

STUDENT NEWSLETTER




BlueRidge

COMMUNITY AND
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

MAY 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

GENERAL BRCTC INFORMATION

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:

“Plant N Go” Event

AGRB Greenhouse tomato plants

“Plant N Go” Event Flowers

Graduation, 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

Virtually Tour our Campus!

Visit: www.blueridgectc.edu/tour



MICHAEL MCCLINTOCK

Blue Ridge CTC Student Wins Workforce Focused Scholarship



Michael McClintock is a cybersecurity intern and working toward two associates degrees and an Information Security certificate at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (BRCTC). He is also a member of BRCTC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, through which he recently received the New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship. McClintock is excited to have received the scholarship.

“It is an honor to be the only person in West Virginia to receive this scholarship.”

“I am grateful to Blue Ridge CTC for giving me the opportunity to apply through the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and having programs that allow students to easily enter the workforce after graduation.”

The New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship supports students at associate degree-granting institutions as they plan to enter the workforce upon the completion of a degree or certificate. Over 2,000 students were nominated from more than 1,200 college campuses and only one scholar was selected from each state. The program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

12th Edition Now Available!

The 12th edition of Blue Ridge CTC's *The Outlet*, a magazine of art, poetry, and prose is now available! Students, staff, and faculty submitted original literary and artworks for judging and selection. This edition includes 51 pages of fantastic, creative submissions that showcase the diversity of Blue Ridge CTC.

Dr. Kathy Cox (Associate Dean of Humanities), Jim Ralston (Assistant Professor of English), Dr. Billie Unger (Liberal Arts Program Coordinator and Professor), and Sandra Baker (Digital Media Instructor) judged submissions of poetry and prose. Gary Bergel (Art Adjunct Faculty) with Dr. Douglas Kinnett (former Art Education Program Coordinator at Shepherd University) juried art submissions.

Dr. Cox shared, "Working on The Outlet annually is a joy, from taking the time to submit my own poem to helping edit. I especially enjoy pairing the literature with the art. They really bring one another to life."

Ralston shared, "I'm so happy that we got The Outlet published during these times where so much has been disrupted or postponed due to the pandemic. A big thanks to all who contributed, by the way of submitting work, or in helping shape the issue, or both."

To pick up a copy of *The Outlet*, stop by the Main Campus Welcome Desk or Suite 2200, School of Professional Studies and University Transfer. It is also available to view virtually on the [BRCTC website](#).



First Place: Art

The Dancer

by Christopher Green, Faculty



Second Place: Art

Isolation

by Heather Huggett, Faculty



Third Place: Art

1,000 Windows

by Xavier Hersom, Student

First Place: Literature

Searching

by Terri White, Student

Second Place: Literature

The Ramblings of a Corpse

by Kaide Curry, Student

Third Place: Literature

Remordeo

by Samantha Herbst, Student

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS May-June 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

Preparing Your Strategic Job Search

Monday, May 17, 2021

5pm - 6:15pm

Delivered online with live participation

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

www.blueridgectc.edu/CSevent

Healthcare Professions Career Fair

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

4pm - 6pm

Learn about professional opportunities within the healthcare profession.

www.blueridgectc.edu/healthcare

Annual Virtual Career Fair

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

10am - 1pm

Maximize your time and job search by joining us for the Virtual Career Fair. Meet professionals from a broad range of companies!

www.blueridgectc.edu/virtualcareerfair

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Mock Interview 3

May 7, 10am - 2pm

www.blueridgectc.edu/CSevent

Mock Interview 4

May 19, 12pm - 2pm

www.blueridgectc.edu/CSevent



**OFFICE OF
CAREER
SERVICES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For additional information about these events, please contact Career Services: CareerServices@blueridgectc.edu

REGISTER ONLINE:

Register for one or more of these events by visiting the website under each description. A link will be provided upon registration.

JOIN US FOR THE **SUMMER 2021** **VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021
10am - 1pm



Are you seeking employment opportunities in a changing job market?

Maximize your time and job search by joining us for the Virtual Career Fair!

All meeting sessions are private, 10 minute appointments between the job seeker and employer. Participants must register in advance for employer time slots.

THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!
REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE:

www.blueridgectc.edu/virtualcareerfair

Meet professionals from a broad range of companies seeking:

- Clerical/Administrative
- Customer Service & Hospitality
- Education/ Training & Development
- Entry level and mid-level
- Financial
- Government
- Professional/ Management
- Sales/ Marketing
- Various other industries

REGISTER EARLY
to secure meetings with your preferred employers!

For more information, contact Office of Career Services

304-260-4380 ext. 3335 or CareerServices@blueridgectc.edu

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Sponsored by:



PROFESSOR TODD YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Liberal Arts Major Scholarship *Up-to \$500*

The Professor Todd Young Scholarship was established in 2013 by faculty, staff, and students from Blue Ridge CTC in memory and honor of Todd's dedicated years of inspiring teaching, acting, and directing service to the Division of Arts.

This Scholarship is for liberal arts students with a 2.5 GPA or higher, and who have completed any the following English courses:

- ENGL 101
- ENGL 102
- ENGL 204
- ENGL 208

For consideration, students should submit a short essay on the value of literacy in a person's life and must be eligible for financial aid. To apply for this and other scholarship opportunities visit the [scholarships page](#) on the Blue Ridge CTC website.



Apply Today!

www.blueridgectc.edu/scholarships

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



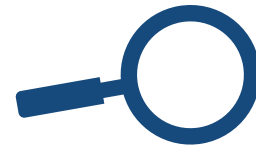
EMAIL

Enhanced responses with
personalized video tutorials
ellearn@blueridgectc.edu



OFFICE PRODUCTS

Free access with your
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



Job Placement Assistance

The Office of Career Services offers job placement assistance to students. This means job seekers receive direct connections with potential employers!

**Connect with the
Office of Career Services**



**Receive Resume Review
with Career Services**



**Obtain Friendly
Introductions with
Potential Employers**



**Practice Interviewing
with Career Services**



**Interview
with Employers**



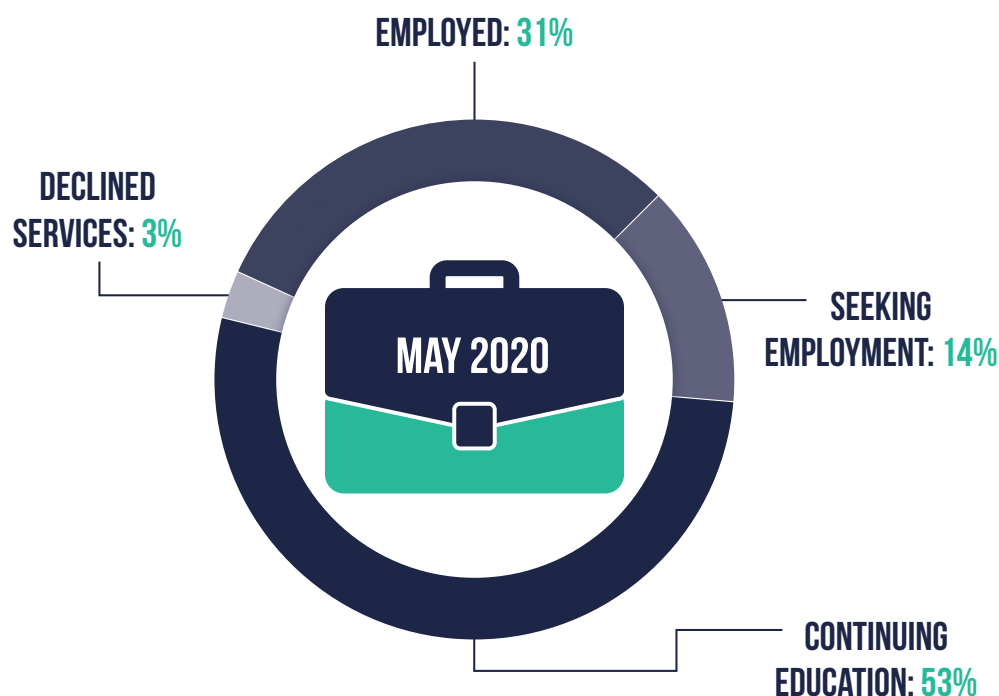
Get Hired!

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.*