



# BlueRidge

COMMUNITY AND  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**MARTINSBURG, WV**

**EIGHTEENTH  
COMMENCEMENT**

**THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026  
7:00 PM**

## **ABOUT BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

In the spring of 2005, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College received independent accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In 2010, Blue Ridge Community and Technical received the highest level of accreditation of 10 years. This prestigious accreditation affords many opportunities for the college to serve the community as detailed in its mission:

*Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is dedicated to providing a diverse student population with collaborative programs and support services to improve the quality of life and promote economic development in its service area. The quality academic programs are learner-centered and focused on career entry, university transfer, adult basic education, and workforce development.*

Additionally, many individual programs are accredited at the state and national level. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College has established its presence in Martinsburg, expanded its faculty to increase offerings in many areas of coursework, and added many new staff to directly and efficiently provide student services.

During 2012, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College moved to the new main campus, located in Martinsburg, WV. The attractive new building offers custom Allied Health labs along with 18 classrooms. As the fastest-growing community college in West Virginia, the new campus assists in absorbing current and projected growth.

In addition to the new main campus, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College also expanded its service region to include Berkeley Springs, WV. A new center was opened in 2012 at the Pines Opportunity Center to serve Morgan County and the surrounding areas. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College continues to grow and prosper in its environment for the benefit of the citizens of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

The fall of 2014 marked another impressive milestone. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College became the first CTC in the West Virginia Community and Technical College system to enroll over five thousand five hundred students. Reporting 5528 as the official headcount places Blue Ridge Community and Technical College as the third largest public institution in the state of West Virginia. As reported by Community Times Weekly, this achievement ranked the College as the third fastest growing Community and Technical College in the United States.



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## **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

The President's Award is a distinguished honor given to an individual or group that has shown exemplary service for the advancement of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College or provided significant contributions to higher education. The Award is a bronze medallion that is embossed with the official seal of the College.

Previous recipients include:

- 2006: Berkeley County Commissioner Mr. Howard Strauss  
Congresswoman Ms. Shelley Moore Capito
- 2007: Ms. Teresa McCabe  
Secretary of State Ms. Betty Ireland
- 2008: West Virginia State Senator Walt Helmick
- 2009: Mr. Ralph Shockey  
Secretary of State Ms. Natalie Tennant
- 2010: West Virginia State Senator John Unger  
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- 2011: Mark Julian  
WV Chief Justice Workman
- 2012: West Virginia First Lady JoAnn Jaeger Tomblin
- 2013: Dr. William Stubblefield, Rear Admiral
- 2014: Dr. Michael Riccards
- 2015: Dr. Taylor Perry
- 2016: Mr. William Lucht
- 2017: Mr. and Mrs. Paul & Elaine Guttman
- 2018: Mr. Francisco Lanza  
West Virginia State Delegate Daryl Cowles
- 2019: Senator Patricia Rucker
- 2022: Jean-Luc Azzani



# PROGRAM

## **PROCESSIONAL**

## **WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Peter G. Checkovich, Founding President, Blue Ridge CTC

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

## **PRESENTATION OF THE GRADUATES**

Dr. Peter G. Checkovich

Ms. Heather McIntyre, Board of Governors Chair

## **CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Dr. Peter G. Checkovich

Dr. Ann Shipway, Vice President of Workforce and Engineering Technologies

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Dr. Peter G. Checkovich

## **RECESSIONAL**

*Please remain seated throughout the ceremony. A professional photographer is taking photos of each graduate. To honor the graduates, remain at your seat following the ceremony until all graduates have exited the stadium.*

# 2025-2026 GRADUATES

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Kelsey B Bowers, High Honors	Liberal Arts
Ayanna J Brooks	Liberal Arts
Angeline Serena C Burgess	Liberal Arts
Alissa S Burriss, Honors	Liberal Arts
Mia T Carter	Liberal Arts
Maria Cerrito Mendoza	Liberal Arts
Micaelia A Chambers	Liberal Arts
Jacob L Cholak	Liberal Arts
Shelby A Hammer, Honors	Liberal Arts
Marlee T Hancock	Liberal Arts
Faith Hopson	Liberal Arts
Hannah Jackson, High Honors	Liberal Arts
Katelyn E Jordan	Liberal Arts
Ava M Kramer, Honors	Liberal Arts
Leila Mallamas	Liberal Arts
Joshua L Munn	Liberal Arts
Joshua K Savage	Liberal Arts
Dennis R Smith III	Liberal Arts
Melissa Taylor	Liberal Arts
Suraya L Tuttle, High Honors	Liberal Arts
Matthew R Valentine, Honors	Liberal Arts
Miranda M Welch	Liberal Arts
Geri White	Liberal Arts
Chance B Zimmerman	Liberal Arts

## ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Jacob Acker, Honors	Business Operations
Ava Adams, Honors	Paralegal
Trinity Aikens, Honors	Healthcare Professions
Riley M Albanese	Information Technology
Brittany A Alley PTK	Human Services
Victoria Alvarez, Honors	Business Operations
Dena Andrew, High Honors	Board of Governors
Beverly L Ashcraft	Veterinary Technology
Christine S Ashley	Early Childhood Specialist
Jacob Baker	Criminal Justice
Assitan Bamba	Digital Media Specialist
Myles A Bard, High Honors	Technical Studies
Bryan D Barnes	Board of Governors
Cody Barney, High Honors	Technical Studies
Jacob T Barrett, High Honors	Environmental Science Technician
Makayla A Barrett, High Honors	Board of Governors
Kiya J Barron, High Honors	Board of Governors
Nicole A Baskin, High Honors	Medical Assisting
Dylan T Baxter, Honors	Information Technology
Chase Bayer	Board of Governors
Matthew Bender, High Honors	Board of Governors
Katelyn I Benoit, Honors	Human Services
Katelyn C Beresic	Medical Assisting
Wyatt T Besaw, Honors	Engineering Technology
Julie Best, High Honors	Board of Governors
Kimberly Bishop	Board of Governors

Julia R Blanchfield, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Emily J Blatzheim .....	Paralegal
Quest N Bokwe .....	CyberSecurity
Dwayne Bowers, Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Dwayne Bowers, Honors .....	Information Technology
Kiara R Bradley .....	Healthcare Professions
Angela Braithwaite .....	Board of Governors
Taylor Breeden, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
James Brewster, High Honors .....	Engineering Technology
Kelly L Brewster .....	Medical Assisting
Justin Britt, High Honors .....	Environmental Science Technician
Melissa Bronkar, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
DeOndre E Brown .....	Digital Media Specialist
Jennifer D Buhrts, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Michelle D Burcker .....	Board of Governors
Shane H Burke, High Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Wyatt Burkholder .....	CyberSecurity
Alissa S Burriss, Honors .....	Business Operations
Hannah G Busey .....	Baking and Pastry
Rosemarie Butler, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Christie Campbell, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Joselyn E Canby, Honors .....	Veterinary Technology
Madison C Carlisle, High Honors .....	Medical Assisting
Gary S Carper .....	Board of Governors
Jacob M Carter I, Honors .....	Physical Therapist Assisting
Case A Cartwright, High Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Brittany M Chambliss, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Koltin B Childress .....	Criminal Justice
Melissa Cline, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Cierra R Cole .....	Early Childhood Specialist
David C Coleman, High Honors .....	Technical Studies
Christina Collis, Honors .....	Early Childhood Specialist
Robert L Conlon .....	Board of Governors
Mallory N Corbin, High Honors, PTK .....	Criminal Justice
Morgan Corbin, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Shannon Corbin, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Wendy Corey .....	Board of Governors
Vickie C Cosner .....	Board of Governors
Aiden B Cosper .....	Software Development Engineering
Wendy R Cowgill, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Michael K Cox Jr, High Honors .....	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Angela D Craig, High Honors, PTK .....	Applied Technology
Mariah N Crawford .....	Healthcare Professions
Austin Cubbage .....	Engineering Technology
Karen Dandridge, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Crystal D'Angelo, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Felicia Darlington .....	Environmental Science Technician
Misty Davidson, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Briana L Davis .....	Human Services
Gregory H Davis Jr .....	Board of Governors
Abigail Day, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Dawn Day, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Jenaleigh De Luca .....	CyberSecurity
Christopher M Delorenzo .....	CyberSecurity
Rethea Diem, Honors .....	Healthcare Professions
Kyleigh Dillow .....	Early Childhood Specialist
Marley K Dowell .....	Business Operations
Pamela Dudash, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Esmeralda A Duran .....	Healthcare Professions
Victoria Ebbess .....	Applied Technology
Rashida J Edmond .....	Business Operations
Julie B Eldridge, High Honors .....	Board of Governors

Zachary W Emerson .....	Applied Technology
Susan L Erwin, PTK.....	Veterinary Technology
James Edward M Estranas, High Honors .....	Human Services
Savannah H Eves, Honors .....	Healthcare Professions
Nadia Ezzhani, High Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Jessica O Faircloth.....	Board of Governors
Tara D Farley, High Honors .....	Human Services
Trent Fischer.....	Environmental Science Technician
Dawn Fletcher, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Morgan R Foltz .....	Paralegal
Travis L Ford, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Lexi E Foreman .....	Physical Therapist Assisting
Cedar J Foster.....	Early Childhood Specialist
Allison M Fournier.....	Medical Assisting
Jerry French, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Jack Gann.....	Software Development Engineering
Lauren M Gano, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Amber N Gasper, Honors .....	Medical Assisting
Joshua D Gladden.....	CyberSecurity
Nicole T Glenn, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Catherine A Goodrich .....	Human Services
Emily C Goodrich .....	Human Services
Moriah Graham, Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Jason Gray, Honors.....	Board of Governors
Dustin Green, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Kimberly A Greenfield.....	Digital Media Specialist
Elaine Griffin, Honors, PTK.....	Veterinary Technology
Matthew K Grose, Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Patricia L Gross, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Judith A Gutierrez, Honors.....	CyberSecurity
Ashley Hart, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Dustin M Haufler.....	CyberSecurity
Roberta Hendrickson.....	Human Services
Theresa Hernandez.....	Criminal Justice
April D Hetrick, Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Saline R Hill, Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Kenneth R Hite III.....	Board of Governors
Ragan Hite .....	Board of Governors
Paige Holston .....	Physical Therapist Assisting
Jerry Howell .....	Criminal Justice
Jessica Indomenico, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Steven C Janocha II.....	Computer Network Engineering Technologies
Yvette A Johnson, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Autumn Jones, High Honors, PTK .....	Baking and Pastry
Casey Kaaukai-Cole.....	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Kigani L Kao Badi.....	CyberSecurity
Kylie Keeseey, High Honors, PTK.....	Healthcare Professions
Aaron Kelly, Honors.....	Mechatronics
Raven M Keyes, Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Ian B Kidwell.....	Information Technology
Matthew V Kidwiler .....	Business Operations
Anna Kimble, Honors.....	Physical Therapist Assisting
Preston King.....	CyberSecurity
Amanda Kinkead, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Michelle Kitts .....	Paralegal
Yohann Ko, High Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Chase R Krutsinger, PTK .....	Information Technology
Sarah E Kuldell, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Gunner Kunkle, High Honors .....	Technical Studies
Chasity D Kyne, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Gabriel M Lafaber.....	Mechatronics
Amy D Laing, High Honors .....	Board of Governors

Stephen E Landsberger.....	Business Operations
Edna Lee, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Withrow R Legge IV.....	Engineering Technology
Withrow R Legge IV.....	Mechatronics
Withrow R Legge IV.....	Plastics Engineering Technology
Allyson Leonard.....	Accounting
Aiden M Lewis, Honors.....	CyberSecurity
Avery M Lewis, High Honors.....	Software Development Engineering
Jaela Lewis.....	Baking and Pastry
Melissa Lewis, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Haley Limmer, High Honors.....	Baking and Pastry
Kacey Linaburg, High Honors.....	Business Operations
Joshua M Lopez.....	Mechatronics
Lezlie Lopez, High Honors.....	Early Childhood Specialist
Joseph C Malone, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Patrick D Marion.....	Applied Technology
Mary E Markley.....	Criminal Justice
Elizabeth Martin, Honors.....	Veterinary Technology
MiKayla Mayer.....	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Brandon Mays, Honors, PTK.....	Board of Governors
Natalie McCarty.....	Medical Assisting
Brandon T McDaniel, Honors.....	Environmental Science Technician
Jennifer McDonald, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Liam P McDonald.....	Software Development Engineering
Pamela J McDonald, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Gabriel J McElwain.....	Criminal Justice
Elijah Y McHerrin, High Honors.....	Information Technology
Elijah Y McHerrin, High Honors.....	Software Development Engineering
Melissa McKinney, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Trenton Michael, Honors.....	CyberSecurity
Durenda L Miller, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Tabetha Miller, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Tasheika T Miller.....	Human Services
Diane L Monkelban, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Phillip L Mullenax.....	CyberSecurity
Emmanuel J Mundle.....	Criminal Justice
Dillion Munson.....	Applied Technology
Leslie A Myer.....	Board of Governors
Stephanie Nazar.....	Medical Assisting
Nicholas C Nelson, Honors.....	Business Operations
Lillian M Nemith.....	Early Childhood Specialist
Anh Thu T Nguyen.....	Veterinary Technology
Lisa M Nick.....	Board of Governors
Makayla R Niebauer.....	Medical Assisting
Kevin Niedzielski.....	Mechatronics
Tyler A O'Berry.....	Applied Technology
Robyn L Painter, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Sherry Painter, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Tammera S Painter, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Courtney Pairo.....	Medical Assisting
Olivia A Parker.....	Baking and Pastry
Suzanne Parks, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
George D Parris.....	CyberSecurity
Glenda Maria Paz Leon.....	Paralegal
Keeley M Peacemaker, High Honors.....	Criminal Justice
Angel Penwell, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Julie M Petersen, High Honors, PTK.....	Applied Technology
Pamela Pheasant, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Matthew V Piazza, High Honors.....	Criminal Justice
Benton Piepenburg, Honors.....	Information Technology
Alyssa N Pierce, Honors.....	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Keira E Piper, High Honors.....	Early Childhood Specialist

Tera Piper, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
William J Polhamus.....	Software Development Engineering
Michael W Popkins, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Heather Powell, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Kimbi Powell.....	Board of Governors
Mandy Powers .....	Board of Governors
Anastasia N Pratt .....	Early Childhood Specialist
Tyler J Pressens .....	Software Development Engineering
Garrett M Price, Honors.....	Technical Studies
Keylie Puustinen, High Honors .....	Digital Media Specialist
Noah Ramsey .....	Engineering Technology
Ryan M Reall, Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Anna Z Recinos .....	CyberSecurity
Gavin S Reichelt, High Honors.....	Technical Studies
Raymond F Reichert, High Honors .....	Computer Network Engineering Technologies
Kristin A Reidy .....	Board of Governors
Jakuelin Rennie .....	Culinary Arts
Amber Reynard, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Nicolas Reynolds, High Honors .....	Mechatronics
Jasiah Rhinehart.....	Applied Technology
Joseph Richards, Honors.....	Data Management
Tyler Riley, Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Evan Rinkinen.....	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Steven L Ritenour, High Honors.....	Criminal Justice
Anastasia Rivera.....	Criminal Justice
Graeme Roach .....	Software Development Engineering
Desire L Ruliva .....	Medical Assisting
Alexandra J Russell, Honors.....	Early Childhood Specialist
Christopher J Russell.....	Culinary Arts
Melanie G Rutherford, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Jessika M Saldana, Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Kate Salisbury, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Micheal V Sample Jr, High Honors .....	Mechatronics
Iris J Santana.....	Board of Governors
Caitlyn S Savicki, Honors .....	Food Service Retail Management
Jillian C Sayre, Honors.....	Human Services
Laurel Scarlett.....	Medical Assisting
Harmony R Schell.....	Catering and Hospitality Management
Anjelica L Scott.....	Board of Governors
Lyndsey M Scott, High Honors, PTK.....	Criminal Justice
Zachary U Scott.....	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Joshua K Seaman .....	Engineering Technology
Shelley Seeders, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Amy L Segovia .....	Accounting
McKenzie Shank.....	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Braden Shaw, High Honors.....	Physical Therapist Assisting
Noah A Shegogue, High Honors .....	Applied Laboratory Technician
Emily D Shifflett, Honors .....	Criminal Justice
Jourdyn R Silver, High Honors .....	Applied Laboratory Technician
Frances Simmons.....	Healthcare Professions
Michelle A Sirbaugh, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Michelle Smith .....	Business Operations
Samuel W Smith, High Honors .....	Software Development Engineering
Stephanie Smith, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Tylar L Smith .....	Criminal Justice
West A Smith.....	Information Technology
Kendra Smitley, High Honors.....	Board of Governors
Jennifer B Snider, High Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Taylor Souders, Honors .....	Healthcare Professions
Korrynn A Stevens, High Honors, PTK .....	Veterinary Technology
Garrett Stotler, Honors .....	Information Technology
Dixie Sturm.....	Paralegal

Kenneth Suits .....	Board of Governors
Jessica Sweeney, High Honors .....	Physical Therapist Assisting
Justin Tessman, Honors .....	Computer Network Engineering Technologies
Justin Tessman, Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Kaydence R Tranter, Honors .....	Human Services
Christopher R Troxell, Honors .....	Board of Governors
Jaden S Truax, Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Jaden S Truax, Honors .....	Information Technology
Micah J Truax .....	CyberSecurity
Justice Tutt .....	CyberSecurity
Eric J Vacovsky, Honors .....	Paralegal
Yelidnelie Valle Morales .....	Medical Assisting
Terri L Van Doren, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Stephen VanBuskirk, Honors .....	Human Services
Raymond A Varner, High Honors .....	CyberSecurity
Jennifer Virgin, High Honors .....	Healthcare Professions
Stephanie A Walker, High Honors .....	Early Childhood Specialist
Megan Walsh .....	Board of Governors
Jennifer Wantz, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Laura M Warner, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Gina Washington, High Honors .....	Healthcare Professions
Kathy Welch, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Karissa D Whitaker, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Joshua J Wiese .....	CyberSecurity
Christina F Willett, High Honors .....	Accounting
Samantha Williams .....	Environmental Science Technician
Sandra Wills, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Jerry H Wilson .....	Applied Technology
Jessica L Wilt, High Honors .....	Early Childhood Specialist
Velvet Wood, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Shelia Woods, High Honors .....	Board of Governors
Zachary D Wright .....	CyberSecurity
Noah O Xavier .....	Accounting
Priscilla Yates, High Honors .....	Board of Governors

## **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE**

Yennie E Amaya .....	Business Administration
Colin J Aulisio, Honors .....	Education
Robert Baugher, High Honors .....	Education
Debora-lois M Boito .....	Business Administration
Daniel F Brown .....	Education
Alissa S Burriss, Honors .....	Business Administration
Alissa S Burriss, Honors .....	Social Sciences
Mya J Caison .....	Social Sciences
Erin Caldwell .....	Social Sciences
Malin Cloud, Honors .....	Education
Campbell L Feeney, Honors .....	Business Administration
Lauren N Fluharty .....	Social Sciences
Kaitlyn K Gilliam, Honors .....	Education
Brennan K Hammond, High Honors .....	Business Administration
Eva M Hamons, Honors .....	Education
John Hampel .....	Business Administration
Nicolas R Hopkin .....	Business Administration
Lacy L Jones, Honors, PTK .....	Social Sciences
Shawn V Kessler, High Honors .....	Education
Phophi Liphadzi, High Honors .....	Business Administration
Daniel Molina .....	Business Administration
Hazel Morrison, High Honors .....	Business Administration

Amy E Norcross, High Honors.....	Education
Brianna Owens.....	Education
Samuel T Rommel .....	Social Sciences
Sydney Sanchez De Lozada Bulley .....	Social Sciences
Cohen T Steele .....	Business Administration
Constance M Strother, Honors.....	Business Administration
Abby O Tallant .....	Social Sciences
James T Thomason III .....	Social Sciences
Jack Todd, Honors .....	Business Administration
James P Todd, Honors.....	Business Administration
Zacharia J Turner .....	Business Administration
Jake Vagell, Honors.....	Education

## **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Sydney H Beachley .....	Nursing
Vittorio S Butera .....	Nursing
Anna-Cecile Clark, High Honors .....	Nursing
Stephanie L Cole .....	Nursing
Gabriel D Disch, Honors.....	Nursing
Kaitlyn E Eggert .....	Nursing
Hyatt S George .....	Nursing
Shelby M Gibbons .....	Nursing
Hannah M Gough.....	Nursing
Hailey E Higgins, Honors .....	Nursing
Holly A Jeffries .....	Nursing
Gabrielle A Koller, Honors.....	Nursing
Rebecca K Kotey, Honors.....	Nursing
Hannah E Krebs.....	Nursing
Julia D Leonard.....	Nursing
Iman M Levros-Morgan.....	Nursing
Christian A Logan, Honors.....	Nursing
Yannie A Mbobda Mamga, Honors .....	Nursing
Tala-Brook L McKinney, PTK .....	Nursing
Gordana D Medich .....	Nursing
Florence Mhizha, High Honors.....	Nursing
Joshua L Munn .....	Nursing
Raven A Murray, Honors, PTK .....	Nursing
Emily E Nicola .....	Nursing
Ashley R Palmer .....	Nursing
Kelsey L Perez.....	Nursing
Madilyn Regula.....	Nursing
Emma M Ryman.....	Nursing
Kayla D Sipes, Honors .....	Nursing
Carter R Stengel .....	Nursing
Selena Stillions, PTK.....	Nursing
Skylar S Stotler .....	Nursing
Kelsey E Weigle .....	Nursing

## **EXPLANATION OF *HONORS***

**Honors** are awarded according to these criteria: **Honors, cumulative** grade point average 3.50 to 3.74; **High Honors, cumulative** grade point average 3.75 to 4.00.

## **EXPLANATION OF ACADEMIC ROBES AND REGALIA**

The robes, caps and hoods worn by faculty members and graduates have historical origins and significance. During the Middle Ages, scholars wore wool or fur garments to stay warm in the drafty, stone buildings that were poorly heated. Most of the scholars wore cloaks that included a hood that could be pulled up to keep their heads warm. Academic gowns and hoods were adapted from these early garments, the hood chosen by the scholars to indicate the degree held by the wearer. In 1895 American colleges and universities adopted a uniform code of academic dress. It has remained the general standard in America since. Black is the traditional color for academic gowns, although some institutions allow degree holders to wear robes in the college or university's colors.

The head covering most commonly used in America is the square, tasseled mortarboard, although other styles of head coverings are sometimes worn with academic regalia. The tassel is usually black and is worn over the left front quarter of the mortarboard. Holders of doctoral degrees may wear gold tassels. The hood is a distinctive feature of academic dress, which may indicate the wearer's degree and the institution from which that degree was earned. The color of the hood's lining indicates from which college or university the degree was given, and the field of study is designated by the color of the hood's velvet facing.

## **ABOUT PHI THETA KAPPA**

"The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence." Phi Theta Kappa's two-fold mission is: 1) to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and 2) to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in *Honors*, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

The Beta Omicron Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was created at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in January 2006. To be eligible for membership, a student must have a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, be a degree-seeking student, and have completed at least 12 credit hours of coursework at Blue Ridge Community and Technical College.

## **ABOUT PHI BETA LAMBDA**

Phi Beta Lambda's (PBL) mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Opportunities exist to develop business-related career competencies. PBL is an integral part of the instructional program and in addition promotes a sense of civic and personal responsibility. Students have an opportunity to compete at both the state and national level for awards and scholarships, network with industry leaders, provide community service, socialize with peers from across various majors and travel.

## **ABOUT BLUE RIDGE CTC ROTARACT**

Rotaract of Blue Ridge CTC was founded March 2015. It is an on campus club that meets to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects and socialize. The BRCTC club is sponsored by the Martinsburg Noon Rotary.

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