

New EMT Graduate from BC Called a Hero

Before Terrell Mann of Bainbridge graduated Aug. 2, 2007, from Bainbridge College (BC) Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) program in the Technical Studies Division, he had already applied some of his training in a rescue situation.



First aid Instructor David Sarrette called his student “a BC hero” as he shared with the college community how Mann had used the practical knowledge he had learned when he came upon a terrible traffic wreck in Seminole County in June.

A pickup truck had rolled over several times, trapping the victim upside down. Mann knew to keep the vehicle in that position to avoid possible further injury to the driver and stayed with the victim until EMS personnel arrived.

They said that they found Mann had done everything right to prevent further injury, Sarrette reported. This was the sixth incident Sarrette was aware of that skills learned in his class were put to practical use to save a life.

BC’s EMT Instructor/Coordinator Randy Williams, whom Mann called right after the incident to report on his experience, said, “...from what I understand his patient assessment was perfect” in that traffic incident.

“He’s proved to me time after time ...that his patient assessment is great. He’s made me very proud over the course of the year that I’ve been teaching him. I told him that should prove he is ready to handle emergency situations.

“We’re patient advocates, and we have to do what’s in the patients’ best interest in order to maintain and save their lives,” said Williams, adding that Mann and the rest of his students have made him very proud of them.

Williams noted that EMT training includes the entire medical spectrum of trauma care, OB/GYN, pediatric, neonatal, geriatric emergencies and the treatment for each in addition to learning IV therapy and medication administration with each emergency.

BC Students Put Lessons to the Test in Real Situation

BC teachers are proud of the response their students gave in a life-threatening situation. L-R are LPN Program Director Doris Carmichael, LPN student Erin Edwards, Erin McStay, a student in the EMT Program, and EMT Coordinator/Instructor Randy Williams. The students used CPR in a recent emergency situation and helped save a life.



Bainbridge College Students Help Save a Life

What was supposed to be a relaxing weekend evening at a south Georgia restaurant turned into a practical application of classwork when two Bainbridge College (BC) students responded after their friend said he felt faint and then lost consciousness.

Erin Edwards, a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) student, and Erin McStay, a student in the Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) program, immediately went into action performing cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and taking command of the situation until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived. The BC students kept restaurant customers calm, had one call 911 to summon help, and performed CPR.

Their respective teachers expressed pride in their response, but not surprise at their skills. Ms. McStay learned CPR from EMT Instructor Randy Williams. Ms. Edwards, a student of LPN Director Doris Carmichael, learned CPR from Assistant Professor of Nursing Gena Peterson.

The two said that they remained calm and handled the situation as they had been trained to, and hours later realized the magnitude of what they had done. For several days afterward they felt the effects of the long time they had knelt on the cement floor.

Instructor Williams learned from the responding EMS personnel that the BC students’ efforts greatly improved the situation with which EMS personnel dealt in reviving the patient.

“That’s what it’s all about,” Director Carmichael said of the nursing and the EMT programs’ training. “We are here to save lives and alleviate suffering. These two quick-thinking young women are to be congratulated.”

Both women said they felt good that they had known what to do and have been able to save a life. Ms. McStay added “It was scary afterwards.”

The amount of time they worked before EMS arrived was shortened because two other BC alumni stopped by the eatery and helped with the CPR.