Five chosen as new BCCC Ambassadors

Five students have been chosen by the Beaufort County Community College Foundation to represent BCCC as new Ambassadors for 2004-2005. Those selected are Maria Teresa S. Baluis of Washington, Ella Gaynor of Pantego, Edwin Gray Godley of Belhaven, Andrea Starkie of Chocowinity and Susan R. Woolard of Washington. “This is an excellent team of Ambassadors. They represent almost every curriculum program at the college and come from all walks of life and experiences. Each of them is self-confident and talented. They are a real testament to the high degree of professionalism our community college elicits,” said BCCC Foundation Director Judy Jennette. Baluis is a student in BCCC’s Associate Degree Nursing program. She graduated from high school in Quezon City, Philippines and earned a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy from Far Eastern University in Manila in 2000. She served as a volunteer in the physical therapy department at Beaufort County Hospital from September 2002 to December 2003. Gaynor is a student in BCCC’s Medical Office Administration program. She graduated from Beaufort County High School in 1998. Gaynor worked as a machine operator and instructor at National Spinning Co. for over 20 years from 1971 to 2002 and as a sales clerk for Wal-Mart from 1998 to 2002. She hopes to graduate in 2005 and obtain a position in a medical office. Godley is a student in BCCC’s college transfer program and is studying psychology, chemistry and sociology. He earned his General Educational Development, or GED, from BCCC in 2002. He has worked as a waiter and cook at Andy’s in Belhaven. Starkie is also a student in BCCC’s college transfer program and hopes to graduate in 2005. A graduate of Hillhouse High School in New Haven, Conn., Starkie served in the U.S. Air Force from 1985 to 1987. She recently was one of two BCCC students to be recognized in Raleigh with an Academic Excellence Award. After graduating from BCCC, she hopes to transfer to East Carolina University and pursue a degree in social work. A 1993 graduate of Northside High School, Woolard is a student in BCCC’s Associate Degree Nursing program and hopes to graduate in 2005. Woolard’s work experience includes serving as a receptionist for H & R Block and as an ophthalmic technician. In 2001 she served as a volunteer on a medical missionary trip to Haiti. Since 2001, she has also studied at BCCC to obtain a Community Spanish Facilitator Certificate. The five join four others — Tabitha Fulford, Candace Sherrod, Cheryl Whitley and Conoley Williford — who will continue to represent the college as Ambassadors in the coming year. Those selected as Ambassadors receive a one-year tuition scholarship and help the college market its programs and services. For more information about the Ambassador program, contact the BCCC Foundation at 252-940-6326.