

Foundation Offers New Ray & Susan Benzinger Scholarship

The Raymond B. & Susan Benzinger Scholarship was established in January 2016 by Raymond B. and Susan M. Benzinger. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students who have completed at least 2 semesters of study at Blue Ridge CTC and demonstrate financial need to complete their education.

The total scholarship award is \$1,500.00 per academic year. The award will be made in the form of one \$750 award in the fall semester and one \$750 award in the spring semester. A student may receive up to two awards from this scholarship.

To apply for the Raymond B. and Susan Benzinger Scholarship, applicants must complete the Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Scholarship application, FAFSA application, and submit a personal statement about how the scholarship will help them achieve their goals.



Our 5th Annual Holiday Social

Let's All Be

Merry and Bright

Save the Date

Friday, December 2, 2016
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
More information to come!

Contact the Foundation at 304.260.4380 ext. 2410
<http://www.blueridgectc.edu/alumni-friends/>

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5 Ways to Connect with BRCTC

1. "LIKE" the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Facebook page.
2. Let us know if your contact information changes.
3. E-mail your success story to Foundation@blueridgectc.edu.
4. E-mail Foundation@blueridgectc.edu and tell us why you chose Blue Ridge!
5. Attend college and alumni events.

Donate to the Foundation!

Your gift will make a difference!
Enclosed is my scholarship gift of:

___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100

Make checks payable to:
BRCTC Foundation

The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation assists the college in its mission by increasing financial resources and expanding educational opportunities through community advocacy, teamwork, and innovation.

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is dedicated to providing a diverse student population with collaborative programs and support services to improve the quality of life and promote economic development in its service area. Our quality academic programs are learner-centered and focus on career entry, university transfer, developmental education, and workforce development.

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Alumni & Foundation NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

Congratulations Graduates!

On Tuesday, May 31, 2016 Blue Ridge Community and Technical College hosted their annual graduation ceremony at Martinsburg High School Auditorium. Approximately 150 students graduated with nearly 700 friends and family in attendance.

During the ceremony Professor William Lucht was recognized as the President's Award Recipient. This award is given annually to an individual or group that has shown exemplary service for the advancement of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College or provided significant contributions to higher education. Congratulations Professor Lucht!

Pictured front: Dr. Peter Checkovich addresses the crowd at graduation as Professor Lucht (seated, middle) looks on.



Fall Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners! We are excited to welcome the following local high school students to campus as Blue Ridge CTC Foundation High School Presidential and Excellence Scholarship recipients.

High School Presidential

Rachel Stottlemyer

High School Excellence

Katie Wingert

Jake Rager

Kaitlyn Boyd

Amber Mellott

Keara Hafley

Subtain Ghalib

Sarah Ring

Mary Burton

Second Annual Bluegrass and BBQ

The second annual Bluegrass and BBQ was held at the Purple Iris on May 6, 2016. The event was a great success and had approximately 215 people in attendance.

The event was generously sponsored by over 10 local businesses and individuals. Sponsors included: Dr. Peter Checkovich & Family, Macy's Logistics & Operations, Ray & Susan Benzinger, Berkeley County Development Authority, ROCS Local Market and Roach Energy, Stay Home Senior Services, Aspire Training Group Inc., BCT Bank of Charles Town, Bristol Springs Custom Homes, Newland Insurance Agency Inc., Pill & Pill PLLC, and United Bank. In-kind sponsors were The Journal and Reid's Distributor.

The evening consisted of wonderful bluegrass music with Laura Busey performing first and then Ernie Bradley—a local bluegrass artist, and the Blue Ridge CTC Bluegrass Students. A BBQ Buffet was provided by the Purple Iris and a variety of desserts were prepared by the Academy of Hospitality and Culinary Arts. Throughout the evening, guests could sample craft beer and wine provided by Reid's distributor. Guests could also participate in the silent auction and purchase 50/50 raffle tickets.



Money raised from the event benefits the Foundation's general scholarship fund. Over \$11,800 was raised from ticket sales, sponsorships, the silent auction, and 50/50 raffle proceeds. After expenses, the Foundation was able to net \$7,263 to add to the scholarship fund. The Foundation uses these monies to award a variety of scholarships that make education more easily accessible for many students. This event would not be possible without the support of the college and community.



Pictured left: Cindi Hull, Ernie Bradley, and student band member.

Pictured above: Amy Hall, Sherri Janelle, and Megan Michael.

