Annual event to showcase college

It’s time to get in back in the swing of academic things when the College’s hosts its Third Back to School with MCC on Friday, Aug. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Ivy Hall.

“We want to let the community know of our various career and technical education programs offered at MCC as well as the traditional University Transfer Program option,” said Adrian Cross, MCC recruiter.

College personnel from advising, Single Parent- Displaced Homemakers, support services, The Phil Hardin Foundation Honors College, adult basic education and GED, e-learning, bookstore, financial aid, career center, admissions and programs will be on hand to field questions about Meridian Community College.

An added component to this year’s Back to School with MCC is a mini-orientation, Cross noted. “This is being offered for those individuals who didn’t get the chance to attend one of our freshman orientation sessions held earlier this summer.”

Scholarship giveaways, scavenger hunts and refreshments are also planned for this one-stop-shop style event, Cross said.

To learn more about the Third Annual Back to School with MCC, contact Cross at extension 553
New building dedicated

The Weddington Family was recognized with the naming of the new home of the Medical Assisting and Health Care Assistant programs in their honor during a dedication ceremony held last week.

At the ribbon cutting for the Weddington Hall dedication are, from left, Kristy Ethridge, Nurse Assistant Program coordinator and instructor; Wendi Alsobrooks, Nurse Assistant instructor; Mecklin Soules, chair of the Health Division and Surgical Technology Program coordinator and instructor; Gloria Adams, Medical Assisting Program coordinator and instructor; Jim Miles, Chair of Industrial Division and Industrial Electricity Program coordinator and instructor; Barbara Jones, vice president for operations; Dr. Richie McAlister, associate vice president for workforce education; Bailey Weddington; Dr. Scott Elliott, MCC president; Ann Weddington; Alex Weddington; Hunter George Weddington; Rep. Greg Snowden; Lou Hart and Alan Hart.

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Lou Weddington Hart, left, and Alex Weddington, right, listen as their dad, Hunter George Weddington offers a few words.
A capacity crowd listens to speakers

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A family affair – Meridian Community College’s Paramedic Pinning Program, held Tuesday, July 28, in the College’s Emergency Medical Science Technology building, produced smiles, cheers and some tears as members of the class were pinned by family and friends. Donnie Crane, co-owner of Paratech Ambulance Service, and a paramedic himself, places the pin on his son Kevin Crane. Jeremy Pogue gets his pin from his wife, Lauren.

Welcoming to the profession – Mecklin Soules, program coordinator of the Surgical Technology Program at Meridian Community College, joins with students in the Summer 2015 graduating class before the pinning ceremony held Thursday, July 30, in the College’s Dulaney Room. Also during the ceremony, outstanding Surgical Technology students were applauded for their achievements. The students included: Rhondretta White, recipient of the Surgical Technology Award for Academic Excellence; Brenekia Horne, the Surgical Technology Award for Clinical Excellence and Britney Sullivan, the Surgical Technology Student of the Year Award.

Offering congratulations – Meridian Community College Practical Nursing Program Instructor Kathy Ivey smiles as she begins to pin the MCC PN pin to Michelle Robbin Thames. Thames was one of 23 Practical Nursing students receiving their pins during a ceremony Friday, July 31, morning in the Temple Theater.
**BRIEFLY SPEAKING**

**Good Eats**
When Workshop Week kicks off Monday, Aug. 10, at 7:45 a.m., the breakfast offered in Ivy Hall will showcase the new Valley Food program, Farm to Table. According to Tau Iosia with Valley, Farm to Table incorporates local items into the recipes. “We will have this program throughout the semester,” Iosia said, noting there will be a menu posted at the breakfast listing the details.

**Booking it**
The Eagle’s Nest Bookstore will begin selling texts for fall classes on Tuesday, Aug. 11. That date will also be the first day for charges. Other bookstore dates include: Tuesday, Sept. 29, last day for financial aid charges; Friday, Oct. 23, last day to purchase textbooks.

The bookstore will have extended hours from Aug. 17-20, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Aug. 21, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Regular store hours resume Aug. 24.

**What’s that sound?**
Physical Plant will conduct campus wide fire alarm, sprinkler and fire extinguisher inspections this week. Questions? Contact Adam Foreman, supervisor of maintenance, at extension 344.