

# Bruin Bulletin

Blue Ridge CTC Student Newsletter



## Congratulations, Graduates!!

It's (literally!) hats off to those whose diligent academic work is finally paying off. But, what feels like an ending is often a beginning. Smart new grads will likely be looking ahead to what comes next. Perhaps transferring to a four-year university? Entering the job market? Starting a new business? Leo Tolstoy once said that spring is a time of planning and projects. So, this spring, as you leave our doors, keep moving *towards* your next project, and keep on learning! And graduates, as you cross that stage to receive your well-earned diploma, know that you take with you our best wishes for all of the success you can fit in your cap!



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## Hungry for Knowledge?

The BRCTC Academy of Hospitality & Culinary Arts is excited to offer three exciting culinary experiences for summer 2018. Seats are limited. RSVP required: <http://blueridgectc.augusoft.net>.

### Master Chef, Jr. Workshops

**Tuesday evenings from 5 pm -7 pm**

**\$29.99 per Parent/Child Team**

**9 spots available in each class**

**May 29th** Junior Chef Breakfast for Dinner—In this class, your Junior Chef will create Banana Pancakes, a Classic Frittata and Belgium Waffles.

**June 5th** Junior Chef Breads—In this class, your Junior Chef will create an Egg Braid Loaf and a Classic White Pan Bread and Rolls.

**July 17th** Junior Chef Chinese II—In this class, your Junior Chef will create Chicken Chow Mein and Egg Rolls. (No previous experience required).

**July 24th** Junior Chef Italian II—In this class, your Junior Chef will create Lasagna Rolls and Almond Macaroons. (No previous experience required).

[Please Note: All Master Chef and Master Chef, Jr. classes are open to the public and built with the novice in mind.]

### Master Chef 2-Day Bread Workshop

**Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12-13**

**9 am - 2 pm**

**\$200 per person**

**9 spots available**

**Clientele: Adults**

In this workshop, you will learn how to create professional and delicious fresh breads for a farmers' market or restaurant. This would be a wonderful class for the beginner, even if you just wish to make bread as a hobby. Lunch included.

### Three-Day Culinary Workshop

**Monday through Wednesday, June 18 - 20**

**9 am - 2 pm each day**

**\$89 per person**

**9 spots available**

**Clientele: Recent High School Grads**

Join Chef Steve Weiss and Chef Lara Cramer for this three-day workshop, which serves as an overview of the Culinary Arts programs offered by BRCTC. This workshop introduces students to an industrial kitchen; the basics of culinary arts, baking, and meal production; knife skills; sanitation, and other foundational culinary skills.

*Summer 2018*  
**MASTER CHEF**



*2 Day*  
**BREAD WORKSHOP**

Tuesday and Wednesday  
June 12-13 • 9am to 2pm  
\$200 per person | 6 spots only

Learn how to create professional and delicious fresh breads for a farmers market or restaurant. This would be a wonderful class for the beginner even if you just wish to make bread as a hobby. Lunch included.



**To Register:** <http://blueridgectc.augusoft.net>

# *This is just the Beginning*

**Below is a collection of some of the best—and worst—graduation wisdom. Ever.**

"It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all—in which case, you fail by default." J.K. Rowling

"A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success." Robert Orben

"The tassel's worth the hassle!" Unknown

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal." Henry Ford

"Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open." Thomas Dewar

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary." Vidal Sassoon

"There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs." Unknown

"You can fail at what you don't want, so you might as well take a chance on doing what you love."  
Jim Carrey

"No matter where you go, there you are." Anonymous

"Be consistent: Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying." Brian Dyson

"It doesn't matter that your dream came true if you spent your whole life sleeping." Jeff Zucker

"You never know what is around the corner unless you peek." Amy Poehler

"Just remember, you can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets."  
Arnold Schwarzenegger

"Believe anything is possible and then work like hell to make it happen." Julianna Margulies

"Failure is merely a dress rehearsal for future success." Larry Bock

"The secret to getting ahead is getting started." Unknown

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." C.S. Lewis

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." Milton Berle

"We don't stop going to school when we graduate." Carol Burnett



## IMPORTANT BOOKSTORE NEWS

Follett, an Illinois-based company, will serve as the new Blue Ridge CTC bookstore vendor beginning May 1, 2018.

Store Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm  
Textbook buyback will be available at both campuses.

The summer and fall 2018 textbook information is now available through BRIDGE and can be accessed by following the Student Services/Registration/Shop Textbook Adoptions links, and at the Blue Ridge CTC Follett Bookstore website: [www.blueridgectc.edu/bookstore](http://www.blueridgectc.edu/bookstore).

## GRADUATION INFORMATION STATION

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge CTC Commencement

When: Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 7pm

Where: Airborne Church, 172 Creative Place, Martinsburg, WV

Diplomas: Walkers receive their diplomas at Commencement.  
Non-walkers will receive a call to pick up their diplomas.

Tickets: Each student receives 5 tickets. The College does not barter, provide extra, or facilitate any extra tickets.  
Live streaming is available.

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

The spring Student Awards Ceremony will be held at the Main Campus on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11am, in room 1101. This ceremony recognizes students who have displayed exemplary performance in the classroom. Students can be recognized in three ways:

1. As the Spirit of an Individual School
2. As an Outstanding Student of a Degree Program
3. As the Student of the Semester

Best of luck to all nominees!





# INSTRUMENTATION BOOTCAMP

**JUNE 11-15, 2018** —  — **8:30AM-4:00PM**

This bootcamp explores basic instrumentation concepts and electrical process controls.

**Topics include:** the use of PLC/DCV communications, calibration and configuration of pressure, temperature, and flow instruments; Valve Operation, actuator, and configuration as well as PID control. Students should have some prior knowledge of electricity before taking this course.

Facilitator: Technology Center  
Cost: \$100; Labs included.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

<http://blueridgecc.edu/regsoft.net> or call 304-260-4000 ext. 0411



**REGISTER NOW!**

## 2018 Parent-Child **MASTER CHEF JR.**

\$29.99 per Team + 9 spots available for each class

**BREAKFAST FOR DINNER**  
May 29 | 5pm-7pm

**CHINESE II**  
July 17 | 5pm-7pm

**BREADS**  
June 5 | 5pm-7pm

**ITALIAN II**  
July 24 | 5pm-7pm



# Classes Forming!

Classes will be held at the BRCTC Gaming Careers Institute located at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races.

**Intro to Table Games, Blackjack, Novelty, Mini Baccarat, Pai Gow, Roulette, Craps, and Poker!**

Completion of this course is a prerequisite for other gaming-related courses. A fee schedule may be available for participating.

**CONTACT DIANA CROUSE WITH YOUR EMAIL TO RECEIVE ALERTS ON THE UP COMING CLASSES:**  
304-260-4380 ext. 2423 | [dcrouse01@blueridgecc.edu](mailto:dcrouse01@blueridgecc.edu)

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
<http://blueridgecc.edu/gisof/Inet>

## In the News: Blue Ridge CTC Rotaract

### Little Free Libraries

BRCTC Rotaract is proud to announce the introduction of its Little Free Library. The Little Free Library program is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. The Blue Ridge Rotaract group purchased two libraries, one for the Main Campus and one for the Technology Center. The Little Free Library is a way to educate, to encourage reading, and to share some of your favorite readings with the community.

Jared Kuse, of BRCTC Rotaract, says that his club "believes in further growing and expanding [the] community, which is why the idea of obtaining Little Free Libraries became something [they] all loved. Everyone thought this was an imaginative and enjoyable way to share the love of reading." Everyone can participate in the Little



Free Libraries program by donating a book or by just taking one out to read. Students, staff, and community members are welcome to come by and enjoy being part of the literacy program.

### Presidential Citation

On Thursday, November 30, 2017, BRCTC Rotaract received the Presidential Citation Award. To receive this certification, a Rotaract club needs to support and strengthen its community. BRCTC Rotaract received the Presidential Citation Award for its work on several projects in 2017, including

the Attire for Hire project, Interact/Rotaract Mixer, United Way Day of Caring, CCAP Loaves and Fishes Food Drive, Water & Sanitation Awareness Event, and the Pancakes for Polio

Breakfast. Supporting local communities and assisting those who are most in need are just a few of the benefits that Rotary offers.

For more information:

[facebook.com/brctc.rotaract](https://www.facebook.com/brctc.rotaract)

## PREPARE FOR THE JOB MARKET

### Develop a Strong Resume and Cover Letter

It has been noted that recruiters may spend no more than 10-30 seconds reviewing a resume. To be sure that yours is making the best impression possible, use your Blue Ridge website! Clicking on the Office of Career Services link gains you access to resume writing guides, sample resumes, resume critiques, and a cover letter guide. To receive feedback on your work, email [careerservices@blueridgectc.edu](mailto:careerservices@blueridgectc.edu).

But don't stop there! Blue Ridge can help you begin your job search as well. Just visit [www.blueridgectc.edu/jobs](http://www.blueridgectc.edu/jobs) and scroll through open positions with area businesses.



Submitting the FAFSA is a complicated process, but it's worth it! Remember: Filing the FAFSA is the single most important step you can take to get financial aid! And it needs to be filed every year you plan to be a student! For assistance, contact Financial Aid: [www.blueridgectc.edu/financial-aid](http://www.blueridgectc.edu/financial-aid).



## Diversity: One of Blue Ridge CTC's Core Values

Since 2004, April has been designated "Celebrate Diversity Month" to recognize and honor the diversity surrounding us all. By celebrating each others' differences and similarities each year during this month, national organizers hope that people will gain a deeper understanding of each other.

Here at Blue Ridge CTC, we recognize this issue's importance. So this year, we celebrated Diversity Month with a week of events—April 9th through the 12th—that offered participants opportunities to gain diversity skills and knowledge, along with chances to dialogue about diversity and inclusion issues. Activities and lunchtime workshops provided our students, faculty, and staff an inspirational and informative week designed to advance their ongoing understanding of, and appreciation for, diversity and inclusion.

Monday's "Privilege Walk": This activity was designed to show how societal factors impact our life experiences and opportunities. Many facets of our lives are affected by underlying privileges we may not know exist. Even if we do not realize it, these factors shape our day-to-day lives.

Tuesday's "Tie Dye T-Shirts": What "ties" us all together? Our differences, of course! Dye(versity) is a beautiful thing. [Check out the photos below.]

Wednesday's Lunch and Learn, "Bystander Intervention Training/Prevention Starts with You": This workshop, led by Megan Boone, provided strategies for preventing certain types of violence, including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence.

Thursday's "Throwing Out Stigmas": Social stigmas can be attached to any person who differs from societal and cultural norms. But these stigmas are rarely based on facts; they can also be caused by a lack of understanding on the accuser's part.





## May 2018: Important Dates and Holidays

1	T	Hug Your Cat Day
2	W	BROTHERS AND SISTERS DAY
3	Th	Public Radio Day
4	F	Last day to withdraw from a spring class
5	Sa	Free Comic Book Day
6	S	No Diet Day
7	M	First day of final exams
8	T	Student Nurse Day
9	W	Receptionists Day
10	Th	Student Awards Ceremony, Main Campus, 11 am, room 1101
11	F	Root Canal Appreciation Day
12	Sa	Last day of final exams
13	S	Mothers Day
14	M	National Chicken Dance Day
15	T	CHOCOLATE CHIP DAY
16	W	Grades available on BRIDGE—tentative
17	Th	Pack Rat Day
18	F	No Dirty Dishes Day
19	Sa	THE PREAKNESS
20	S	Ride A Unicycle Day
21	M	Talk Like Yoda Day
22	T	Buy a Musical Instrument Day
23	W	Lucky Penny Day
24	Th	Graduation: 2018 Commencement, Airborne Church, Martinsburg, 7 pm
25	F	Sing Out Loud Day
26	Sa	National Paper Airplane Day
27	S	Indianapolis 500
28	M	Memorial Day—College Closed
29	T	Summer classes begin
30	W	Water A flower Day
31	Th	Macaroon Day

## Calling all Future Business Leaders

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