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Thirty-nine complete MCC healthcare programs

WILLIAMSTON - Recently, Martin Community College's (MCC) Division of Continuing Education held its semiannual Recognition Celebration in the MCC auditorium for all successful completers of fall 2017 healthcare programs.

Those recognized came from Nurse Aide I (NAI), Nurse Aide II (NAII), Activity Director and Phlebotomy classes. The near capacity audience of friends and family members showed their support of the students' achievements.

The speaker for the event was Kimberly Leary, who is an employee at Roanoke Landing Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Plymouth. She is also the evening Activity Director Certification Instructor for MCC's Healthcare Programs as well as for other colleges in the surrounding area. Certified Activity Directors are required to organize and direct structured activities and entertainment for all Nursing Homes,



The Nurse Aide I Class in Windsor included Joyce Cotton, R'Nayla McCoy, Ambra Smallwood and Wanda Williams-Winston.

Adult Care Homes, and Group Homes in North Carolina. Leary encouraged the those completing their required to keep going in their educational and career pursuits.

Many of the students are taking their class as a stepping stone toward

advancing their education and career. R'Nayla McCoy, Ta Shantie Biggs, Kaleshia Beamon and Ambra Smallwood all noted that they plan to become Registered Nurses.

Zakiya Harvey of Williamston, who is also working as an Of-

fice Assistant in MCC's Continuing Education Division, plans to work toward becoming a Neonatal or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Monica Hopkins, a resident of Robersonville, hopes to move on from working as a fast food cashier to becoming an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse). Hopkins went on to say, "This class meant a lot to me because I met the coolest instructors and my fellow classmates were fun to be around."

Kaleshia Beamon and Ta'Shantie Biggs,

both from Williamston, felt that the successful completion of their NAI class set a good example for their kids. Beamon stated, "Finishing this class meant everything to me because it showed my kids that Mom is doing what's best for them, and if I can do it they can do it too."

R'Nayla McCoy of Plymouth, who currently works in home health care, stated, "Being here at MCC has made me love working with the elderly even more. My teachers and my classmates motivated and believed in me. I am very thankful to them!"

Twenty-two of the 39 who completed their requirements also earned a nationally recognized CRC credential, making them more employable. MCC offers on going health care classes in both Williamston and Windsor.

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Trio completes BLET course at MCC recently

WILLIAMSTON - Brandon Martinez, Malcolm Cherry Jr. and Priscilla Minton were recognized recently for successfully completing MCC's 620-hour BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training).

The BLET program is offered through MCC's Division of Continuing Education. The cadets have already taken the State Comprehensive Examination and passed. Upon their successful completion of this test, they are eligible for employment in all N.C. law enforcement agencies.

Cherry is already working for the Bertie County Sheriff's Department. Martinez and Minton are considering offers.

CC's BLET Program Director, Wayland Mitchell, welcomed the audience comprised of friends, families of the cadets and instructors. He praised the students for their extreme



Guest speaker Chief Herman Purvis (left) and BLET Program Director Wayland Mitchell (right) join graduates Brandon Martinez, Malcolm Cherry Jr. and Priscilla Minton at a recent ceremony.

hard work and determination over the past six months.

Herman Purvis, the Chief of Police in Lewiston Woodville provided inspirational com-

ments during the ceremony. Chief Purvis encouraged the cadets to work hard and remain dedicated to their profession.

The NC BLET pro-

gram covers 620 hours of study within 36 total blocks of instruction including; Physical Fitness, Firearms, Law Enforcement Driving Training, Laws of Ar-

rest, Search and Seizure, Motor Vehicle Law, Techniques of Traffic Enforcement, Patrol Techniques, Sheriff's Responsibilities, Rapid Deployment, etc.

The course contains the most current law enforcement information available and is filled with practical exercises and an extensive ethics section that is woven throughout the training experience. It takes approximately 16 weeks to complete and concludes with a comprehensive written exam and skills testing. This course of study is mandated by the state for all certified law enforcement officers.

Those interested in applying for admission to the BLET program must complete and submit a packet of information and forms.

The packets may be obtained in person from Wayland Mitchell or online at www.martincc.edu. To obtain a packet or for more information about the BLET program at MCC, contact Mitchell at wmitchell@martincc.edu or 252-789-0267.

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