Dr. Tansey installed as president

Dr. Barbara Tansey was installed as the fifth president of Beaufort County Community College in a ceremony held Friday, Oct. 5, on the BCCC campus and attended by about 200 community and education leaders from across North Carolina.

Flanked by her husband and five of her grandchildren, Dr. Tansey was given the Oath of Office by Ms. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland, chair, of the State Board of Community Colleges.

In her remarks, Dr. Tansey said she will focus on workforce development in the region, the use of technology in teaching and decision-making on the campus and continuing to improve teaching and learning at BCCC.

"These three over-arching strategies — expansion, performance improvement and innovation — are very important and personal to me," she said. "They will help me and the Beaufort County Community College team reach our goal of becoming known as the 'Best Little Community College' in eastern North Carolina."

Dr. Tansey comes to BCCC from Fayetteville Technical Community College, in Fayetteville, N.C., where she served as Vice President of Academic and Student Services for four years.

The ceremony featured greetings from Trina Cobb, president of the Student Government Association; Sandria McFadden, president of the Staff Association and Owen J. Anders, president of the Faculty Senate.

"You will never work harder than she does," said Dr. John McKay, former president of South Piedmont Community College, during greetings from Union and Anson counties.

The ceremony also included a performance of "America" by Redeemed, a quartet featuring Wesley Beddard, dean of Instruction, and processional and recessional music from BCCC's own Rhett McPherson.

Russell Smith, chairman of the BCCC Board of Trustees, presided over the ceremony. Dr. Tansey was presented to the audience by Mitchell St. Clair Sr., immediate past board chairman.