

Bertie County students among honorees

MCC holds recognition ceremony

WILLIAMSTON - Recently, Martin Community College's Division of Continuing Education held a Healthcare Program Recognition Ceremony in the MCC auditorium.

The event recognized 12 successful completers of summer 2018 healthcare programs.

The program completers represented two Nurse Aide II (NAII) classes, a Phlebotomy Technician class, and a Pharmacy Technician class. A near-capacity audience of friends and family members showed their support for the students' achievements.

Those participating in the ceremony included:

Nurse Aide II (Williamston Campus) - Georgette Griffin, Alesia Herbert, Wysheka Lewis, Davorah Randolph and Delonda Smith;

Nurse Aide II (Bertie Campus) - Shemeca Best, Fontasia Cherry and Ebony Hardison;

Pharmacy Technician - Tareyah Harris and Kimberly Sanders;

Phlebotomy Technician - Sh'Tyra Barnes and Brittany Taylor.

Fontasia Cherry, Sh'Tyra Barnes, and Kimberly Sanders reside in Bertie County. Cherry and Sanders were also recognized for achieving gold level CRC status.

After processing into the auditorium, Pharmacy Technician student Tareyah Harris gave the invocation and NAII Student Delonda Harris bid everyone welcome. Sue Gurley, MCC's Healthcare Program Coordinator, offered congratulatory remarks and encouraged the students to continue developing their health careers. Gurley noted that all of the students had shown great potential and strong commitment in the delivery of professional health care.

Gurley was then joined by MCC's Dean of Continuing Education, Nathan Mizell, to distribute the certificates and personally congratulate each program completer. Brenda Moore, MCC's Director of Human Resource Development (HRD) then recognized the students who had opted to earn a CRC (Career Readiness Certification) credential.

Two of the students, Fontasia Cherry and Kimberly Sanders attained gold level



Ebony Hardison of Plymouth, Fontasia Cherry of Windsor and Shemeca Best of Robersonville recently completed MCC's Nurse Aide II class on the Bertie campus in Windsor.



Sh'Tyra Barnes of Windsor and Brittany Taylor of Williamston recently completed the Phlebotomy Technician class offered at MCC.

CRC status. The gold level signifies that, based on the individual's scores on the WorkKeys test, the recipient possesses skills for approximately 85 percent of the jobs that have been profiled by WorkKeys in three specific skill areas: applied mathematics, locating information and reading for information.

Career readiness certification (CRC) was developed to help employees gain skills and to help employers make better decisions during the hiring process. North Carolina issues career readiness certificates to individuals who have taken the WorkKeys tests and tested at or



Tareyah Harris, a resident of Robersonville, and Kimberly Sanders of Kelford successfully completed the Pharmacy Technician class at MCC.

above the third WorkKeys level on all three tests. In North Carolina, there are four career readiness certification levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. MCC offers CRC test preparation on both its Williamston and Windsor campuses. CRC testing is available on Mondays and Wednesdays on the Williamston campus.

Dean Mizell congratulated the students and thanked the many family members and friends in the audience for their support of the Health Care Program completers. His comments were immediately followed by the recessional.

Many of the students intend to use their health care education from MCC as a stepping-stone to higher career goals.

Shemeca Best, Fontasia Cherry, Alesia Herbert, Davorah Randolph, and Delonda Smith plan to continue working toward an RN degree. Most of the students are already working as CNA's (Certified Nursing Assistant).

The Vintage Inn Nursing Home in Williamston, Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, East Carolina Rehab in Greenville, Vidant Hospital Beaufort and Quality Home Staffing are among the employers utilizing MCC health care personnel.

Perhaps NA II completer Delonda Smith of Greenville said it best; "This class has taught me to appreciate advancement in the medical field, to better assist and help my patients, and to meet the highest potential and level of care I can provide."

MCC offers ongoing health care classes in both Williamston and Windsor. For more information, contact Sue Gurley at 252-789-0261 or via email at sue.gurley@martincc.edu.

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	Monday, October 29 - Friday, November 2	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, November 3	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Saturday November 3rd is the only Saturday we will be open)

After 1:00 pm on Saturday November 3rd, voters must go to their regular polling place Tuesday, November 6th in order to vote.

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