The College received approval from SACSCOC to begin offering the Associate in Applied Science degree in Welding Technology, effective fall 2014. Currently, BRCC is offering a diploma.

The 10th Annual BRCC/Skills USA Car and Trade Show, hosted by the Great Smokey Mountain Region Antique Automobile Club of America, was held on June 7 and featured Mustang’s 50th Anniversary. The event was free to the viewing public with all types of antique vehicles to view, vendors and dealers available, College shops were open for faculty tours, along with BBQ, hot dogs, and drinks. There were 215 cars registered in the show and approximately $2,000 was raised for the student competitions.

Phi Beta Lambda chapter students attended the Phi Beta Lambda National Conference held the week of June 23rd in Nashville, TN. These students competed against more than 1,800 other college students representing state chapters from around the nation from both 2-year and 4-year institutions. The following BRCC students returned with awards: Robert “Mac” Barlow: 4th Place in Economic Analysis & Decision Making; Crystal “Destiny” Davis and Marie Fuentes: 9th Place in Desktop Publishing.

Blue Ridge Community College and the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce hosted a Job Fair on June 5 from 12 - 5 p.m. in the Conference Hall. Opportunities were available for job seekers to interview for current open positions.

At the end of final summer semester registration, 730 students were enrolled for Summer Term. Our enrollment summary at a glance indicates the value of our Career and College Promise and Henderson County Early College enrollment of high school age students during Fall and Spring semesters compared to summer semesters -- 271 during Fall and 15 during summer in the 13 to 17 age range.

The Early College held a super-senior picnic for graduates on Wednesday, May 14. The Henderson County Early College (HCEC) graduation was held May 15, with 29 HCEC graduating with their high school diploma, 16 completed the Associate in Arts, 1 completed the Associate in Science, and 1 will complete the Associate in Fine Arts at the end of the summer.
Seventeen high school students from Henderson, Transylvania and Buncombe Counties participated in the College’s 5th Annual Camp TECHhead - an Advanced Manufacturing Summer Camp, June 16-19. Students participated in advanced manufacturing activities on campus and toured local manufacturing facilities including Continental, Meritor, Legacy Paddlesports and Raflatac. Another highlight was the tour of Western Carolina University’s Rapid Prototype Center where students designed and produced a gear mechanism. The camp is a unique opportunity for students to experience real world science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers with lots of hands-on activity. Kevin Willsie, a Six Sigma Black Belt trainer and the Operations Manager at Thermo Fischer Inc., introduced the students to Lean Concepts and led them through a Kaizen event. Working alongside Kevin as co-facilitator for the camp was Amy Singletary, HCPS Career Development Coordinator.

Transylvania County Campus staff set up a recruiting tent at the White Squirrel Festival in downtown Brevard on May 24, providing information on BRCC programs and handing out promotional materials. BRCC former and current students provided "Are You Smarter than a College Student" game for children.
The Blue Ridge Community College Drama Department Presents “A Carolina Story”

The Blue Ridge Community College Drama Department presents “A Carolina Story,” with book and lyrics by Katie Winkler, music by Curtis McCarley and directed by Jennifer Treadway, August 28-September 1, in the Patton Auditorium of the Henderson County Campus to benefit Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation’s Student Emergency Grants and Loans Fund.

“A Carolina Story” is a dramatic musical based on the Book of Job but set in the fictitious town of Clydesdale, North Carolina, during the Depression. In this version of the ancient story, the Job character is a wealthy woman named Jo, who is beloved by the entire town for her compassionate spirit, helping her friends and family through hard times. She falls into despair, however, after her oldest child is lost and her storybook life begins to crumble. Finally, with the help of family and friends, especially Sheriff Eli and a mysterious old woman named Gee, Jo learns to live, and love, again. “A Carolina Story” is more than a story of hardship and sorrow; it’s also a tale of faith, hope and love—love that transcends the greatest of tragedies and helps us live again.

Some of the original cast of faculty, staff, students and community members will return, including the lead role of Jo, played by BRCC graduate and adjunct instructor Jennifer O’Rear, staff member Melodee Edington-Leyshon as Gee and community member Ed Mathis as Ezra, the undertaker, as well as many returning and new student actors.

Although all proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the BRCC Student Emergency Loans and Grants Fund, donations beyond the price of the tickets will also be gratefully accepted at each performance.

For further information about the production of “A Carolina Story,” contact Jennifer Treadway at 694-1849, e-mail js_treadway@blueridge.edu

To inquire about sponsoring a performance or donating to the student emergency fund, please contact Katie Winkler at 694-1853 or e-mail katiew@blueridge.edu.
**Major Gifts**

Ellen Perstein gifted $48,033 that will provide for annual scholarships ($1,033), a new Roper Scholarship Endowment Fund ($32,000), and $15,000 toward the Pay It Forward Engineering Technology Instructor position for 2014-2015.

Louis and Judith Santiago contributed stock valued at $5,768.50 and have designed their gift for the Blair-Santiago Family Scholarship Endowment Fund.

AAUW Brevard donated $9,500 with $5,500 being awarded as 2014-15 scholarships and $4,000 contributed for their scholarship endowment fund.

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**New Curriculum Scholarship**

Pisgah Forest Rotary Club gifted a $1,000 Pisgah Forest Rotary Scholarship to be awarded with preference to a student that is a resident of Transylvania County.

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**Sponsorships**

Park Ridge Health gifted $3,500 ($1,000 for the Faculty and Staff Holiday Party; $1,356.45 for the Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon; $643.55 for the Appreciation Breakfast; and $500 for Professional Development Day).

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**Planned Gift**

Community Ambassador Ron Sokalski has notified the Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation that he has made a planned gift of a $100,000 scholarship endowment through the Community Foundation of Henderson County. After his passing, Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation will receive annual scholarship awards off of the endowment.

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**2013-2014 Foundation Audit**

The Foundation Board of Directors has engaged Carter, P.C., for the 2013-2014 fiscal year audit. The Independent Auditor’s Report is scheduled to be presented to the Audit Committee on August 7.

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**2014-2015 Curriculum Scholarships**

To date, more than 275 and $395,867.83 in 2014-2015 Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation scholarships are available for curriculum students. The Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee is meeting on a regular basis to award these scholarships.