational,” said Mary.

“I’m so proud of this group,” said Mary, commending them for their fundraising efforts throughout the year that contributed to funding the trip. “It’s about teamwork and building relationships,” she said. “We are very appreciative of the Student Leadership Development Endowment that supplemented funds the students raised through the year. We couldn’t do it without Student Development.”



Students pose in front of the Capitol, which is under construction.



World War II Memorial



The group is pictured at The Marine Corps War Memorial (also called the Iwo Jima Memorial) outside the walls of Arlington National Cemetery.



Faculty chaperones from left are **Stacey Frank**, **Lara Wright**, **Penny Edwards**, and **Mary Geren**.

Grant Funds Students' Plant Research

A three-year, \$35,000 grant from the UnPAK allowed Tri-County to partner with other colleges and universities over the past year to conduct research for a science project about plant genetics

Students in Dr. Kathy Sparace's Biology 299 class worked on an undergraduate research project this semester. They spent the semester growing a set of plants, each of which contains a single mutation. The students measured growth, survival, and reproduction in these plants and collected data to be made part of a large public database. Discoveries made by the students will advance the understanding of plant genetics and could have broad applications in agriculture.



Kaycee Martines, of Easley, a General Science major, left, and **Amber Brown**, of Central, a Biology major, work on their project.

Workshop Addresses Culture of Service Excellence

Faculty and staff participated in workshops, held May 18 and 19, designed to create and sustain a culture of service excellence at the College. Teri Yanovitch & Associates conducted the seminars that focused on Tri-County's service philosophy and service standards, and the group learned ways to apply them to individual job functions. The seminars provided attendees with a forum to experiment with the standards in a variety of situations.

*Pictured from left are **Jackie Rutledge**, associate degree Nursing program coordinator; **Kristin Lundkovsky**, ADN instructor; **Crystal King**, ADN instructor; **Joan Venet**, nursing administrative assistant; **Kristen Karasek**, director of Bridge and Educational Partnerships program, **Rhonda Harris**, ADN instructor; and **Julie Vernon**, Practical Nursing program coordinator.*



GET Students Showcase Senior Projects for Industry Audience

Senior General Engineering Technology (GET) students showcased their senior projects for industry leaders at an event hosted by the Engineering and Industrial Technology Division.

Displays included an automated drink mixer, a bubble machine, a campfire charger, a quadcopter, a biker's safety vest, a multigame emulator for classic arcade games, and an automatic fiber optic tester designed specifically for Tetramer Technologies in Pendleton.

Teams of two to three students from two sections of day and evening classes combine their electrical, mechanical, design, and troubleshooting skills honed during their two years of study. "We had a wide variety of innovative, clever projects," said Engineering Technology Department Head Mandy Orzechowski.

"We designed this like a trade show," explained Mandy, "whereby students can show their talents and their 21st-century workplace skills that employers are looking for. It's also one more chance for students to practice their interviewing skills in a non-traditional environment and to network with potential employers."

In addition to the technical skills, students learned project management skills (teams submitted business and finance proposals). They've also gained valuable project implementation and interviewing skills by interacting with professional colleagues.

Each student was asked to invite two guests, who must be professional acquaintances or an instructor who is not in the GET program. "It's another way to build professional relationships," she added.

"We've covered the full spectrum of skills needed in today's workplace," said Mandy. "Everyone has grown in both knowledge and maturity."



A team assisted Tetramer of Pendleton with optical fiber testing. The students made a device to record optical and temperature data for the company which helps the companies to save time and have more consistent measurement data. This is the first time Tri-County students have worked on a project with the Pendleton-based company, said **Margaret Shaughnessy**, research scientist for the company, pictured second from left. Pictured with her are, from left, **Zachary Nix**, of Liberty, **Brian Colon** of Seneca, and **Nathan Lindler**, of Seneca.



James Sweenor, quality auditor at Itron, left, was among the industry guests who came to view student projects. Here, he talks with **Brandon Tollack** of Powdersville.



Austin Westfall, left, and **Kelvin Aiken**, demonstrate their floating logo machine.

Students Showcase Apps



Students in George Fiori's CIS 208 Special Topics class were assigned to develop Android apps as their capstone project. Here, **Lewis Hubbard** uses a phone simulator to demonstrate the IP Subnet Calculator he developed for the class. Computer and Information Systems instructor **Phil Smith** is featured on the app screen (inset photo). Some of the other apps developed by the class include a grade calculator, study app, note taking app, tip calculator, and a workout scheduler.



CMT Empowering Education Website Features Seven Tri-County Students

Big news! The CMT Empowering Education website now has all seven of our student videos on its Get Inspired webpage. Take a few minutes to view video testimonials by SGA President Selena Valdizon, 2015 Distinguished Alumna Lindsey Montjoy, Nikki Giba, Carly Heventhal, Quin Magee, Sidney Davis, and Stormie Moore at cmtempoweringeducation.com.

All of our featured students are young, smart, inspiring, and in some cases overcame great odds to get to where they are today. They truly illustrate the TCTC transformative student experience.

Manufacturing Associates Earn NIMS Credentials



Ten area manufacturing associates have earned national credentials through the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). In addition they earned a CNC Operator (metalworking skills) certificate through our Corporate and Community Education Division, along with 24 hours of continuing education units (CEUs). Individuals were chosen by their employers to participate in the 48-week class held at the Oconee QuickJobs Center. The students cited earning a national credential, gaining transferable skills, and raising skills levels as reasons they committed to the class which was funded by the Make It in America grant. The machinery they trained on in the lab was funded through grants provided by Duke Energy and U. S. Engine Valve.

*Pictured from left are **Nicole Barnes**, **Nancy Kirksey**, **Hugo Sandoval**, and **James Tapp**, all BorgWarner employees, **Sean Barnes**, a Buffalo Machinery associate; and **Bertin Bravo**, and **Faron Sims**, both BorgWarner associates. Not pictured are **Darlene Carroll** and **Donald Lesley**, both from Imperial Die Casting; and **Loida Hernandez** and **Kimberly Fulmer**, both from BorgWarner.*

EIT Division Summer Camp is June 22–25

The EIT Division will host its annual summer camp for rising 5th–8th graders from June 22 to June 25. Applications are now being accepted and space is limited! For more information please contact the EIT Division at (864) 646-1375.

Our College Family

excellence through service



Amy Roberts

Congratulations to Media Technology and Arts instructor **Amy Roberts**, who passed the Adobe Certification Exam for Premiere Pro CC, making her the only Adobe Certified Expert in South Carolina for Premiere Pro.

Grants Director **Laneika Musalini** presented “Strengthen Your Proposal through Stakeholder Engagement” at the Regional NCURA Conference at Isle of Palms in May. Laneika expressed thanks to the mini-grant team for helping to fund this trip.

Congratulations once again to **Lisa Garrett**, Public Relations associate,



Laneika Musalini



Lisa Garrett's award-winning photo of Dr. Booth and students

who recently was honored with two 2015 Hermes Gold Awards—in the Writing Category for our most recent Annual Report, and the Photography category for a selfie of Dr. Booth and students. The international Hermes Creative Awards competition is for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing, and design of traditional and emerging media.

in transition

BUSINESS AFFAIRS DIVISION

Lou Moritz joined us May 11 as Manager of Administrative Services. Most recently, he was the Transportation Analyst for the Maryland/Washington area for Staples (2011–15). He was Procurement and Logistics Manager for Le Prino Foods from 1987–93 and 2006–11, and was a Software Engineer for Lockheed Martin from 1996–2006. Lou holds a B.A. from Rutgers University. He and his wife, Marilyn, recently moved from Denver, Colorado. They reside in Anderson.



Lou Moritz

Department since 1994. He began his career as an officer at the Honea Path Police Department. He is a 2015 graduate of the FBI Command College and recent accomplishments and certifications include Crisis Negotiator and U.S. Homeland Security (FEMA). He was a member of the S.C. Alcohol Enforcement Team in 2014.



Tracy Lee

He attends Tabernacle Deliverance and Praise, where he has served as a Church Deacon. He and his wife, Yashica, have two children, Zalika, 23, and Vontravius, 16. They live in Anderson.



Jessica Cullen

Jessica Cullen is the new Investigator/Police Officer in Campus Safety. She holds Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees from Tri-County. She worked at the Anderson County Sheriff's Office from 2005 until May 2015. She and her son, Brayden, 8, live in Pendleton.

Tracy Lee joined us earlier this year as Lieutenant of our Campus Safety Team. He also is an alumnus of Tri-County, graduating in 2009 with an associate degree in Criminal Justice. He has been employed by the Anderson County Sheriff's

Linda McEntire is now full time as the Administrative Assistant



Linda McEntire

for Campus Safety. after three years as a contract employee. Linda's work experience includes Data Analyst for AnMed Health for six years, in addition to working as an Administrative Assistant for Anderson Mental Health for six years, and as a Production Operator for Bosch for 11 years. Linda and her husband, Greg, live in Pelzer. They have two children, Colton, 17, and Morgan, 23.

Dana Miles joined us at the end of April as a Police Officer. She graduated from Florence Darlington Technical College with a degree in Criminal Justice. She worked at the Florence County Sheriff's Office from 2013–15. Dana lives in Pickens.



Dana Miles

STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVISION

Katee Fletcher is our new Student Success Coach. She comes to us from



Katee Fletcher

Patrick Henry Community College where she was a Coordinator with the Dual Enrollment Program. Prior to that, she worked at National University, where she was an Academic/Admissions Advisor from 2012–15. While at National University she was named Exceptional Employee on two occasions.

Katee holds an Associate in Arts and Sciences degree (in Visual Arts) from Patrick Henry Community College, a B.A. in Psychology from Georgia Southern State University, and an M.A. in Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Education from National University. She and her husband, Kenny, have a son, Levi, 2. They live in Liberty.

Briana Kloc is the Administrative Assistant in the TRiO Office. She holds a B.S. in Biological Sciences from Clemson University and an M.S. in Environmental Studies from the College of Charleston, where she was a graduate assistant working on a dolphin health and risk assessment project with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from 2012–14. Prior to that, she worked at the circulation desk at the Clemson University Library. Briana lives in Central.



Briana Kloc

HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION

We have two new instructors in our Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Lori Burkett has been an R.N. for 22 years, beginning at AnMed Health in 1993 as a Flight Nurse and later working for Kudzu Medical as its Operations Manager from 2012–15. She earned an associate degree in Nursing from Greenville



Lori Burkett

Technical College, as well as BSN and MSN degrees from South University. Lori and her husband, Tim, live in Greenville.

Crystal King has worked as an R.N. at AnMed Health (2010–15) and Upstate Medical Associates (2007–09). She received a B.S. from Anderson University, a BSN from Lander University, and an MSN from Walden University.



Crystal King

She is a member of Neal's Creek Baptist Church. She and her husband, Cliff, have two children, Caroline, 3, and Thomas, 1. They live in Anderson.



Andrela Riley

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION DIVISION

Andrela Riley is the new Health Care Program Director. She spent the last five years as Program Director/Site Director for the American Heart Association for Fortis College. Since 2008 she has been a Medical Billing and Coding instructor for Midlands Technical College. Andrela holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Southern Wesleyan University, an M.B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, and an M.A. in Human Services from Liberty University. She is a member of the American Association of Professional Coders. She and her husband, William, have a son, Zechariah, 18. They live in Chapin.

Lee Perkins assumed the responsibilities of Maintenance Supervisor for the Physical Plant.

brag and share

Check out page 54 of the new *Anderson Magazine*, where Speech instructor **Greg Toney** is featured talking about his hobby—relic hunting. Greg says he picked up his first arrowhead near the Tallapoosa River in Alabama when he was eight years old and has continued with an extensive collection which includes bottles from the 18th and 19 centuries, a SC military button from the Civil War and an 1847 Charleston Porter Slave Tag, which he found in May 2014.

Foundation News

Foundation Recognizes Board Members

Linda Bacigalupo, Mike Cannon, Jim Evers, and Frank Lamson-Scribner are rotating off the Foundation Board effective June 30, 2015.

Mike Cannon has served on the Foundation Board since June 5, 2001, representing Anderson County. He came on to the Board with a passion for the College's mission and has been a longtime advocate for Tri-County. Mike has willingly served on numerous committees to help to identify potential new Board members and new donors; however, the majority of his work has been with the Fall Classic Golf Tournament. Mike has worked many hours to assist staff in the organization of this annual tournament, and he and his wife, Brenda, have supported it financially. In addition, they were the first to name a room at the College's Anderson Campus, and they have provided monetary

gifts to the winners of the Writing Contest. They also made unrestricted gifts, supported the 5k race, and made gifts in honor of friends.

Linda Bacigalupo has represented Oconee County on the Foundation Board since July 1, 2012. She and her husband, Joe, owners of Tri-Tech in Liberty, have been faithful donors. Most recently, Tri-



Linda Bacigalupo



Mike Cannon with Foundation Chair Peggy Deane

Tech sponsored the 33rd Annual South Carolina Technical College State-wide Welding Competition at the College's Industrial Technology Center.

Jim Evers has represented Pickens County on the Foundation Board since July 1, 2011. Jim has willingly served on Committees and provided financial support



Jim Evers

to the Foundation through his position as Regional Director for AT&T. These gifts supported the professional development of faculty/staff, the purchase of equipment for the College's Mechatronics program, and the Fall Classic Golf Tournament.



Frank Lamson-Scribner

Frank Lamson-Scribner has represented Oconee County on the Foundation Board since July 1, 2013. At that time, Mr. Lamson-Scribner was Site Director for BASF's Seneca facility. As a Foundation Board member, he made annual gifts possible through BASF and he gave personally, always making sure to apply for matching gifts.

College Featured at Seneca's Jazz on the Alley

Many thanks to Foundation Board member **Teddy Martin**, far left, who arranged with the City of Seneca for Tri-County to be featured at the Jazz on the Alley concert in Seneca. Pictured with him are from left, Seneca Mayor **Dan Alexander**; **Riley Johnson**, events coordinator for the City of Seneca and a 1987 alumnus of our Radio and Television Broadcasting program; and **Dr. Booth**.



Bank of America Continues Support of C2C Program

Bank of America Charitable Foundation made a \$3,000 donation to the College's Connect to College (C2C) program to pay for textbooks for program participants. C2C meets the diverse needs of area students by offering academically capable youth between the ages of 17 and 20 the opportunity to simultaneously earn their high school diploma and college credit, up to and including a postsecondary credential. The first of its kind in South Carolina, C2C is a program for students who, for a variety of reasons, have faced difficult challenges in traditional high school environments.

Here, **Annette Proulx**, wealth management advisor for Merrill Lynch in Clemson, second from left, presents the check to **Grayson Kelly**, executive director of our Foundation. Pictured with them are, from left, **Courtney White**, director of development; **Cathy Strasser**, program resource associate for C2C; and **Gary Duncan, Sr.**, CRPC® vice president, wealth management advisor, Merrill Lynch, and a member of Tri-County's Foundation Board.



Recipients Chosen for Pam Holland Memorial Scholarships

Congratulations to Jonathan Hooper, of Anderson, Tracy Thomas, of Easley, and Nakendra Barmore, of Anderson, both associate degree Nursing majors, who were chosen by the Alumni Association Board as recipients of the Pam Holland Memorial Book/Supply Awards for summer 2015. The scholarship, established by employees, alumni, and family members, honors Pam, who worked for 27 years as Manager of the Bookstore, and succumbed to her fight with cancer October 10, 2014.

Pam earned associate degrees in both Accounting (1985) and Management (1986), was named the outstanding graduate in both majors, and graduated with high honors. As an alumna, she believed in this College and its philosophy and goals and always went above and beyond to help our students achieve their goals.

For more information on how you can support the Pam Holland Memorial Fund, contact Mary Johnston at 646-1808.

LEFT TO RIGHT: **Jonathan Hooper**, of Anderson, **Tracy Thomas**, of Easley, and **Nakendra Barmore**, of Anderson



Alumni-sponsored Graduates' Breakfast Draws Full House

"Thank you for choosing Tri-County Technical College," Dr. Booth said to a full house of soon-to-be graduates at the annual Graduates' Breakfast hosted by the Alumni Association. "Friends and family—it does take all of us to get here," said Dr. Booth, who reminded them "this is a new chapter, not the end."

"Our faculty and staff are invested in your success," said Senior Vice President Galen Dehay. "We want to partner with you in your education for life."

"We are very proud of your accomplishments," said Mary Johnston, director of Alumni Relations. "Stay connected with the Alumni Association through Facebook. Be active and give back to your alma mater through mentoring and volunteerism."



Elizabeth Anderson, of Anderson, **Ben Israel**, of Pendleton, and **Lortensia Baker**, of Anderson, got to know each other at the breakfast. Elizabeth received a Business degree, Ben an Industrial Electronics Technology degree, and Lortensia an Early Childhood Development degree.



Alumni Board member **Hali Sullivan**, left, and **Mary Johnston**, alumni relations director, right, congratulate **Lindsey Morris**, who received an associate degree in Nursing. Lindsey is a recipient of the Alumni Association scholarship.



Emily Harris, of Seneca, and **Cassandra Kai Gahm**, of Liberty, both Accounting graduates, capture the moment with a selfie.

4 C-Able Futures Focuses on Developing High-Risk Students

A project that served as Gayle Arries' SC Technical College Leadership Project, and one that is near and dear to her heart, is coming to fruition this summer.

4 C-Able Futures, a two-week summer camp for 20 rising high school seniors in foster care or privately placed in group homes, will be held July 19–31 on the Easley Campus and at Southern Wesleyan University (SWU). Its primary focus is to develop career and personal goals, confidence, and self esteem for this group of high-risk students at tri-county schools.

"The camp is for youth whose potential outdistances their circumstances," said Gayle, our marketing director. "We will focus on a group of young people who are at risk and who have no forever family," said Gayle, who, in 2009 with her husband, Chris, adopted four children through the Department of Social Services foster care unit.

"We have the opportunity to make a difference through this exciting endeavor centered on helping youth currently in the SC foster care system. The 4 C-Able Futures Camp will bring rising seniors, who are nearing the point of aging out of the system, to Tri-County to be immersed in a college setting where they will learn strategies for creating success, not just in college but also in life," said Gayle.

The Four C's for success are Core Skills, Career Planning, College Preparation, and Community Support, Gayle said.

A huge thanks goes out to the SC Heart Foundation, who has fully funded the project for this summer with a very generous \$30,000 donation.

"We will continue to do fundraising, and the Foundation and I are reaching out to individuals and businesses who would like to support the camp through various levels to help with miscellaneous needs and to ensure this endeavor will be sustainable for years to come," said Gayle. A \$60 Comfort Zone sponsorship will fund basic supplies, such as sheets, towels, blankets, and toiletries needed while they are living in the residence halls at SWU. The Splash Zone sponsorship of \$45 will help with supplies for activities during the day, such as life jackets and sunscreen for team-building exercises on the lake. The Grow Zone sponsorship of \$25 is an opportunity to fund StrengthsFinder 2.0 books and journals for participants' writing activities.

Gayle is lining up guest speakers to talk about careers, as well as arranging for admissions and career planning

assistance from our Student Development team. Dr. Valerie Ramsey, a College Commissioner representing Pickens County, an alumna of Tri-County, SWU, and Clemson University, and an adjunct professor at SWU, is among the first to volunteer to speak to the group. Dr. Brian Swords, Easley campus director and Gayle's mentor throughout this project, also will be speaking to camp participants.

The textbook will be On Course, which focuses on core values, emphasizing that participants should look beyond their current circumstances to see their true potential. Other topics include setting and achieving goals, budgeting, maintaining healthy lifestyles, and embracing teamwork.

Participants will tour campuses of Tri-County, Southern

Wesleyan University, and Clemson University to learn about applying to and paying for college. The camp will pay the fees for three college applications for each participant. Each participant will be aligned with a mentor to guide them through their

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~Gayle Arries

senior year. "We are asking faculty and staff to volunteer as mentors to each of these students during their senior year to serve as a person whom they could contact for assistance and guidance," said Gayle. Interested colleagues should contact Gayle for more information.

Extra-curricular events will consist of a Greenville Drive game, ropes course activities, pontoon boat rides, and tours of manufacturing plants.

"The applications are in the hands of case workers, foster parents, group homes, and other connections provided by the SC Department of Social Services. We're excited about the project, and we appreciate the support of the College," said Gayle.

"The goal of the camp is to offer a game-changing opportunity for these young people and to create a deep sense of belonging for them. We want them to feel like they are really special during these two weeks. That's my goal," said Gayle.

She added that faculty and staff are invited to a July 31 celebration as the 4C-Able Futures camp wraps up at the Easley Campus. Check eTC announcements for more details this summer.

To make a donation, use the secure online giving form at www.tctc.edu/Foundation/Give_Now.xml or contact Courtney White at 646-1348 or cwhite12@tctc.edu. If you have questions about the camp or would like to be a part of this endeavor, contact Gayle at 646-1509 or garries@tctc.edu.

Employees Enjoy Annual Cookout

College Employees enjoyed a Spring Cookout Event on the Pendleton Campus May 1. Many thanks to the Staff Advisory Board for planning and hosting the cookout, as well as to the Tri-County Technical College Foundation for funding the event. Food, fellowship, music, and door prizes were enjoyed by all.



The Tri-County Foundation provided gift cards for door prizes at the faculty/staff cookout. Among the lucky winners were (left to right) **Carolyn White**, admissions specialist; **Laneika Musalini**, grants director; **Roberta Sitton**, administrative specialist, Business Affairs, and **Dr. Chris McFarlin**, Criminal Justice program coordinator.



Andrela Riley and **Frances Wilson**



Campus Security Officer **James Canty** took a break to join the crowd.



The Corporate and Community Education team enjoyed the cookout on the mall. From left are **Susan Blankenship**, **Brittany Newsome**, **Frances Wilson**, **Jennifer Dent McDowell**, **Patricia West**, **Andrela Riley**, and **Lynn Addis**.



Many thanks to the Staff Advisory Committee for planning this annual event. From left are **Debbie Powell**, **Jamie Black**, **Jessica Raymond**, **Jessica Scott**, and Chair **Debbie Thrasher**.



Administrative Office Technology instructors **Judy Read**, left, and **Beverly Vickery**, middle, pose with Accounting Program Coordinator **Angel Luper**.



The 219 runners and walkers prepare to take off on the course that started and ended at the Anderson Campus. (Photo by Butch Merritt)

Patriot Run and Ride Honors U.S. Armed Forces

Runners and walkers of all ages joined Tri-County in honoring veterans and active service personnel at the Tri-County Patriot Run, which included a 5K Race, a one-mile fun run, and a Warrior's Walk for wounded/disabled veterans. This year's event boasted 219 runners and walkers, many of whom dressed in patriotic attire and waved American flags. Participants and volunteers enjoyed music, food vendors, and military displays over the course of the morning.

New this year was the Tri-County Freedom Ride, a motorcycle Poker Run featuring stops throughout Anderson County that highlight veteran or active service military themes. Bikers rode out at 10 a.m. to visit the American Legion Post, Richard Campbell Veteran's Nursing Home, M.J. "Dolly Cooper" Veterans Cemetery, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park.

Many thanks to employees, students, and community members who volunteered their time to make the day a big success, especially our faculty and staff at our Anderson Campus, Maintenance, and Campus Safety.

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ABOVE: Many thanks to the Marine Corps Color Guard in Greenville for The Presentation of Colors before the race.

BELOW: Motorcyclists head out on their Poker Run, which featured stops through Anderson County—highlighting veteran or active service military themes. (Photo by Butch Merritt)





Race Director Tim Bowen arranged for a simul-run with a Navy Seabees battalion stationed in Chad, Africa. Tim explains: “They organized a 5K run for the battalion and ran it on Saturday at 9 a.m. (their local time, which is five hours ahead of ours) to show solidarity with our event and the cause. But even at 9 am, they were running in heat well over 100 degrees. We had a picture of the Battalion printed and posted on the glass entrance to our building. Their commanding officer called me at 9 am, our time, and using my cell phone’s speaker gave the command to start our 5K. Really cool global connection on Armed Forces Day.”



We couldn’t have done it without the many volunteers whose tireless work contributed to the event’s success, including helping to register the participants.



Faculty Staff Team Spirit award winners.

Lt. Col. Tim Sellers, 263rd National Guard Air Missile and Defense Unit based in Anderson, sent this note:

You all did an EXCELLENT JOB!!! I am always proud of our community, and especially our technical colleges, but I was especially proud of the event you all put on Saturday. It just doesn’t get more American than that beautiful weather, the patriotism, hospitality, warmth, and okay... The door prizes were OUTSTANDING! Thanks so much for including us, and I hope to have an even greater level of participation next year.



Hubert McClure, mathematics instructor at the Anderson Campus, center, sang the National Anthem prior to the race. Pictured with him are **Father Ignatius Smith**, retired Navy and Marine veteran who is an active Catholic priest at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Anderson, left, **Julio Salazar**, president-elect of the Student Veterans of America club, who led the Pledge of Allegiance; and **Tim Bowen**, director of the race.



Gene and Stacey Frank, of Pendleton, both Marine Corps veterans, spearheaded the Tri-County Freedom Ride. Stacey teaches Psychology at our Anderson Campus, and her husband, Gene, who received a degree in Criminal Justice at our May commencement, is employed with The City of Anderson Police Department as a Corporal in the Traffic Division.



Humanities Department Head **Dr. Kate Williams** celebrates as she approaches the finish line. Kate won second place in her age category.



Pat Seawright, coordinator of Tutoring, and her family, participated in the one mile walk. She is pictured with from left to right, **Kelley Seawright**, son; her husband, **Robbie Seawright**, in wheelchair, a Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient; and **Tina Seawright**, their daughter-in-law.



Trini Tumlin, Spanish instructor, won first place in her age category for the second consecutive year.



Matt Shock, the overall winner in the race, broke our course record that he set last year with a time of 15:38.



Foundation Executive Director **Grayson Kelly**, center, presented awards to **Marilyn Angoli**, administrative specialist in Student Records, left, and **Debbie Norris**, accounts payable technician, Business Affairs Division, who placed in their age categories.

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Appreciation also is extended to the many community businesses that provided a wide array of door prizes for the event.

Officials Break Ground on Veterinary Technology Expanded Housing/Learning Facility

College officials broke ground May 21 on a new \$1.5 million veterinary technology expanded housing and learning facility that officials say will help the College reach a goal of being the best Veterinary Technology teaching facility in the nation.

Currently ranked as one of the top 10 Veterinary Technology programs nationally, the Veterinary Technology Department joined with the College Foundation for a groundbreaking and campaign kick-off celebration, called Extreme Makeover: Animal House Addition. Faculty and staff, the College Commission and Foundation Board, local veterinarians, and community partners joined President Booth and College officials as they broke ground on the new facility.

“This is the right time, at the right place, and the right thing to do,” said Dr. Booth, adding that the program has a total enrollment (day and evening students) of close to 150 students. The new facility is designed to better prepare students and consequently contribute to their future success in the veterinary workplace, he said.

“This addition is a big deal for us and our students,” he said, adding that graduates work all over the State as licensed veterinary technicians in private practice, research, specialty practices, emergency clinics, and zoos or pharmaceutical sales companies, and nutrition companies.

Construction will start immediately, he said, with animal

housing (kennels) completed during fall semester, and a renovated Halbert Hall will be finished by fall 2016.

The College recently obtained all of the necessary State-level approvals to proceed with Phase I, the construction of a 5,500-square-foot structure that will replace the aging kennel next to Halbert Hall with an expanded housing and learning facility. The new facility will be built behind the current facility and will have 33 indoor/outdoor canine runs and the capability to house 28 cats, food storage, bathing areas, laundry, and storage rooms. The highlight will be an isolation ward that will meet AVMA accreditation standards.

Phase II will be the re-purposing of Halbert Hall for class space, surgical needs, and labs.

“This new facility will mean the world to our animals and their health care, as well as the graduates, who, over the past five years, have had a 96 percent job placement rate. When employers see Tri-County grads, they know they are qualified and have had an experience that mimics what they will do in the field,” Veterinary Technology Department Head Ashley Brady said.

Retired Easley veterinarian Dr. Jim Mullikin, who serves as chair of the College’s Veterinary Technology Advisory Committee, said veterinary technicians serve as an extra set of hands to handle many aspects of patient care, as well as laboratory procedures. “They are a boon to our

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Faculty and staff, the College Commission and Foundation Board, local veterinarians, community partners and guests and their animals joined **President Ronnie L. Booth**, center, and College officials as they broke ground on the new \$1.5 million veterinary technology expanded housing and learning facility.



Veterinary Technology Department Head **Ashley Brady** gets reacquainted with former shelter dog Reno, who was adopted by the Powell family and now serves as a therapy dog.

Vet Tech

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English Department Head **Joan Kalley** and her husband, Pendleton Town Councilman **Bruce Kalley**, brought Sadie to the celebration. In 2010, Sadie was rescued by Oconee County Animal Control officers after a man whose truck broke down heard her yelping and discovered her stuck between the two limbs of a tree in a wooded area. Dr. Andy Holland of Walhalla generously donated his time to repair her leg. Sadie was among the animals obtained from area animal shelters and cared for by students, and later the Kalleys adopted her.

profession,” he said. “I wouldn’t dream of opening the office on any given day without a veterinary technician,” said Dr. Mullikin, who hired a technician from Tri-County’s first graduating class in the 1970’s.

The College Foundation took the opportunity to announce the launch of a \$250,000 major gifts campaign to raise funds for scholarships and animals’ medical needs. “To date we have raised \$50,000 toward that goal, with major gift donations from community partners Henry Harrison and Mrs. Juanita Garrison,” said Grayson Kelly, executive director of the Foundation. “The campaign starts today. We hope you will be a part of it through various giving opportunities, such as Scholarship Gifts, Medical Fund (covers treatment and surgery expenses for animals received from local shelters), Memorial Gifts (a way to honor a beloved companion), Dedicate a Brick Paver, and In-Kind Gifts (such as pressure washers, generators, shelving, animal crates, transport trailer, cat cages, portable kennels, towels, blankets).

For more information contact the Foundation Office at (864) 646-1348 or online at http://www.tctc.edu/Foundation/Veterinary_Campaign.xml.

Marianne Yohannan

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her Biology students. Marianne is a model faculty member who develops herself professionally and personally and applies her developed skills to her discipline, another clear example of her focus on students and student learning,” said Amoena.

“I am passionate about both student retention and student engagement in the classroom,” said Marianne. “The student success philosophy focuses on students’ needs, and they are all different. My job is to assess where they are academically and determine how I can vary my teaching techniques to meet individual needs. I feel that by having a positive and caring attitude, it makes a world of difference to the students and the entire College,” she said.

“I interact with students on a daily basis in the classroom and in my office. Each day I see the many factors that affect a student’s success. For those factors that students have control over, I do my best to offer guidance and support to help them reach their goals,” said Marianne.

In her Biology and Freshman Seminar classes, often students need help with understanding the materials and she began incorporating active learning into classes when she started working with learning communities. “It keeps them engaged. I’m not doing all of the talking. I’m more of a facilitator.”

Prior to joining Tri-County in 2006, Marianne was a Summer Teaching Program instructor for the Guangdong Teachers College of Foreign Language and Arts in Guangzhou, China, and worked as a researcher at MUSC for five years.

She graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Biology from Erskine College. She earned an M.S. in Biological Sciences in 2004 from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Marianne and her husband, Jayamon, live in Anderson. They have two children.

High Impact Practices

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together with intense focus on student success to keep us moving in the right direction. Concrete data showing the positive results of our collective efforts is rewarding and confirms what we know to be true when we interact with our students each day.

We can be proud of all we have accomplished this year, and I look forward to all that lies ahead in the future.

Ronnie L. Booth, Ph.D., President

Twenty-four Veterinary Technology Students Receive Pins During Annual Ceremony



Christee Williams

The College's 2015 Veterinary Technology graduates asked their "number-one fan and mentor since day one," former instructor Christee Williams, to deliver the address at their annual pinning ceremony held May 8.

"You're a graduate of the best program and have learned from the best instructors. Your next goal is passing the national credentialing exam (the Veterinary Technician National Examination or VTNE). You can do that, too," Christee said.

"The VTNE is the highest challenge but not your last," said Christee, a licensed veterinary technician and instructor in Tri-County's

Veterinary Technology program from 1989 until her retirement last year.

She reminded the graduates to take the Veterinary Technician's Oath (code of ethics) seriously when in the workforce. "Take to heart what the code says to you and put it into practice every day. It takes moral principles and applies them to the practical clinical setting with clients, co-workers, veterinarians, the public, and most important, the patients. Do right by them. You are their voice," she said.



April Michelle Meldau, of Seneca, left, was presented the Leadership Award from the South Carolina Association of Veterinary Technicians at the pinning ceremony. Pictured with her is Stephanie Brown, LVT, instructor and coordinator of instructional activity.

Executive Staff Summary

- **HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES:** Approved a project to develop a five-year action and communications plan and budget for the implementation of High Impact Practices (HIPs) across the curriculum in a manner that will require every graduate to have two or more HIPs experiences. This five-year plan will serve as Tri-County's SACSCOC Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and will include a schedule for design, pilot, and implementation of HIPs by academic program.
- **STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER:** Reviewed progress made in the pre-design study for a new Student Success Center on the Pendleton Campus, which will include the construction of a new building, refurbishment of Ruby Hicks Hall, and installation of a central energy loop. The College continues to work with service-area counties to approve funding for the project.
- **OCONEE CAMPUS:** Tri-County continues to work with county, economic development, and education leaders to identify an appropriate site location for a future Oconee County Campus. A project of this magnitude is impacted by a wide array of variables that must be carefully considered, including financial resources, location options, and partnership opportunities.
- **2015 FALL ENROLLMENT COMMUNICATION PLAN:** Gayle Arries, marketing director, and Tiffany Blackwell, recruiting director, presented the contact strategy for nine student types in the enrollment funnel for Fall Semester 2015. Touch points include e-mails, letters, postcards, social media, and phone calls. Gayle also introduced a new #GetTheEdge logo.
- **4C-ABLE FUTURES:** Gayle Arries provided an update on the leadership project she developed as a participant in the S.C. Technical College System Leadership Training program, a two-week summer camp for foster care children who are rising high school seniors. The residential camp will focus on the development of core skills, career planning, college preparation, and community support (4Cs). The College also is partnering with Southern Wesleyan University to provide housing and assist with the camp. The program will be funded by the S.C. Heart Gallery Foundation.
- **ARTICULATION PATHWAYS:** Approved a project to develop a strategic approach to the development of articulation and partnership agreements between Tri-County and other colleges and universities, including a marketing plan, tracking student success, ensuring seamless transfer opportunities, and creating assessment strategies to determine the effectiveness of pathway programs.
- **OTHER:** System outage summary from late December 2014/early January 2015; leadership development project; preparations for SACS reaffirmation; Veterinary Technology facilities expansion; County Council budget presentations; policies and procedures updates.