

STUDENT NEWSLETTER



BlueRidge

COMMUNITY AND
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

MARCH 2021



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:

Emily Moreland, Student

New Plastics Lab Machinery, 2020

Tomato Harvest, AGRB Program

Lizzie Shotto, LTEC intern

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

Virtually Tour our Campus!

Visit: www.blueridgectc.edu/tour





Mental
Health
Monday

BANKING
BASICS\$



March 1 - 5, 6pm each day
HERStory Week for Kids
Via Zoom

Kids K-8 are invited to story time, followed by an activity showcasing different women throughout history such as Julia Childs, Catherine Brewer Benson, Rosaland Franklin, and more!

March 15, 10am and 2pm
Mental Health Monday: Loss of a Loved one
Via Zoom

Learn to identify the signs of grief and how to cope with lose in a healthy and appropriate way.

March 24, 11:30am - 12:30pm
Banking Basics: Growing your Business
Via Zoom

Join Lauren Epperly to learn about separation of business from personal finances, credit, cash flow, borrowing options, and insurance needs.

March 31, starting at 5pm
Paint Night
Via Zoom

Zoom in to create a step-by-step painting!

Register to Participate:
www.blueridgectc.edu/eventsvp

Math Department Goes Fully Online

The Fall 2020 semester brought many changes across campus, including the Math Department's decision to provide instruction entirely online. Nearly all students are required to complete math as part of their degree or certificate program, creating a huge impact upon the institution. Math Faculty are aware of reality of math anxiety and were particularly aware of the increased stress on students during the conclusion of the Spring 2020 semester. Students shared the challenges associated with the adjustment of online learning with faculty, which resulted in increased flexibility with deadlines, incomplete grades, and additional support services provided through email and phone.



**SIGN UP FOR VIRTUAL
MATH TUTORING TODAY!**

cshank@blueridgectc.edu

<https://calendly.com/cshankmathtutoring>

With the start of a new academic year, the Math Department continued to examine options to provide the most effective instruction to students. Faculty implemented a “Live on Zoom” delivery method to support student learning; however, as the challenges of dealing with COVID within the home continued to emerge, the decision was made to make Zoom meetings optional, with recorded lectures provided to all students. Many students reported the challenges associated with the global pandemic which included working from home, assisting children with virtual assignments, and recovering from COVID-19. Many students are completing assignments sporadically as life allows, making readily available lectures a more valuable option to all students, including dual enrolled JumpStart students.

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In addition to recorded lectures, Math Faculty have continued to expand Zoom Tutoring sessions to all students. Instructors continue to work individually with students, providing one-on-one tutoring sessions. Students who are interested in registering for Zoom tutoring can contact:

Cindy Shank, cshank@blueridgectc.edu

or visit: <https://calendly.com/cshankmathtutoring>

The Math Department strives to assist students with the challenges of online learning. Any student who may be struggling with a course should reach out to their instructor immediately for support.

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS Spring 2021

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



VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Job Hunting for College Grads

Month of March

[View Workshop Here!](#)

Identify your professional goals, tap into your network, and find job opportunities.

Get Back to Work After a Career Break

Month of March

[View Workshop Here!](#)

Learn how to return to work after a career break and how employers are changing how they engage with return-to-work talent.

The Slight Edge of Networking

April 15, 5pm - 6pm

Delivered via Zoom

Join Career Services for a virtual mock networking event and practice your networking pitch with other participating students.

Building Your LinkedIn Profile

April 27, 2pm - 6pm

Delivered via Zoom

Learn how to build an enticing and professional Linked-In profile.

Interviewing for a Career

May 6, 2pm - 3pm & 6pm - 7pm

Delivered via Zoom

This career education workshop coaches students on how to develop interviewing skills.

Preparing Your Strategic Job Search

May 17, 5pm - 6:15pm

Delivered via Zoom

with live participation

Plan your strategic job search based on the recommendations from Career Services.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Mock Interview 1

April 20, 2pm - 3:30pm

Mock Interview 2

April 29, 4pm - 6pm

Mock Interview 3

May 7, 10am - 11am

Mock Interview 4

May 19, 12pm - 2pm

REGISTER ONLINE:

Register for one or more of these events by visiting the following website:

WWW.BLUERIDGETC.EDU/CSEVENT

A link will be provided upon registration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact Career Services at CareerServices@blueridgetc.edu

MAIN CAMPUS

13650 Apple Harvest Drive
Martinsburg, WV 25403

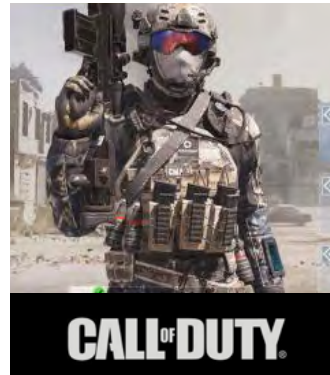
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Blue Ridge CTC's first Esport tournament, Madden NFL 21™ Challenge took place at the end of January. Students played each other online from home on their own personal consoles and connected with each other via discord. The championship game was livestreamed on Twitch.

Congratulations to winners Ryan Barger and Kevin Andrade. In a close battle, Ryan's Buccaneers prevailed over Kevin's Packers in the championship game. The two teams were within 4 points of each other throughout most of the game with a final score of 24 to 22 for the Buccaneers.

The platform used for Blue Ridge CTC's Esport tournaments is designed by local software company NextUp. As Blue Ridge CTC is testing the new software, cofounder Tina Nipe personally oversaw the tournament. She has a long history of collaboration with the Department of Workforce Development and Engineering Technologies. Ms Nipe previously participated as a speaker at Tech Day and has mentored several students in the Software Development Engineering program during the completion of internships.

April 2021 Esport tournaments:



April 5, 2021



April 21, 2021

Matchups are made by the NextUp website, and students schedule games according to their availability.

For more information about Esports at Blue Ridge CTC, contact Kim Graves: kgraves@blueridgectc.edu

REGISTER TO PLAY!

<http://brctc.nextupsolution.com/>

If you are a gamer and interested in participating in a future tournament, let us know what games we should consider by filling out [this form](#).

CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA: **@BLUERIDGECTC**

Blue Ridge CTC has expanded their presence on social media and encourages all faculty, staff, alumni and students to connect and stay up to date on our events, deadlines, programs, jobs, and more.



LEARNING SUPPORT



BRAINFUSE

Virtual 24/7 Tutoring



EMAIL

Enhanced responses with
personalized video tutorials

ellearn@blueridgectc.edu



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Office 365 account



ONLINE RESEARCH DATABASES:

Aid in project and paper research



PHONE ASSISTANCE

Call to connect to our eLearning team:
304.260.4380 ext. 2349



VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistance with completing
online coursework.



YOUTUBE

Helpful how-to videos



Strategic Job Searching versus Standard Job Searching

Many candidates are unaware that the overall search is different for job seekers when applying for career positions versus applying for entry level positions in a general field.

When preparing for an upcoming career search, a strategic plan must be developed to ensure prompt success.

Check out the Strategic Job Search Process Guide from the Office of Career Services and register to participate in our upcoming Career Education Workshop:

Preparing Your Strategic Job Search

Monday, May 17, 2021

5pm - 6:15pm

Register to attend: www.BlueRidgectc.edu/csevent



What is LinkedIn? Do I need one?

Did you know that there is a social media platform designed for professionals? Unlike Facebook and Instagram which are social media platforms for personal use, LinkedIn is a platform that allows you to create a professional profile complete with information from your resume. The online platform allows professionals to connect with other industry professionals and network within their field.

If you would like to learn more about the social media platform LinkedIn and how to create a profile, [contact the Office of Career Services](#) for more information. Also, be sure to check out our upcoming OPEN Career Education Workshop:

Building Your LinkedIn Profile

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

2pm - 3:15pm and 6pm - 7:15pm

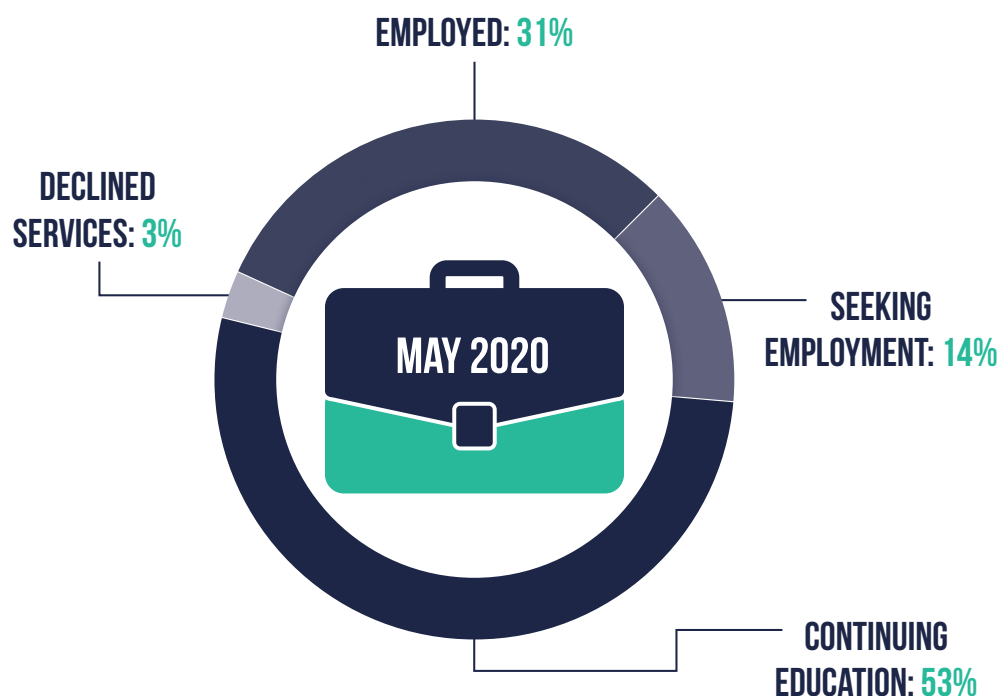
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Survey for May Graduates

The Office of Career Services would like to remind current students and soon-to-be graduates about the upcoming Graduate Survey. Any student or graduate that obtains a new academic certificate or degree, will receive a brief 3-5 minute survey. The Graduate Survey is used to collect data from graduates who are transferring to another institution, continuing their education at BRCTC, or entering the workforce.

**VIEW ONLINE
GRADUATE REPORTS**

Students and graduates are encouraged to view previous Graduate Reports online to learn more about Blue Ridge CTC alumni. [Graduate reports](#) are available for view on the BRCTC Website.



*Chart Percentages Represent Contacted Students Only.
Unknown never responded removed from percentages.*

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FOOD DRIVE



TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

Blue Ridge CTC students have access to the Free Food Pantry located at the Main Campus and the Technology Center. The Pantry is open access and available to students during normal campus operation hours. No permission is necessary to obtain items.

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

Support the Blue Ridge CTC Food Pantry! Donations are regularly accepted for non-perishable food items. Drop off donations at the Main Campus Welcome Desk anytime during regular business hours. Look for the big blue bin with the Food Pantry Logo.

Main Campus Pantry Location:

13650 Apple Harvest Dr., Martinsburg, WV 25403, Room 1400

Tech Center Pantry Location:

5550 Winchester Ave., Martinsburg, WV 25405, Culinary Arts Hallway

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

- 100 calorie snack packs
- Applesauce cup
- Bottled Water
- Cake Mixes
- Canned & Boxed Food Items
- Canned Meats
- Canned or Dry Soups
- Cereal snack size cups
- Chef Boyardee
- Coffee
- Crackers
- Fruit in a cup
- Granola Bars
- Hot and Cold Cereals
- Juice boxes/Capri Sun
- Mac-n-cheese
- Packaged Pasta
- Peanut Butter
- Rice
- Syrup
- Tea Bags
- Trail mix
- Tuna cracker sets
- Variety pack of chips

Contact Sara Gordon for more info: 304.260.4380 ext 2120 // sgordon@blueridgectc.edu // Text: 304.907.1131

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