

Foundation Offers New *Bank of Charles Town* Scholarship

The BCT Bank of Charles Town Scholarship was established in September 2014 by Bob Baronner, Bank of Charles Town President. BCT has donated a total gift of \$5000 to be annually dispersed in \$500 award amounts to two Berkeley or Jefferson County graduating seniors pursuing higher education at Blue Ridge CTC. The Foundation is very excited to have businesses contribute to the Blue Ridge CTC scholarship fund,, each gift truly makes a difference in lives throughout the community. The mission of the Foundation is to expand educational opportunities through community advocacy, teamwork, and innovation. Partnerships such as this assist the Foundation in achieving its mission.



Meet the Foundation Board

The Foundation Board meets quarterly and consists of ten voting members from the community, College President, a full-time Foundation Director and part-time Foundation Assistant.

Teresa McCabe

Matt Close

John Beatty

Norwood Bentley

Dr. Taylor Perry

Dr. Peter Checkovich, President

Ken Barton, Chair

David Decker



*Not pictured: Karen Raffo, Steve Roach, Dr. Jim Watson,
Sherri Janelle, Kimberly Lineberg*

STAY CONNECTED!

**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.

Donate to the Foundation!

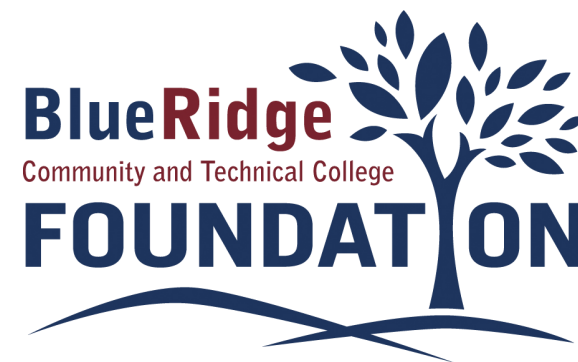
Your gift will make a difference!
Enclosed is my scholarship gift of:

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

Make checks payable to:
BRCTC Foundation

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College Foundation assists the college in its
mission by increasing financial resources and
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**Foundation Hosts First
BLUEGRASS AND BBQ Event**
May 15, 2015

**Alumni & Foundation
NEWSLETTER**

Spring 2015



Please Join Blue Ridge CTC for **BLUE RIDGE BLUEGRASS AND BBQ**

Wear your best jeans and enjoy a fun filled Americana night!

FRIDAY, MAY 15 2015
6:30—9:00pm



PURPLE IRIS
1956 WINCHESTER AVE.

MUSICAL! LINEUP!

- 1 Ernie Bradley & the BRCTC Bluegrass Students
- 2 Laura Busey

WINE & BEER
Sampling by Reid's Distributor
CASH BAR

PRESENTING SPONSORS:
Purple Iris
& Reid's
Distributor

Tickets
are
\$35

Menu

BBQ chicken and all the fixin's provided by Purple Iris.
Desserts provided by the College's Academy
of Hospitality & Culinary Arts.

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Voices of the Holocaust Special Screening

The Foundation held its first Alumni Association sponsored event with the College's Career Advancement department to view a special screening of the documentary *Voices of the Holocaust* produced by Growth Media Productions on March 3. The film features interviews with nine Holocaust survivors recounting their experiences living through the dark days of World War II. Executive producer, Darla Gaige, noted the significance of this film and how "it is important that these stories be remembered." The documentary is currently airing on public and education television stations across the country, but this was the first screening in the local area. The event was free to the public and afterwards the attendees had the opportunity to talk to the producer about the film. The Foundation was excited that about 50 people attended. Look for more Alumni Association sponsored events in the future.

Third Annual Merry & Bright

The Foundation is very excited with the success of Merry & Bright 2014. The third annual holiday social was hosted on December 5 at the Main Campus. With ticket sales, the gourmet cookie sale, and sponsorships the Foundation was able to raise \$19,910 benefiting the general scholarship fund. Twenty-nine local businesses were event sponsors, eleven of which were first-time sponsors. The evening was full of merriment and fantastic food provided by the College's Academy of Hospitality and Culinary Arts, while two members from the Martinsburg Jazz Orchestra provided festive live music throughout the evening. Along with the holiday vibe, the Foundation was able to introduce three outstanding Blue Ridge students to the audience. Sondria Smith, Hollywood Casino Scholarship recipient, shared her heartwarming story and goals of pursuing a degree in Baking and Pastry to become a professional baker and one day open her own bakery. Madison Adams, a Musselman High School graduate, was the first recipient of the Presidential Scholarship. She is majoring in Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies. Ryan Yelton, an ambitious nursing student, gave a testimonial of his experiences and how the Foundation provides great opportunities for financial assistance. The Foundation is excited that this event continues to grow each year, both with attendees and monetarily. It was extra special to meet the students that are being invested in as they continue their education at Blue Ridge CTC.

Pictured from left to right: Sherri Janelle, Sondra Smith, Ryan Yelton, Madison Adams, & President Peter Checkovich.



Blue Ridge CTC Students Start New Rotaract Club



Rotaract is a service club for men and women who are dedicated to community and international service. The Martinsburg Rotary Club is sponsoring the Blue Ridge CTC Rotaract Club, offering guidance and support to help cultivate the club and its activities. Rotaract clubs provide true "partners in service" with key members of the family of Rotary. March 9-13 is World Rotaract Week and Blue Ridge CTC is excited to announce the formation of a Rotaract Club on campus. The College has been working hard to recruit students to join the new service-oriented club and will begin the process to charter the club this spring. A celebratory dinner was held on March 9 in honor of the creation of the club. Rotaract Club is open to current students at Blue Ridge CTC. Rotaract clubs are self-governing and self-supporting and can be university or community-based. Rotaract memberships total over 184,000 in more than 8,000 clubs worldwide. For more information about Rotaract you can visit www.rotary.org. And for more information on the Rotaract Club at Blue Ridge CTC, please contact Jamie Harrison at jharri-so@blueridgectc.edu.

Pictured from left to right: Berniece Collis, Sherri Janelle, Madison Adams, Julie Trudgen, Daniel Testa, Alyssa Arsenault, Latyce Jones, Aaron Stricklin, Robin Zanotti & Jamie Harrison.