Over the last four decades, BCCC has expanded its outreach in response to dramatic population growth in Bucks County. Today, the College has three campuses that share one mission—to provide County residents with accessible, affordable, convenient and comprehensive education, training and cultural opportunities that will equip them to be effective in their work and as citizens of the world.

The College’s original campus is located on a wooded 200-acre site in Newtown. Originally owned by George Frederick and Stella Elkins Tyler and purchased by the County of Bucks in 1963, the Newtown Campus now comprises 16 academic buildings and centers, along with administrative and student support offices. Historic Tyler Hall, the original family home, has been restored and maintained as the cornerstone of the campus.

The College opened its Bristol Center in rented office space in 1989. Extraordinary student demand (including a 69% increase in enrollment between 1997 and 2006) led the College to build its new Lower Bucks Campus in 2007. Located on 13-acres on the revitalized Route 413 corridor in Bristol Township, the $21 million, 50,000 sq. ft. Lower Bucks Campus offers modern, flexible classrooms, computer labs, nursing and science facilities, a Cisco training facility, a library, a café and student lounge, and a community center. A year after opening, enrollment has nearly doubled, endorsing this pivotal investment in the educational and economic health of the County.
BCCC expanded into Upper Bucks County in 1999 when it opened its 14-acre campus in East Rockhill Township near Perkasie. Starting with 150 full-time students, the Upper Bucks Campus now serves 1,000 full- and part-time students, and was cited as the “fastest growing community college in the country” by Community College Week. Even though the College has expanded class hours and reconfigured space, it is now forced to turn students away for oversubscribed courses. While students can travel to Newtown for these courses, most would prefer to complete their studies in their own community.

In response to this growth, BCCC is expanding its Upper Bucks Campus to accommodate student demand and create a high-quality environment for teaching and learning. A new, 28,000 sq. ft. building will connect to the original building, which will also be retrofitted to better serve students. The $15 million project will include:

- A new and more visible entrance to the campus from Blooming Glen Road;
- A student commons, library, five computer labs, faculty offices, and study rooms. The student commons will build a strong sense of community among students and faculty, providing space for informal meetings, performances and study sessions. The commons will also be available to the general community for meetings and other events.
- Training facilities for continuing education and workforce development, including a Licensed Practical Nursing Skill Center Lab.

Completion for this expansion project is anticipated for spring 2010.

“The education that I received underscores what people can do. Bucks County Community College really works.”

Steve Capus
President, NBC News