



Electronics Instructor Claude Bell Named BC Perkins Award Winner

Veteran Electronics Technology Instructor Claude Bell of Blakely was selected as the 2010 Bainbridge College Technical Studies Division Rick Perkins Teacher of the Year.

He is seen on the job at the Early County Center with Electronics Technology students Decanta Butler (in striped shirt) and Fredric McClendon, both of Blakely, as they work on a motor control training system.

Bell, who is active with Early County 2055 Steering Committee, the Bainbridge College Relay for Life Team and is Peanut Proud Celebration technical advisor, earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in radio and television production



from Valdosta State University and his Associate of Applied Science degree in industrial electronics technology from Wallace College. He was selected from BC four finalists by a panel of judges from outside the college.

“Each of the finalists represented BC extremely well,” President Tom Wilkerson said, noting the judges’ comments, “You all have such good and dedicated instructors here. This is a very difficult task.”

The Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Instruction honors technical education’s most outstanding instructors, Dr. Wilkerson said. The award has been an on-going statewide event since 1991 and is designed to recognize technical college instructors who make significant contributions to technical education through innovation and leadership in their respective fields. The state Rick Perkins winner serves as an ambassador for technical education in Georgia.