

STUDENT NEWSLETTER




BlueRidge
COMMUNITY AND
TECHNICAL COLLEGE
NOVEMBER 2019



MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES

Mission Statement

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College provides our diverse student population with life-changing education, training, and services that drive economic development within the communities we serve.

Our Vision

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is the first choice for higher education that drives career growth and economic development in our region and surrounding communities.



*Just like every piece is
important to make a puzzle
complete, every person
is important to the mission!*

Core Values

Stewardship:

- Put student access, learning, and success first
- Support a safe, collaborating, and engaging environment for employees and students
- Provide an optimum learning environment for students
- Use College resources responsibly
- Demonstrate care for facilities

Civility:

- Communicate with respect, trust, and care
- Respect differences
- Listen actively
- Be aware of your impact on others
- Discuss differences and resolve conflicts

Integrity:

- Engage and actively contribute to the overall success of the College
- Think creatively and develop solutions
- Act honestly and ethically
- Provide accurate and thorough information
- Be courageous to be even better

Entrepreneurship:

- Embrace our business partners
- Think proactively and innovatively
- Be adaptable and flexible for shifting priorities
- Identify areas for continuous improvement
- OWN enrollment
- Take calculated risks wisely

Nondiscrimination Statement

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On the Cover:

Valley Health Festival

Open House – 10.2.19

Tech Day 2019

Fall Festival 2019

Locations

Main Campus

13650 Apple Harvest Dr.
Martinsburg, WV 25403

Technology Center

5550 Winchester Ave.
Martinsburg, WV 25405

Morgan County Center

Located at the Pines Opportunity Center
109 War Memorial Dr.
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Contact Information

www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu

304.260.4380



“Hello” from Jared Kuse

Hello my fellow Blue Ridge CTC students! I hope your midterms went well. On behalf of the BRCTC Student Government Association, I'd like to invite you all to our upcoming November meetings.

I am very excited to welcome you to our meeting **November 6th** for a fun interactive Student & BRCTC Staff Mingle. Please invite your favorite BRCTC professors and staff to attend the mixer and enjoy mingling and networking with fellow students.

The meeting after the mixer on **November 13th**, will be our monthly Town Hall Meeting. Remember this is where students are invited to voice their ideas, suggestions, concerns, or questions about anything Blue Ridge CTC related.

Our final meeting of the month will be **November 20th** where we will welcome the SGA Senators aka Club Liaisons for Club Reports. We are very excited to hear from Club Liaisons about home club activity.

The last meeting of the month would have been held on **November 27th**, but since it will be Holiday Break, we will resume meetings again on **December 4th**.

It is my honor to be your SGA Student Body President please do not ever hesitate to contact me at: **JKuse01@my.blueridgectc.edu** with any questions or comments. I hope to see you at the November meetings! Thank you.

Your Student Body President,
Jared Kuse



Upcoming SGA Dates:

November 6, 2019
Student & BRCTC Staff Mingle

November 13, 2019
Monthly Town Hall Meeting

November 20, 2019
SGA Senators/Club Liaisons Club Reports

December 4, 2019
SGA Meetings resume



November 1-30

Drug Court Incentive Drive

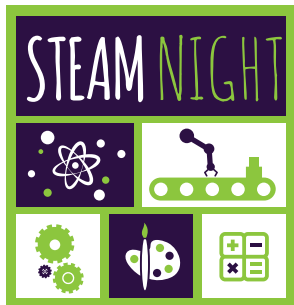
During the month of November we will be collecting donations of candy, hygiene products and snacks. These items will be used as incentives for those in the Jefferson County Drug Court program. Donations can be dropped off at either the Main Campus or Tech Center.



November 6

Lunch & Learn: A View From Within

Blue Ridge President, Dr. Peter Checkovich, will be sharing his personal military journey. Lunch will be provided. To register to attend go to this address: www.blueridgectc.edu/lunchandlearn



November 8

Family STEAM Night

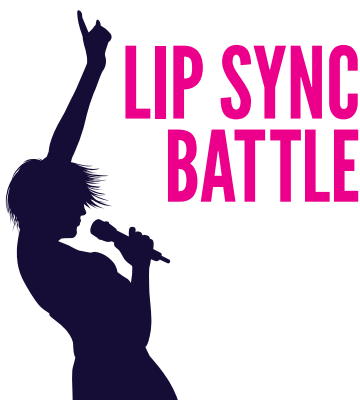
Join us for a fun filled free evening of hands on activities for Pre-K to 8th grade. We have 25 stations full of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics waiting for you! To register to attend go to this address: www.blueridgectc.edu/eventsvp



November 13

Bad Paint Night

All participants will be given an allotted amount of time to create their most horribly appropriate painting. Participants will have the opportunity to enter their painting to be judged and one winner will be crowned BRCTC's Bad Paint Night Artist! Will this be you? To register to attend go to this address: www.blueridgectc.edu/eventsvp



November 14

Lip Sync Battle

Do you know the lyrics to your favorite song? Do you enjoy performing? If so test out your skills at our Lunch time Lip Sync battle. To register to attend go to this address: www.blueridgectc.edu/eventsvp

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Join Blue Ridge CTC for **MILITARY & VETERAN APPRECIATION WEEK**

Monday, November 4

Military Spouse and Family Resource Table

Both Campus Locations | All Day, All Week

Share your favorite family photo
of you and your military hero.

Tuesday, November 5

Soothe the Senses: PTSD Awareness

Main Campus, Room 2106 | 11am - 2pm

Make your own stress ball, color, or just kick back and
enjoy soothing sounds. Walk away with a bag full of
treats and the knowledge you need to help combat
stress and anxiety.

Wednesday, November 6

Lunch and Learn: A View from Within: Veteran Panel

President's Board Room | 11:30am - 12:30pm

Lunch and Learn presentation
featuring Dr. Checkovich.

Thursday, November 7

Armed Forces Recruiting Fair

Main Campus, 1st floor hallway | 11am - 2pm

Meet representatives from each branch of the military
and discuss opportunities for college graduates.

Friday, November 8

Veteran Breakfast with Dr. Checkovich

President's Board Room | 9am - 10am

By invitation only (military and veterans).

Must RSVP by October 23rd:

vetsource@blueridgectc.edu

Newly-Established Articulation Agreements / Crosswalks with Transfer Four-Year Universities and Colleges



Considering transferring after graduation from Blue Ridge CTC? Several new articulation agreements have recently been established or updated, including ones in digital media, accounting, mathematics, communications, and natural sciences.

- Digital Media Specialist, Computer Applications:
Southern New Hampshire University
- Digital Media Specialist, Media:
Southern New Hampshire University
- Liberal Arts, Mathematics Concentration:
American Public University
- Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences Concentration:
American Public University
- Accounting : Shepherd University
- Transfer Partnership Agreement :
Western Governors University
- Educational Alliance Participant Agreement:
Grand Canyon University

For a complete list of articulation agreements with transfer four-year universities and colleges, visit the 'Transfer-Articulation' webpages under Current Students on the Blue Ridge CTC website.

For additional information, please contact Jackie Griggs, Coordinator of Academic Affairs: 304.260.4380 ext. 2351

Follett Bookstore Hours



The Spring 2020 semester is right around the corner so prepare now by purchasing your textbooks and course materials from the Follett Bookstore. The fall bookstore hours vary at each campus.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Headquarters

Monday – Thursday; 8:30am – 4pm

Friday; 8:30am – 3pm

Technology Center

Monday – Friday; 8:30am – 3pm

For additional information, please contact Kim Bickett, Follett bookstore manager: 304.260.4380 ext. 2273

The Bruin Café Hours of Operation

It is an exciting time to be a student at Blue Ridge CTC. To enhance your college experience, the Bruin Café and the Culinary Academy works to ensure all students have access to delicious snacks and meals. Blue Ridge CTC has a talented chef team who work diligently to prepare fresh, high quality products for students each day!



**There are two Bruin Cafes, one at Main Campus
and one at the Technology Center:**

Main Campus Hours

Monday – Thursday; 7:30am – 6:30pm

Fridays; 7:30am – 1 pm

(excludes weekends and holidays)

Technology Center Hours

7:30am to 2 pm, daily

(excludes weekends and holidays)



Did you Know?

- The Bruin Cafés are student labs where our culinary students learn customer service as well as food preparation in a co-curricular experience, which prepares them for internships and success in the workplace. Purchasing food from our cafe assists our students to develop into the Chefs of tomorrow.
- You can have “**Eggs Your Way**” during breakfast hours at both campuses.
- The Bruins are managed and operated by the Culinary Faculty, so that means campus food service is an in-house operation. This gives credibility to our culinary programs “We walk the walk and talk the talk”.
- We have a “**Jump Start your Day**” menu inspired by our Jump Start high school students, but can be enjoyed by all. Offered from 7:30 am to 10:30 am daily.
- We have a chef on staff that is a regularly competes on national television shows. Currently this chef has more than 16 appearances over the last 20 years.
- The Bruin Café offers a coffee rewards card. After every 10th coffee purchased the 11th is free. If you don’t already have a card ask for one at either of our Bruin Cafes.
- The Bruin Café also offers a food rewards card. Earn one punch for every \$7 spent. A full card is eligible for breakfast or lunch up to \$7.

If you are a student and are interested in an exciting culinary career, explore your options by speaking with a culinary team member at either Bruin Café location. You may also contact Chef Weiss, Associate Dean of Culinary Arts for more information: sweiss@blueridgectc.edu



Merry and Bright

**JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY SOCIAL TO
BENEFIT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS!**

FEATURING...

Scrumptious delights and demonstrations
by our Culinary Academy!

Magical carriage rides & more!

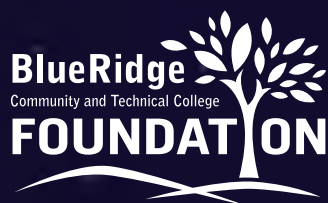
DECEMBER 6, 2019

5PM – BLUE RIDGE CTC MAIN CAMPUS

PURCHASE ONLINE:

**Tickets, Event Sponsorships,
Holiday Gingerbread Houses, and Cookie Gift Boxes:
www.blueridgectc.edu/foundationevents**

TICKETS: \$50 Community | \$20 Faculty & Staff | \$10 Student & Alumni



For more information:
foundation@blueridgectc.edu • 304.260.4380 ext.2423
13650 Apple Harvest Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25403

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH: HAM BONE, WHITE BEANS & COLLARD GREENS

Ingredients

One Smoked ham hock

Chicken broth: 3 quarts

Collard greens: 1 ¼ lb

Vegetable oil: 1 Tbsp

Salt pork, minced: ¼ cup

White beans (canned): 28oz

Onion, minced: 1 ¼ cup

Celery, minced: 1/2 cup

Flour, all-purpose: 1/2 cup

Heavy cream: 1/2 cup

Malt vinegar: 2 tsp

Tabasco sauce, salt and pepper: To taste

Sachet: 6 whole black peppercorns, 4 parsley stems and 1 sprig fresh thyme wrapped in cheesecloth and tied with butchers twine.



Yield: 8-10 servings

Directions

Place the ham hock and broth in a pot large enough to accommodate both. Bring to a simmer and cook, partially covered, for 1 ½ hours. Remove the ham hock from the broth and allow both to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cut the tough ribs and stems away from the collard greens. Plunge the greens into the boiling water and cook for 10 minutes. Drain and cool slightly. Chop the greens coarsely and set aside.

Heat the oil in a soup pot over medium heat. Add the salt pork and cook until crisp, 3-5 minutes. Add the onion and celery; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 minutes.

Add the flour and cook, stirring frequently, for 5 minutes. Gradually add the broth, whisking constantly to work out any lumps of flour. Bring to a simmer and add the collard greens, beans, ham hock and sachet. Cook for 1 hour. Remove and discard the sachet. Remove the ham hock and cool slightly. Trim away the skin and fat and dice the lean meat. Add the meat back to the soup. Add the cream and season to taste with vinegar, Tabasco, salt and pepper.





TOWN HALL MEETING

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

2PM - 3:15PM

MAIN CAMPUS, ROOM 2105



**Main Campus, Room 2105
13650 Apple Harvest Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25403**

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What is a Town Hall Meeting? The term “Town Hall” describes a meeting that is open forum and allows for participants to share preferences for their community.

Blue Ridge CTC Student Government Association will host a Town Hall meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Any and all Blue Ridge CTC students are welcome to join to discuss emerging topics, voice concerns and requests, express ideas and, advocate for topics on campus. As a Blue Ridge CTC student, you have a voice and we want to hear your thoughts!

For More Information:

Jared Kuse, SGA & Student Body President: jkuse01@my.blueridgectc.edu
or Siona Escoto, SGA Faculty Advisor: sescoto@blueridgectc.edu

All About Drones



*For More Information, contact Jerry Sigado,
Program Coordinator, Applied UAS Technologies:
gsigadoi@blueridgectc.edu*

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is the first community college in West Virginia, and among the first in the Country, to offer coursework focused on teaching how to use drones professionally.

The Certificate and A.A.S. in Applied UAS Technologies at Blue Ridge CTC prepare students for careers as drone operators, data analysts, cartographers, or remote sensing technicians and many will have the opportunity for work both indoors and out. Applied UAS Technologies students are prepared to not only operate unmanned aircraft, but to collect, process, and analyze aerial data to produce uniquely valuable deliverables. Here are some examples of drone use in industry:

Public Safety – Thermographic sensors compare the relative heat of a given object to its surroundings. In this way, missing people can be located quickly and efficiently from a distance. Utility service providers use drone thermography to identify issues along power transmission lines before they interrupt service.

Agriculture: Specialized sensors determine the health of crops in a field by measuring the amount of reflected light. In general, a plant containing more chlorophyll is healthier than a plant containing less. Since chlorophyll strongly absorbs visible light, the amount of reflected light measured by the sensor can be used to predict plant health. This information is useful in precision agriculture, such as determining where fertilizer or herbicide should be applied.

Environmental: The UAS 102 class at Blue Ridge is collaborating with Sustainable Solutions, LLC (Shepherdstown, WV) to map the health of riparian buffers lining several hundred acres of pasture. Utilizing drones reduces the time required to complete site evaluation (from months to days) and produces geospatially accurate maps which are also useful for land management and planning.

Surveying and Mapping: Determination of the exact location of something on earth is valuable information. Geographic Information System (GIS) software enables data to be stored, analyzed, processed, and presented in ways that illuminate specific trends of interest. Aerially captured data, processed and analyzed with GIS software, produces valuable client deliverables.

Construction – Photogrammetry is measurement with photographic analyses. Photogrammetry is highly useful in construction earthwork calculations. Photos of an excavated area (cut), can be used to estimate the amount of material removed. Areas of excess material (fill) are calculated in a similar manner. These measurements can be used to track project progress, specification compliance, and payment. Time-lapse photos, taken at the same locations throughout the course of a project provide useful data to project managers and are excellent resources in resolving issues.

CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS

FALL 2019

Join Career Services for an interactive, educational workshop geared specifically toward helping Blue Ridge CTC students attain the skills and information needed to move forward with a career.



Ace the Interview!

Thursday, November 14, 2019

1pm - 2pm

Main Campus, Room 2107

Visit this one-hour workshop and learn more about the psychology behind the interviewer and the best way to answer different forms of interview questions.

Learn the skills you need to *Ace the Interview!*

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.blueridgectc.edu/careerservices

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Career Services at: CareerServices@blueridgectc.edu



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The Applied Laboratory Technician program is unique to this area.

The program trains students to set up and maintain instrumentation used in many of the local manufacturing facilities. Students learn to verify the quality of different products and substances; students have an opportunity to complete internships in the local community, and local businesses recruit students from the program.

The Environmental Science Technician program kicked off its first classes this fall. Students learn sustainable practices that protect the area's environmental resources. This semester, a local employer spoke to the students about internships that are currently available.

“Students can concentrate on environmental studies or occupational safety”.

Students learn about environmental, safety, and health regulations, monitoring requirements, and management practices to protect the environment and workers' health in government and manufacturing facilities.

Potential job settings vary from office settings to field work. There's an environmental job setting to fit almost anyone's personality and preferences.

For more information about the Applied Laboratory Technician or Environmental Studies Programs, please Contact Elizabeth Spring at: espring@blueridgectc.edu



CAREER SERVICES MOCK INTERVIEW EVENT



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

2pm-4pm

Main Campus, Room 1105

RSVP TO PARTICIPATE!

Contact Siona Escoto at:

sescoto@blueridgectc.edu

or visit:

www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu/CareerServices

Upcoming Mock Interview Event:

All Blue Ridge CTC students and graduates are invited by the Office of Career Services to participate in our upcoming Mock Interview on **Friday, November 15th** from **2:00-4:00pm** on **Main Campus, room 1105**.

Mock Interview events are great for a chance to meet with regional employers and learn about local employment opportunities. Students may utilize this opportunity to find part time work or simply practice answering interview questions. Please contact Career Services to register for a specific interview time: careerservices@blueridgectc.edu



Did you know Captain America's Civil War started over resume page lengths?

"Resume length is very important when creating a strategic resume to land the job of your dreams."

Contact Siona Escoto, Outreach and Placement Specialist, in the Office of Career Services to receive help with your resume today.

Email Careerservices@blueridgectc.edu or request an appointment at www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu/CareerServices

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

3PM - 6PM

MAIN CAMPUS



- ENJOY GREAT FOOD
- LEARN ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
- LEARN ABOUT TAKING CLASSES WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL
- APPLY FOR ADMISSION

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TO ATTEND:

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