

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

At one point in my life I had no interest in going to college. You see, I was a drummer in a rock and roll band and that is how I was going to make millions. College was not even something I wanted to think about for long. However, the musician's life was a hard one. There are nightly gigs (if you are lucky), travel schedules, time away from home, and lots of ways to get into trouble. Then there was that voice in my head from parents and grandparents telling me to get an education because no one can take that away from you. You have something that you can depend on. So, I signed up for some classes at a local community college (George Mason University, which was at the time, a community college of the University of Virginia) and something changed.

I really liked what I was studying. Unlike high school, I did my homework religiously. I applied myself and found a world of excitement and interest. Actually, I became very good at it and had fun at the same time. Worlds unfolded. The literature of Nathaniel Hawthorne gave me a love of vocabulary and an understanding of choosing the right words in a sentence. As Mark Twain once remarked, the difference between choosing almost the right word and the right word is the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning. Math and science became real with Sir Francis Bacon and Isaac Newton.

Philosophy of Locke, Hobbes, and Rousseau provided an insight into the thinking of a cultured and educated society and contributed to my understanding of history and our founding fathers' vision of what this country could be. Psychology, sociology, economics, and anthropology (subjects not normally taught in high school in those days) provided an insight into the human condition and all of its complexities. It was a wonderful experience. I ultimately transferred to the University of Virginia and received several degrees from that fine institution.

The path was not a straight one, and I stumbled on occasion. After a three year tour in the military, including a year in North Vietnam, I was pretty convinced that higher education was where I wanted my career to be. The voices of my parents and grandparents turned out to be right.



DR. CHECKOVICH, PRESIDENT

It has been a great joy to see Blue Ridge grow and prosper because of interested students like you. We started small, and we are now one of the three largest institutions in West Virginia. The opportunities here are immense and the faculty and staff we have here are the best anywhere. If you work and learn you will have the chance to do something very fulfilling and perhaps to change the lives of others.

And so it is with great hope that we begin a new academic year. We are happy that you are here and you have chosen Blue Ridge for your educational opportunity. With the education and experience you gain here, you may find the field of study which provides you with a lifelong interest and a career.

Whether it is a teacher, nurse, computer specialist, chef, physical therapy assistant, power distribution specialist, or one of the many other fields of study that Blue Ridge offers, you are in a position to make any one of those yours. To those of you who are new, welcome to Blue Ridge. To those of you who are returning, welcome back! Now let's start the school year.



MEET AND MUNCH

Alumni and Students,

*Come Join the Blue Ridge CTC
Foundation for a Meet and Munch!*

Thursday • August 21 • 2014

2pm

Main Campus Bruin Café

Cookies and Drinks provided

*Start off the school year right! Stay
connected with the Foundation and the
Alumni Association.*



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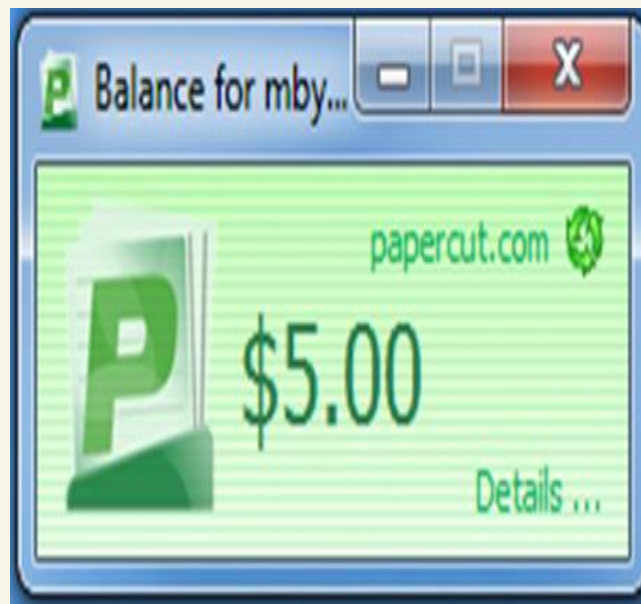
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NEW PAY FOR PRINT SYSTEM

Starting with the fall 2014 semester printing will no longer be free in the computer labs at Blue Ridge. Beginning on August 18, 2014 the pay for print system will be fully activated. The **cost to print will be 5 cents per page. If you print a two page document and it is double sided that will equate to a charge of 10 cents.**

All students will start with a one-time \$5.00 credit preloaded onto their printing account. If you exhaust this free credit you will need to add value to your printing account. Also all print jobs will now be held and will only print upon user release. Please note that jobs that are not released within 24 hours of submission are deleted.

After logging into a lab computer you will notice a green box in the upper right hand corner of the screen. This will display your available printing balance.



A MESSAGE FROM DISABILITY SERVICES

Dear Students,

I want to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students. I hope you will have a rewarding and successful academic year. I would like to inform all students of the services offered to individuals with disabilities. If you do not have a documented disability, then the information contained in this letter does not apply to you.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as well as the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, states that no qualified person shall, solely by reason of disability, be denied access to, participation in, or the benefits of, any program or activity offered by an institution of higher education. In the spirit of these laws, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College provides equal opportunity to individuals with disabilities. The Office of Student Success provides support and assistance to students with disabilities. Among the services provided are those related to accessibility of campus facilities, reasonable accommodations, advocacy for student needs and referral to appropriate governmental and community agencies.

In order to receive services and accommodations, it is necessary that you provide the College with documentation that contains a diagnosis of the specific disability from a qualified professional, and provides a rationale for the requested accommodations. Students can submit a high school Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan. The documents used must be less than five years old. The College has the right to review documentation and determine individual accommodations and services. Previous provision of service, or lack of it, does not guarantee or preclude college services.

For more specific information regarding documentation and to receive a confidential registration form, please contact Michelle Smith, Student Development Coordinator, by email at msmith@blueridgectc.edu or phone 304-260-4380 ext. 2117.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Michelle Smith

Student Development Coordinator

A MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL AID

Important Changes to Remember

- Bookstore credits for each term will now be limited to \$1000.
- Federal student loans will be disbursed in two disbursements rather than one. The first disbursement will be approximately 30 days into the term and the second disbursement will be at the midpoint of the term. This will affect the timing and amounts of financial aid refunds, if applicable.

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE ONLY AND **NOT YOUR** SPECIFIC CASE. BE SURE TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY -

Total Aid for Fall 2014 Semester:

\$5,000.00 federal student loan (regardless of type) - 2 EQUAL Disbursements of \$2500.00

From **FIRST DISBURSEMENT** (30 DAYS AFTER SCHOOL STARTS)

\$2,500
- \$1,716 (Tuition and Fees)
- \$ 750 (Books bought on FA Credit)
= **\$ 34 Refund**

From **SECOND DISBURSEMENT** (AFTER MIDTERMS)

\$2,500
- \$ -0- (provided no further charges)
= **\$2,500 Refund**

This is not LESS money; just distributed on a different timeline.

- To ensure responsible borrowing and increase awareness of student loan indebtedness, additional loan counseling will occur for students wanting to borrow more than \$2000 in unsubsidized loan funds. **Borrow only what you need to keep your loan payments manageable!**

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

E2CAMPUS

The Security Department is encouraging all Students, Faculty and Staff to enroll in the E2CAMPUS Emergency Notification System. This system provides important notification by email and text message of school closings and other emergency situations.

BLUE RIDGE CTC MOBILE APP

The official app of Blue Ridge CTC is free and available for android and iPhone. The app provides additional information and instruction for cases of fire, medical emergency, theft and more.

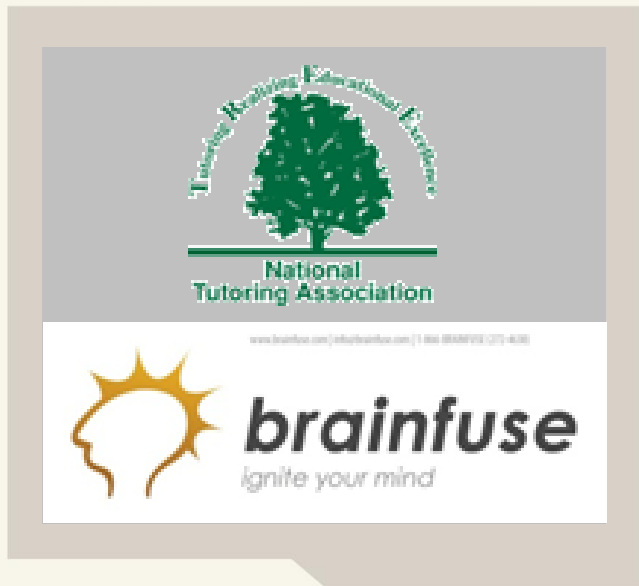
For all safety and security concerns, please contact the security office at 304-260-4380 ext. 2250.

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How to Enroll in E2Campus:

1. www.blueridgectc.edu
2. Click About Blue Ridge tab
3. Click Safety and Security tab
4. Register your cell phone information
5. Receive confirmation text message



For those whose schedules won't allow them to meet with a peer tutor...

Our FREE online tutoring service is brainfuse. Help in most subject areas is available--

See instructions in how to open your account at www.blueridgectc.edu under "Online Tutoring."

For further information, contact

Anna Mary Walsh, Program Specialist
awalsh@blueridgectc.edu

304-260-4380, Ext. 2343

Headquarters 1300

WELCOME!
FROM TUTORING
SERVICES

Peer tutors are available in most subject areas.

Which style of tutoring do you prefer?

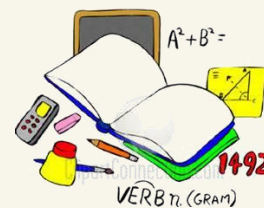
A one-on-one tutor session?
A study group?
Test review only?

Attend your classes then decide if you'd like a tutor to work with you.

After the first week of classes, tutor information will be displayed on the easel outside HQ 1400 and on the bulletin board at the Technology Center.

Tutor Request Forms are located on the Student Services board at the Technology Center, at the Welcome Desk at Headquarters, and on our website:

www.blueridgectc.edu
Click "Current Students"
Click "Tutoring" under Student Services



NOTE: THANK YOU FOR STOPPING AT THE HQ WELCOME DESK BEFORE COMING TO HQ 1300.

A Message from Access and Students Services...

Get Involved!!!

Welcome All Students! The Offices of Access and Student Services want to take the time to welcome back returning students and to give a warm welcome to new students this fall! We hope that you find this semester to be a great one!

Our offices will be busy with involving you, the student body, more this semester than ever before! You will find FOCUS groups on varying topics offered monthly, both during the day and in the evenings! Also, it is our goal to get students more involved in activities this school year! From getting together to enjoy a hot dog or ice cream sundae, to playing a game of Bingo or beautifying our campus, it is our hope that you will find the time to join in some of our activities and FOCUS groups! Please take the time to be a participating student! The success of the FOCUS groups and the activities depends on you!

OFFICE HOURS



Enrollment Management Office

(Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar,
& Student Success)

Monday- Thursday	8 am- 6 pm
Friday	8 am – 4:30 pm

Welcome Desk

Sign in at all times to speak with Admissions,
Student Services, or Financial Aid.

All forms can be obtained and turned in at the
Welcome Desk.

Division office hours may vary.
Please see the departmental secretary for further
information.