Welcome to Another Great Semester at BCTC!

I am pleased to share the second edition of the BCTC Family Connection Newsletter. I hope that this communication finds you and your student well and that your son or daughter has settled into BCTC and made a successful transition to college life.

BCTC offers many resources to help students achieve their educational goals. Several of these resources are highlighted in this edition.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide a gentle reminder to you to encourage your student to become involved in some way—outside of class—with BCTC. They can become involved simply by joining a student organization, club, or sport. This is a great way for your student to make new friends and to feel connected to the college. Research shows that students who are involved with their college or university are much more likely to be successful in their academic endeavors. This edition is filled with great information on what has been happening on campus as well as upcoming dates of importance. The faculty and staff at BCTC are committed to the success of all students!

Sincerely,

Erin Tipton,
Interim Associate Vice-President for Student Development and Enrollment Services

Priority Registration

- **Priority Registration:** March 26th—April 13th

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 summer and fall 2007 terms.

Students have first choice for courses and by pre-registering can make sure they receive the best schedule possible and avoid waiting in line. 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 summer and fall 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 to schedule and appointment.)

**Inside this issue:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Transfer Center</th>
<th>2</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Intramural Basketball</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student Activities and Organizations</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greg Page Apartment Housing</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuition and Fees</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graduation</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gearing Up for Fall 2007 Semester</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/advising/
BCTC’s Transfer Center, which opened in Spring 2006, has many unique services for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university. These services are available to all BCTC students.

If your son or daughter has made the decision to transfer or is thinking about transferring after attending BCTC, encourage them to stop by the Transfer Center. Master Advisors are available to assist them with valuable information regarding transfer processes as well as discuss many options for transfer to a four-year college or university.

For more information regarding the BCTC Transfer Center, visit: www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/transfercenter/

BCTC had its inaugural season of intramural basketball this winter. Eight basketball teams were formed by BCTC students and it was a huge success! Teams competed against each other weekly. On February 19th and 20th, a tournament took place between the top two teams with the best season record—“Hoop-Arted” and the “Thoroughbreds”. The championship was decided during a best 2 out of 3 match up. Hoop-Arted defeated the Thoroughbreds in 2 games and is the champion of the 2006-2007 BCTC Intramural Basketball Tournament.

Leading scorers for the finals:
Hoop-Arted:
Justin Gordon—20 points
Byron Brown—13 points

Thoroughbreds:
Bryan Turnage—20 points
Bobby McNeil—14 points

Pictured Above: Championship Teams—”Hoop-Arted” in the red shirts and the “Thoroughbreds” in the green shirts.
Student Activities and Organizations on Campus

There are many activities and organizations on campus for your students to participate. 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, club, or student organization at BCTC!

BCTC Student Organizations and Clubs
- American Institute of Architecture
- Athena Club
- BCTC Assoc. of Winchester Students
- BCTC Courier
- BCTC Intramural Sports
- BCTC Student Government
- BCTC Republicans
- BCTC Nursing Class of 2007
- BCTC Nursing Class of 2008
- Bluegrass Computer & Technology Club
- Dental Laboratory Technology Association
- Enlace (Student Latino Assoc.)
- International Assoc. of Administrative Professionals
- International Students’ Assoc.
- Peace and Justice Coalition
- Phi Beta Lambda
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Student American Dental Hygienists
- Students in Free Enterprise
- Students United for the Promotion of Education in Radiography

For more info, visit: www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/studentactivities/

Greg Page Undergraduate Apartment Housing

BCTC students who are enrolled in 6 credit hours at the Cooper Campus 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/

Tuition and Fees

Tuition at Bluegrass Community and Technical College (KCTCS) still remains the most affordable in Kentucky. Beginning Fall 2007, tuition at BCTC is $115 per credit hour. Please remember that tuition and fees for the Fall 2007 Semester are due by the following dates:

- August 3, 2007—Payment for students who pre-registered for fall classes on or before August 3rd.
- August 17, 2007—Payment for students who pre-registered for fall classes between August 4th—August 17th.
- August 24, 2007—Payment for students who pre-registered for fall classes between August 18th—August 24th.

Failure to pay tuition and fees by the published due dates, will result in a $50.00 late fee. All reinstatements (students dropped for non-payment) will also be subject to a $50.00 reinstatement fee. For more information regarding Student Billings or published dates for payment, please visit:
www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/fa/studentbilling/
GRADUATION INFORMATION

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS…….WE KNOW YOU ARE TOO!

The Bluegrass Community and Technical College Graduation Activities Committee would like to invite you, your family and friends to participate in the graduation activities for 2007. For your reference, we have put together the following schedule of events related to the graduation activities.

Credentials
Credentials will not be issued at the ceremony. They will be mailed to the address indicated on the application for graduation approximately six to eight weeks after the ceremony.

Rehearsal
In preparation for the graduation ceremony, please have your student plan to attend the graduation rehearsal, **Friday, May 4, 2007, 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.** at Memorial Coliseum. His or her attendance at rehearsal will ensure a smooth commencement ceremony. Parking is available in the “College View Lot” located directly behind Memorial Coliseum.

Caps and Gowns
All students participating in the ceremony will need to purchase a cap, gown and tassel. These items may be purchased at the BCTC Bookstore located at either the Leestown or Cooper Campus.

Ceremony
The commencement will be held on **Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.** at Rupp Arena in the Lexington Center. Admission tickets are not issued to the commencement. It is free and open to family, friends, and the public.

Photographs
Professional photographs will be taken at the commencement ceremony, and various packages are available. You are under no obligation to order photographs and no money is required unless you place an order. Information on photograph costs will be available at rehearsal. Personal photographs and videos can be made during the ceremony in designated areas only.

Getting Ready for Fall 2007

**Financial Aid Information**
If you already haven’t completed the FAFSA for the 2007-2008 school year, now is the time! March 15, 2007 is the priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA.

To complete the FAFSA on-line visit:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

**BCTC Scholarship Information**
BCTC offers over 20 scholarship opportunities to students. Students are encouraged to apply for those scholarships in which they meet the criteria. Some scholarships are academic based and others are financial-need based. The deadline to apply for fall 2007 scholarships has been extended to March 30, 2007. For more information regarding the process for scholarship application, please visit:

www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/financialaid/