STUDENT NEWSLETTER

BlueRidge
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MARCH 2020

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

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Nondiscrimination Statement

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College provides opportunity to all prospective and current members of the student body, faculty, and staff on the basis of individual qualifications and merit without regard to race, color, sex, sexual preference, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, familial status, veteran status, or disability. This advertisement is for informational purposes only. Printed and/or electronic documents produced by the College do not constitute a contract, expressed or implied, between an applicant or student. For important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students enrolled in Certificate Programs at Blue Ridge CTC, visit: www.blueridgectc.edu/GEinfo

On the Cover:

Nursing Graduation Ceremony, Spring 2020
Student Awards Ceremony, Fall 2019
Transfer Expo, Fall 2019
STEAM Night, Fall 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

LUNCH and LEARN

Mental Health Day

Paint Night

Acoustic in Appalachia

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

**March 9, 2020: Tech Center
March 12, 2020: Main Campus
Lunch and Learn: Campus Safety**

11:30am – 12:30pm (both days)
Tech Center, Room T25 and Main Campus, Room 2107
RSVP: www.blueridgectc.edu/lunchandlearn

**March 19, 2020
Mental Health**

All Day
Both Campus Locations

**March 20, 2020
Spring into Healthcare:
Kids Health Fair**

5pm – 7pm
Main Campus Location

**March 24, 2020
Paint Night**

5pm – 7pm
Main Campus Café
RSVP: www.blueridgectc.edu/eventrsvp

**March 25, 2020
Live at Lunch: Jess Cantley**

11:30am – 12:00pm
Main Campus, Room 1101

**March 26, 2020
High School Night**

3pm – 6pm
Morgan County Center

Student Veteran Association Welcome Back

Come one, come all... SVA is excited to announce that there was a nice turn out at the Student Veteran Association Welcome Back Open House. Due to the increased interest, there is a bright future for SVA. If you are interested in getting involved, please join SVA for one of the following upcoming events this spring. REMEMBER: you do not have to be a service member, Veteran, or dependent to join SVA.

Watch for additional information regarding SVA meetings and events via your student e-mail account. You can also contact SVA at brctcsva@blueridgectc.edu with questions or for more information about how you can get involved!

Upcoming SVA Spring Events:

SVA Fundraiser
Monday, March 2 (Main Campus)
Tuesday, March 3 (Tech Center)
10am – 2pm at both Campus Locations

Mental Health Day
Thursday, March 19
All Day at the Main Campus

SVA Fundraiser
Wednesday, April 1 (Tech Center)
Thursday, April 2 (Main Campus)
10am – 2pm at both Campus Locations

BRCTC VETERAN ASSOCIATION

COME ONE, COME ALL!
We want you to help make a difference!

SVA

brctcsva@blueridgectc.edu
13650 Apple Harvest Drive
Martinsburg, WV 2540

Check out our new SVA Business Cards!

CAREER SERVICES WORKSHOPS

SPRING 2020
March – April

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.

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Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace
Thursday, March 12, 2020
1:30pm – 2:30pm
Main Campus, Room 2107

Attend this one-hour workshop to learn about more about Emotional Intelligence (EI) and its role in the workplace. Learn about the different traits that encompass professional EI and why these traits are important to employers.

Networking Skills
Thursday, April 16, 2020
1:30pm – 2:30pm
Main Campus, Room 2107

Visit this fun one-hour workshop and learn how to network professionally for a job! Participants have the chance to interact in a real-life networking environment and learn how to deliver a personal 60-second elevator speech.

Register online:
www.blueridgectc.edu/careerservices

For more information:
please contact Career Services at CareerServices@blueridgectc.edu

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In Need of a Mock Interview? Have no fear! The Office of Career Services is here!

Some classes at Blue Ridge CTC require students to participate in a Mock Interview as a job seeker assignment. The Office of Career Services is proud to host three OPEN Mock Interview events every semester and welcome students and graduates to participate. Come dressed to impress with resume in hand and interview with regional employers and possibly walk away with a new job. To register for a Mock Interview, email Career Services at Careerservices@blueridgectc.edu today!

CAREER SERVICES OPEN MOCK INTERVIEWS:
Friday, March 6, 2020
12pm – 2pm
Main Campus, Room 2107

Friday, April 10, 2020
2pm – 4pm
Main Campus, Room 1105

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs!

Career Positions and Part-time Employment: Check out the Career Services online job board to view regional employment opportunities. Community employers submit job positions on a regular basis for current students and graduates to apply. Connect with the Office of Career Services to update your resume and learn how to write a cover letter for your job search. View the online Career Services job board by visiting: www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu/JOBS

Did you also know that you can work for Blue Ridge CTC or a Community Nonprofit as a Student Federal Work Study? If a current student is a recipient of Financial Aid, then they may be eligible to find part-time employment as a Federal Work Study on or off campus.

The Steps to Apply are Easy:
1. Connect with the Office of Financial Aid to ensure you are eligible to apply as a Federal Work Study Student.
2. Visit the Federal Work Study job page on the Blue Ridge CTC website, by visiting www. GovernmentJobs.com/careers/blueridgectc/ transferjobs.
3. Apply directly online to the positions you are interested in.
4. Interview with the hiring manager of the position.
5. Receive an offer of employment from hiring manager.
6. Complete orientation and new hire paperwork with Blue Ridge CTC Human Resources Administrative Assistant & Student Employment Program, Maggie Stone.
7. Report for work and get paid.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

FIVE ONE-ACTS ON LOVE AND DEATH

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Places Everyone!

Are you in need of entertainment? Ready to learn from the unexpected? Appreciative of the fine arts? Then come out to the annual spring play! This year, Blue Ridge CTC will be performing five separate but similarly-themed one-acts on the struggles between the sexes. These pieces include: **"Poof!"** by Lynn Nottage, **"Hello, Out There"** by William Saroyan, **"Home Burial"** by Robert Frost, **"The Death of the Hired Man"** by Robert Frost, and **"Trifles"** by Susan Glaspell. This series of one-acts features directing from playwright and Assistant Professor of English James Ralston with the first four aforementioned acts as well as the directorial debut of Associate Dean Kathy Cox with **"Trifles."**

These five short pieces will run from **March 19-22, 2020**, at the Apollo Civic Theatre. The first three performances come after dinner at 8, and Sunday is a matinee at 2:30. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Kathy Cox (kcox@blueridgectc.edu). We cannot wait to see you in the audience this March!

TRANSFER EXPO Spring 2020

PARTICIPATING 4-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

American Public University

American Sentinel University

Grand Canyon University

Mount Saint Mary's University – Frederick

National University

Potomac State College

Salem University

Shenandoah University

Shepherd University

Southern New Hampshire University

Stevenson University Online

University of Maryland Global Campus

West Liberty University

West Virginia State University

WVU Office of Admissions & Recruitment

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020
10:30AM - 4:30PM

**Headquarters (HQ) Main Campus
13650 Apple Harvest Drive
Martinsburg, WV 25403**

Looking to continue your education after Blue Ridge CTC? Grab your transcript and join us for the Spring 2020 Transfer Expo! Learn about and discuss opportunities for transferring to a four-year university after graduation!

This event takes place on the first and second floors of the Headquarters (HQ) Main Campus.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Jackie Griggs at jgriggs@blueridgectc.edu

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DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR TRANSCRIPTS!
Discuss opportunities available to you after graduation!

Since December 13, 2019 and over the Winter Break, the Blue Ridge Testing Center underwent a top to bottom transformation.

Everything from the Center's overall design, its functionality and atmosphere, space, storage, and accommodation capabilities, to its technology, and monitoring systems, all have been changed to better accommodate our students and community. Here are a few of the changes that we have made.

To begin with, the new design of our updated Testing Center was created from a vision: a vision to create a more professional, private, aesthetically pleasing and practical testing space for our students and community. In order to achieve this vision, we simply increased the overall privacy. Each station now is individual; it has its own testing space within an upholstered cubicle. Every station workspace is made of a solid, dark wood surface and offers approximately 36 inches (3ft) worth of space. In order to provide a better typing experience, the keyboards have been installed ergonomically to adjust from right to left. In addition to these things, one of our desks has been expanded to a full 48 inches (4ft) in length and has been raised an extra 3 inches in height in order to accommodate students or testing candidates that may require this space.

In addition to the amount of workspace being provided to our testing candidates, additional space for their personal items has also been significantly increased. A new set of lockers are on their way. These new lockers will accommodate a wider variety of candidate belongings such as backpacks, briefcases, and more.

Finally, we have made several updates in regards to technology and security. These new systems allow us to better monitor our testing candidates during their exams. The first and most important technological update was the installation of new overhead 360^{0} cameras. These cameras give us a complete visual of the entire room, as well as each individual desk. We have also installed a nifty piece of software, which allows us to monitor every computer screen in the room, log our candidates into their tests from our admin station and even message them during testing. This system provides us with the capabilities for faster seating and makes re-accessing candidate exams a little easier. In addition, at the entrance to the study room, there are now two self-checking kiosks, which will speed up and simplify our check in/ check out process. From the overall design, to the new storage capabilities and space, to the technological upgrades, the Blue Ridge Testing Center has been transformed into a very relaxing, private, and professional examination area for our students and community.

The Outlet Submission Deadline: Friday, April 10th 2020 by 4:30pm

Do you enjoy writing poetry or short stories, painting, drawing, or photography? You could be published in the Spring edition of Blue Ridge CTC's literary and art magazine, The Outlet: Bloom Where You Are Planted. It is not too early to get creative and begin working on your submission! Entries will be judged for selection by Blue Ridge CTC faculty.

To submit written works, follow these guidelines:

Write in a Word document and e-mail as an attachment to Dr. Kathy Cox at KCOX@blueridgectc.edu.

- Use Times New Roman 12 point font
- For poems, use single spaced lines
- For prose, use one and a half spaced lines

To submit visual art, follow these guidelines:

The artwork may be any two-dimensional media: painting, photography, drawing, watercolors, collage or mixed media.

To submit original artworks:

Bring original artworks to Kelly Shurnitski in Suite 2200 on The Main Campus.

To submit artwork digitally (flash drive or e-mail attachment):

E-mail digital artwork as an attachment to Kelly Shurnitski at KSHURNIT@blueridgectc.edu
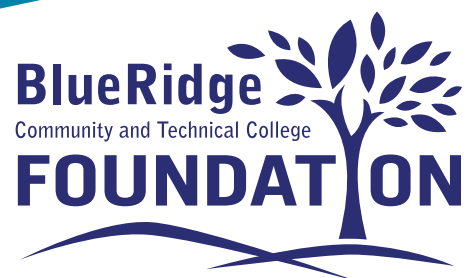OR
Bring a flash drive with digital artwork to Kelly Shurnitski in Suite 2200 on The Main Campus.

- Images MUST be saved in .jpg format.
- Images should be saved in medium-to-high-resolution (at least 150-300 dpi).
- Images should be no larger than 7" or 1200 pixels on the longest side.

Participants may submit more than one written work or visual artwork. All participants will be asked to complete a submission form.

NEED $ FOR COLLEGE?

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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Fall 2020 Scholarship Applications Due by April 28, 2020!

Receive a Scholarship Application online: www.blueridgectc.edu/scholarships or at the Main Campus location, Suite 2400.

Main Campus: 13650 Apple Harvest Drive | Martinsburg, WV 25403

Contact the Foundation for more information!
foundation@blueridgectc.edu
304.260.4380 ext. 2423

TOWN HALL MEETING

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

2PM - 3:15PM

MAIN CAMPUS, ROOM 2107

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, contact:
SGA Leadership Team: SGA@my.blueridgectc.edu
or Siona Escoto, SGA Advisor: sescoto@blueridgectc.edu

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

DIRTY RICE WITH SMOKED SAUSAGE

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Ingredients

1 cup long grain white rice

2 1/2 cups chicken stock, divided

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1/2 pound smoked pork sausage, sliced

1 clove garlic, minced

1 small onion, chopped

1/2 stalk celery, chopped

1/2 medium green bell pepper, chopped

1/8 teaspoon cayenne

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Makes 3-4 Servings

Directions

To make the rice, in a medium saucepan combine the rice and chicken stock. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer until all the stock is absorbed into the rice - about 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a heavy-bottomed saute pan over medium-high heat. Brown the sausage. Once browned, add the garlic, onion, celery, and green bell pepper. Cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Add 1 cup chicken stock and cayenne. Cook until the stock has reduced a little. Add the cooked rice and parsley and stir thoroughly. Taste and season with salt and pepper, if necessary.

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