

Blue Ridge Community College

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Blue Ridge Community College will participate in FAFSA Day on Feb. 13, in which college financial aid officers and other volunteers will help students complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms over the Internet. The program is open to students who plan to attend college in the 2010-11 academic year and will be held at over 100 locations across North Carolina. Blue Ridge's event will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in the Blue Ridge Conference Hall in the Technology Building. The event is free and students should register for FAFSA Day prior to Feb. 12 by going to www.CFNC.org/fafsaday. On the Web site, click on Henderson County on the North Carolina map to register for Blue Ridge's event. Participants should bring their completed 2009 federal 1040 tax forms and each student and one parent should obtain a FAFSA Personal Identification Number (PIN) prior to FAFSA Day from the U.S. Department of Education at www.pin.ed.gov. It will be helpful (though not required) for you to complete as much of the FAFSA on the Web worksheet as possible and bring it with you on FAFSA Day. Don't worry if you don't know all the answers; the experienced financial aid officers will help you. The FAFSA on the Web worksheet for 2010-11 is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov/fafsaws01c.pdf.

The Blue Ridge Community College Concert Series will present the Halcyon Wind Quintet on Monday, February 8 at 7:30 P.M. in Thomas Auditorium. The quintet is a student ensemble from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, consisting of young artists who perform at a high level of technical virtuosity while displaying consummate musicianship. The program will include music in a variety of styles, from Beethoven to Villa Lobos. The performers are Erika Boysen, flute, a senior from Des Moines, IA; Michael Dwinell, oboe, a junior from Asheville, NC; Alison Bates, clarinet, a junior from Winston-Salem, NC; Gretchen Wetherald, French horn, a graduate student from Thomasville, NC; and Kristen Goguen, bassoon, a grad student from Louisville, KY. The Halcyon Wind Quintet is the regional winner of the Music Teachers National Association Chamber Music award, and will compete in the national finals early in 2010. Admission to the concert is \$10, payable at the door; admission for all students is only \$3. All concerts feature open seating. Proceeds benefit the college's Community Enrichment Program. For more information, contact Dr. Kevin Ayesh at 828-694-1860 or kevina@blueridge.edu.

Due to inclement weather last week, the Arts and Humanities series previously scheduled for February 4 has been rescheduled to February 24. 'Sincere Forms of Flattery: Blacks, Whites and American Popular Music' will be held at 7:30 pm in the Patton Auditorium to celebrate Black History Month.

Concert pianist and Blue Ridge Community College Music Instructor Kevin Ayesh will present a recital on Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m. in Bo Thomas Auditorium. Dr. Ayesh will perform an all-Chopin program in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth. Featured works will include both the B-flat Minor ("Funeral March") and B Minor sonatas. Following the concert, a reception will be provided by Dan Knapp, executive chef of Lake Pointe Landing Retirement Community.