

Foundation Awards First Presidential Scholarship

The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation awarded its first Presidential Scholarship to Mussleman High School senior, Madison Adams, on May 14, 2014 presented by Dr. Peter Checkovich. The Presidential Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from the tri-county area who has demonstrated an outstanding level of scholastic excellence. The recipient must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5, attend a tri-county area high school or private school/home school, and plan to attend Blue Ridge CTC. The growth of the Foundation and its community support provides the opportunity to give financial assistance to students who choose to attend college locally. The following six high school seniors received the High School Excellence Scholarship: Jesse Staubs, Mussleman High; Sidronia Weller, Martinsburg High School; Roosevelt Boh, Hedgesville High School; Kayla Oden, Washington High School; Brittany Zombro, Berkeley Springs High School; and Bethany Williams, Faith Christian Academy.

The Foundation also awarded scholarships to eight other recipients for the fall 2014 semester, including Sondra Smith, Hollywood Casino Scholarship recipient and the College 101 Scholarship recipients: Abby Bernier, Hannah Fair, Ashley Feliz-Redman, Lauren Ingram, Austin Kesecker, Ikeya March, and Evan Matzinger.

The Foundation has awarded over \$27,000 in scholarships since its 501c3 establishment in March of 2012.



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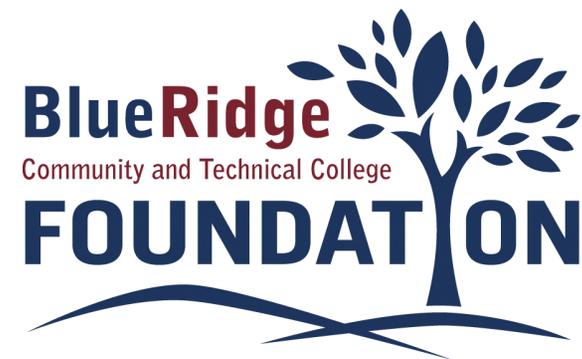
**We've updated our website,
go to
www.blueridgectc.edu/alumni-friends/
to stay connected and see what
events the Foundation has
coming up!**

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.

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.

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Berkeley Spring HS Tailgate Celebration

The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation hosted the second annual Tailgate Celebration at Berkeley Springs High School (BSHS) to raise funds for the Morgan County Early College high school program. The event was Friday, October 10 at 5-7pm and offered a tailgate dinner made by the Blue Ridge CTC Culinary Academy chefs and students. BSHS administration, faculty, staff, students, and community members were invited to attend; adult tickets were \$10 and students were \$5. The event brought in \$1,563.00 with several sponsors supporting the event. Bradley, Thomas & Matthew Close, CPAs, PLLC were the Junior Varsity Sponsor; and Arndt McBee Insurance, City National Bank, Close Insurance, and Gat Creek were Freshmen sponsors. Proceeds of the event benefit the Blue Ridge CTC Foundation's Morgan County Early College Fund. The funds are used to purchase textbooks for Morgan County students in the Early College High School program. Currently, Blue Ridge CTC provides college classes for high school students in Morgan County. Classes to be offered include, but are not limited to, English, Mathematics, and Mechatronics.



Tailgate Celebration attendees gather for a small group snapshot.



The Foundation's mission is to assist the College by increasing financial resources and expanding educational opportunities through community advocacy, teamwork and innovation. In order to support the mission, the Foundation hosts two annual fundraising events. These events act as an opportunity for the Foundation to be present in the community and to create relationships with local businesses which allow the Foundation to build its financial resources through donations and monetary support. The proceeds from these events have provided textbooks and scholarships for students who are academically-deserving or in financial need.

Currently, the Foundation is preparing to host its third Annual Merry & Bright holiday social at the Main Campus on Friday, December 5th at 5:30-7:30pm. This year's event will feature chef and student culinary creations and demonstrations, as well as a gourmet cookie sale. Accompanied with the gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts, live music provided by the Martinsburg Jazz Orchestra will add to the holiday festivities. During the event, students who have received scholarships will share their experiences with the audience. The College transforms into a festive holiday atmosphere for the evening and everyone is invited to attend the ticketed event. For the first time, a special ticket price of \$40 is available for purchase by faculty and staff. We will also have a special student price of \$30, and general admission will be \$50 per ticket. We invite educators, businesses, and friends of Blue Ridge from around the panhandle to come and enjoy this event. This event provides an opportunity to support Blue Ridge students in gaining the necessary career skills to enhance the economic status of our community and workforce.

The Foundation is excited by this event's growth over the past two years, and we are eager to continue the growth of the event and the general scholarship fund.

The Foundation represents an ongoing partnership between the College and the Community, and we are excited that this event promotes that partnership with many local businesses that have supported the Foundation as *Merry & Bright* sponsors.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Sherri Janelle x2410 or Jamie Harrison x2423 or email the Foundation at Foundation@blueridgectc.edu. We hope to see you there and stay tuned for more details on our upcoming new spring event!



Merry & Bright 2014 Sponsorship Levels	
Chancellor	\$1500
Presidential	\$1000
Dean	\$750
Professor	\$500
Scholar	\$325
2014 Tickets	
General Admission	\$50
Faculty/Staff	\$40
Students	\$30



meet and munch

The Foundation held a "Meet and Munch" on campus during the first week of classes, inviting alumni and students to learn more about the Foundation and starting a Student Alumni Association. The Foundation plans to continue outreach and recruitment activities throughout the semester for Alumni advancement.

