Beaufort County Community College will join more than 1,200 other community, junior and technical colleges across the nation to celebrate National Community College Month during April.

The mission of the North Carolina Community College System, which consists of 58 colleges, is to “Provide adults with quality and convenient learning opportunities consistent with identified student and community needs.” Beaufort County Community College President, Dr. Ron Champion, says, “Because we are community-based and responsive to the needs of our service areas, more of our citizens are choosing community colleges.” BCCC stays abreast of the changing educational and technical demands of local residents through educational partnerships with local business and industry.

The college offers high quality programs including Associate in Arts and Science degrees, the first two years of a Bachelor’s degree, diplomas, certificates and personal enrichment classes. Champion says people attend BCCC for a variety of reasons. “While our smaller class size, experienced faculty, and convenient facility attract some, others find our broad scope of instruction and challenging learning environment appealing,” he notes.

Studies consistently reveal that BCCC students who transfer to four-year institutions perform as well as or better than students who start out in four-year schools. Studies also show that community college transfer students complete Bachelor’s degrees at the same rate as non-transfer students. “We are proud of our students and of our service to the community,” says Champion.