Dear Parents,

Welcome to Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC)! Many of you are new recipients of our BCTC Family Connection E-Newsletter and I want to take a moment to thank you for expressing interest in your student’s academic career.

The purpose of this E-Newsletter is to help to keep you informed about the various campus events, programs and support services that are designed to engage BCTC students in their new academic community. BCTC offers a variety of resources to assist students achieve their academic, career and personal goals and many of those services are mentioned in this edition. For additional information about our services and programs, please visit the BCTC web-site at www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu.

Finally, I would like to request that you help us to encourage your student to become actively involved in the BCTC community. Research shows that the more connected and engaged students are within their college community, the more successful they are in achieving their academic goals.

I wish you and your student the best during this 2007-2008 academic year!

Sincerely,

Wendy Bolt, Associate Vice President for Retention and Student Success

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**Important Dates:**
- Priority Registration: October 29th through November 16th.
- Finals Week: December 9th through 15th.
- Spring Semester begins: January 6, 2008.

There are many support services available at BCTC which assist students with their academic success:
- Study Skills
- Tutoring Services
- Student Employment
- Disability Support Services
- Writing Center

Please visit the BCTC Webpage for further information regarding these services at: www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu

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**Priority Registration: October 29th—November 16th**

Priority Registration is a time for currently enrolled students to meet with their advisor to discuss academic goals and the degree requirements for their program of study, as well as pre-register for the spring 2008 term. Students have first choice for courses and by pre-registering can make sure they receive the best schedule possible. If students choose not to priority register during this time, they will have to late register and are less likely to enroll in courses of their choice.

**Questions to ask your currently enrolled student regarding Priority Registration:**
- Have you reviewed your degree or program requirements? (Degree/Program requirements are available in the BCTC Catalog.)
- Have you met with your advisor and registered for spring classes? (Students can consult the Advisor Directory to locate their advisor and then schedule an appointment.)
- Have you declared a major? If not, have you thought about meeting with a career counselor? (Students can meet with a Counselor in Room 103 Oswald Building, Cooper Campus or call (859) 246-6530 to schedule an appointment.)
Your BCTC student now has more opportunities than ever before to further his/her education! Bluegrass Community & Technical College is the top transfer school in the state – preparing more students to transfer to four-year institutions than any other school! More UK transfer students come from BCTC than from any other school (507 last year alone). We’re also the top transfer school for Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, and Northern Kentucky University.

What’s even better is that these universities now offer generous scholarships to students transferring from BCTC and other KCTCS schools! Under these scholarship programs, with an associate’s degree and a strong GPA, students can continue studying at a four-year institution paying approximately the same tuition they currently pay at BCTC. Now, that’s a great scholarship program! Check out our website for more information.

Last year, over 1,000 students transferred from BCTC to more than 130 institutions across the country. Our top transfer majors were business, health professions, undecided, and education – but students earned credentials in more than 40 different academic programs prior to transfer.

Encourage your student to visit the Transfer Center today to set up an appointment with a Transfer Advisor who can provide information and advice along the transfer journey. We also have onsite advisors from UK and EKU who can help students interested in transferring to these institutions.

**Transfer Center**
100B A.T. Building, Cooper Campus
859-246-4620
BCTC_TransferCenter@kctcs.edu
www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/transfercenter

**Greg Page Undergraduate Apartment Housing**
BCTC students who are enrolled full time are eligible to live in Greg Page Undergraduate Apartment Housing. Greg Page Apartments are conveniently located near the Cooper Campus. Students can choose a two person—two bedroom apartment or a four person—two bedroom apartment. Students now have the option to apply for a 12 month lease. BCTC students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure their first priority.

Benefits to living at Greg Page:
· Student programming focused on the needs of BCTC students
· Support for students who are away from home for the first time
· More privacy than residence halls
· Social programming to fit BCTC student schedules

To apply for housing at Greg Page Undergraduate Apartments, visit: www.uky.edu/Housing/bctcwelcome.html
BCTC Student Activities and Organizations

There are many activities and organizations on campus for your students to participate in. Research shows that students who are involved in student life on campus, perform better academically than their peers who are not involved. Encourage your student to become involved in at least one activity or student organization at BCTC!

American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)
BCTC Courier
BCTC Intramural Sports
BCTC Republicans
Bluegrass Community and Technical College Nursing Class of 2008
Bluegrass Community and Technical College Nursing Class of 2009
Bluegrass Community & Technical College Student Government
Bluegrass Computer and Technology Club
Dental Laboratory Technology Association (DELTA)
Enlace (Latino Student Association)
International Association of Administrative Professional (IAAP)
International Students’ Association
Kentucky Association of Nursing Students (KANS)
Peace and Justice Coalition
Phi Beta Lambda
Phi Theta Kappa
Student American Dental Hygienists Association (SADHA)
Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
Students United for the Promotion of Education in Radiography (SUPER)

UNITY Black Student Union

The Unity Black Student Union originated in 1989 to serve as a means for recruitment, retention, academic & personal success, and development of African American students. This student organization provides a forum for the expression of student opinion and promotes a social atmosphere conducive to the overall growth and development of BCTC students.

For more information contact Camille Overstreet, Unity Advisor & Coordinator of Transfer Services, in the BCTC Transfer Center.
859-246-4647
camille.overstreet@kctcs.edu

TUITION AND FEES:

Tuition at Bluegrass Community and Technical College (BCTC) still remains the most affordable in Kentucky. Tuition for in-state students is currently $115 per credit hour. Please visit our website at www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/fa/studentbilling/ for more information on payment options, plans and deadlines.

LSAMP PROGRAM:

The National Science Foundation of KY and West Virginia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) have a goal of creating diverse campus environments and increasing underrepresented group Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) baccalaureate degree production. For more information about the LSAMP program at BCTC, please contact:
Landrea Miriti 246-6425 OR
Charlene Walker 246-6438.

Majors Week

Is your student undecided, considering a new major or want to learn more about their major? Please encourage them to attend Majors Week, November 12th-16th!

Monday, November 12- Health Professions
Tuesday, November 13- Business, Technology, Engineering
Wednesday, November 14- Education
Thursday, November 14- Arts & Sciences (Social Work, Family Studies, Human Services)
Friday, November 15- Unique & New Majors

Representatives from over 70 Bachelor and Associate programs will be available to answer questions. All events held in A.T. lobby, Cooper campus, 11-2pm!
FALL JOB FAIR
The BCTC Fall Job Fair will be held Wednesday, November 7 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Student Center at the Leestown Campus. Over 50 employers from Lexington and the surrounding area will be present. Employers recruit our students directly on campus for many great jobs! For more information on our Student Employment Services Office visit http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/stuemp/.

BCTC SCHOLARSHIP
BCTC offers over 20 scholarship opportunities to students. Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships in which they meet the criteria. Some scholarships are academic based and others are financial-need based. The 2008 – 2009 Scholarship Application will be available in January 2008.

For more information regarding the process for scholarship application, please visit: www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/financialaid/

BCTC FINANCIAL AID
The 2008 – 2009 FAFSA will be available online January 1, 2008. March 15, 2008 is the priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA.

To complete the FAFSA on-line visit: www.fafsa.ed.gov
BCTC School Code 005244

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT AND COUNSELING (SDC)
SDC is devoted to the well-being and development of BCTC students. SDC offers a wide variety of services to include personal counseling, academic counseling, and career counseling. In addition, the SDC counselors provide academic advising and conduct workshops on a variety of topics. Finally, the SDC counselors offer SDC 1 credit hour courses on the following topics:

♦ SDC 100: College Survival Seminar,
♦ SDC 102: Stress Management,
♦ SDC 105: Career Planning Seminar, and
♦ SDC 109: Employability Skills.

The SDC Office is located in Suite 103, Oswald Building, Cooper Campus.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS AT BCTC
BCTC had its inaugural season of intramural basketball during the spring 2007 semester and it was a huge success! Eight basketball teams were formed by BCTC students and the teams competed against each other weekly.

In addition, BCTC added soccer to its intramural sports program this fall. Sign ups for basketball have begun and games will begin on November 26. For more information or to sign up to participate in BCTC Intramurals, please contact James Chambers at 246-6781.