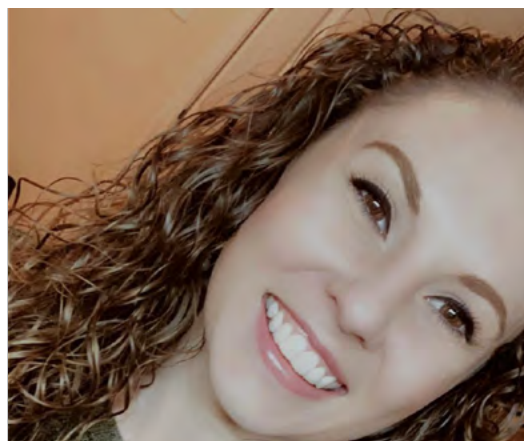
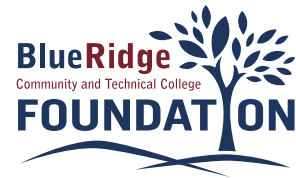


FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021



MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES



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Foundation Mission Statement

The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation assists the College in its mission by increasing financial resources and expanding educational opportunities through community advocacy, teamwork and innovation.

About the Foundation

Established in 2011, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation seeks to provide our diverse student population with collaborative programs and support services to improve quality of life and promote economic development in our service area. As a community-centered college, our ambitions are mighty, but resources are essential to support our students on their paths of achievement. Whether you are a graduate, parent, corporate partner, or friend, your financial contributions create the blueprint for our future. The Foundation was granted charitable status on March 30, 2012. Classified as tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 27-4751626. The Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Board meets on a quarterly basis.



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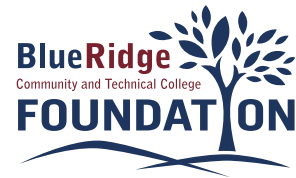
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A LETTER FROM DR. CHECKOVICH



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I consider myself blessed to be the President of a community college like Blue Ridge. From an early age, I knew I was interested in helping people, and being President provides the chance to help thousands. Having the opportunity to create and grow Blue Ridge from a small college of around 300 students to the 6500 we have today is one of the things that comes once in a lifetime. Our students are fantastic, and when they apply themselves and earn credentials from our college, they can transfer to a four year college or join the world of work.



Many of our students earn very competitive salaries. The ability to help those students to change their lives for the better gives the faculty and staff at Blue Ridge a feeling like no other. It is an awesome development to see students of all ages come to college, work hard to learn, and reach a success point in their lives. It is a fulfilling and heartwarming experience.

As President, I get to see the stories unfold every day. There is one story, however, that does make me sad. It is the story where I hear about a student who can't afford college. They would like to go, but can't afford to enroll. It is a shame. I have heard that story on multiple occasions.

When I hear about a student who can't afford the cost of college, I immediately contact our Foundation to see what we might be able to do. I have seen the list of students that we have served just this year alone, and it is impressive.

I think to myself that each entry on the spreadsheet is a real person, with a real life, and with real aspirations for a better chance to improve that life. Each entry is a story of opportunity that without our Foundation, might never have happened.

So, it is with great appreciation that I thank all of you who have supported our Foundation. You might not have any idea how many lives you have affected through your generosity. In caring for our students through your contributions, I can assure you that you are caring for something greater than yourself. You are caring for the present and future generations of thousands. I have seen it almost every day, and the funding our Foundation provides is life changing for so many.

I thank all of you for helping to make our College and our Foundation the great successes that they are. By working together, we can change the course of our students, our region, and ourselves for the better. From my perspective, and the one my parents and grandparents always taught me, a good education is one of the best things you can attain. Making that education affordable for others is an act of kindness that makes a huge difference in the lives of so many.

Dr. Peter Checkovich, President

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Following Her Dream - One Step at a Time

A Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Opportunity Scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Shotto, or Lizzie, is poised to graduate from Blue Ridge in May with her Applied Laboratory Technician A.A.S. degree. That is not where her story ends; it is only the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new chapter.

While taking a nursing course, Lizzie looked at the degree programs offered at Blue Ridge. The Applied Laboratory Technician program “really stood out” to her. The program offers two concentrations, Analytical and Microbiology. The Microbiology concentration appealed to her, and she decided to change majors.

Lizzie worked for the USDA part-time over the past year. Lizzie said that she gained “a lot of relevant knowledge” in her career field while working there. She worked with “really cool scientists and other lab techs” on their respective projects. One of her favorite aspects of the job was “working in the greenhouses with some cool fruit trees/bushes/plants.” If you meet Lizzie, she would love to tell you about the details of her experiences there.



Lizzie’s next chapter involves finding a full-time position that will allow her to apply her microbiology knowledge. In another chapter, Lizzie will pursue a Bachelor of Science degree. Eventually, her story will lead her to the dream of earning a doctorate to conduct research. Lizzie had this to say about her experiences at Blue Ridge CTC;



“Not only has the faculty been outstanding, the class experiences overall are unbeatable. I have gained so much knowledge through my courses. I was able to understand new techniques and skills in ways that were approachable and helped me to feel comfortable in learning.”

Lizzie is thankful for the Opportunity Scholarship award, assisting with tuition, lab fees, and textbooks in her final semester. The Blue Ridge Foundation wishes Lizzie a successful semester!



Thank you!

Throughout this year, I have been able to really enjoy my time in school and know that everything would be financially taken care of because of the support that you have provided to me.

This year has been difficult for everyone, and I feel so blessed and appreciative that I have been able to continue my education without the worry of finding a way to pay off this semester. Thank you for your support!

This semester, I have been working through orthopedics, neurology, and therapeutic exercise. These courses require many hours of practice and studying. In the second half of this semester, all of the students in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, including myself, have the opportunity to go to different locations and have clinical education. This will be the time that we will really be able to learn how to interact with patients as PTA's.

I have enjoyed every second of my schooling because I know that I will be able to use many of the things that I am learning in my career one day. You have given me the opportunity to not have to stress about finances throughout this year. I thank you for this, and I promise that I will continue to work as hard as I can throughout the rest of my education!

*Esther is thankful for the
Jefferson County CEOS Scholarship award.*

*The Blue Ridge Foundation wishes
Esther a successful semester!*



Interested in leaving a *Legacy?*

Support Our STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

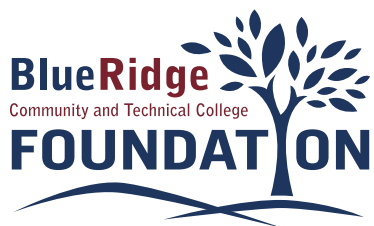
Many of our students are balancing employment, family care and their education.

They are GRATEFUL for your support!

2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR DONOR SUPPORT:

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is thankful for over 150 donors for their faithful support!

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED:
269 Students and \$176,513 dollars



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Pledge or donate a one-time gift in support of an existing scholarship or create a scholarship for students in a targeted program area



Establish an endowed scholarship for long-term support to our students and program areas

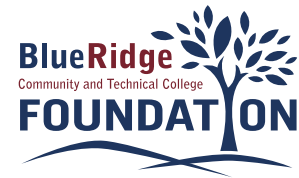


Sponsor our annual events that directly support High School students' scholarships



Participate in a Qualified Charitable Distribution:
Support student scholarships with a charitable rollover contribution

OUR STUDENTS THANK YOU!



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"I want to thank you for the scholarship, as it has impacted my academics positively. I can get the resources I need and the classes I need to acquire my degree. It has also allowed me to be able to afford other resources for my exam preparations and any extra fees that are required."

– **Deonna**

"I do not qualify for the WV Invests Grant, and this award has helped me so much with tuition costs. Receiving these funds has reduced my loan amounts and has allowed me to work part-time instead of full-time. By working fewer hours, I have dedicated more of my time focusing on schoolwork, which shows my 4.0 GPA."

– **Vanessa**

"I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this scholarship. It was unexpected and made such a significant impact on my life. I'm a wife, mother of 2, and a front line worker. I'm currently in school to pursue my love for education. When I'm not helping Covid patients, I'm teaching my children at home or doing my school work. This scholarship helped a great deal so that I can continue my goals."

– **Monica**

"With the funds that were graciously awarded to me and my education, I have focused more on my studies and less on my finances. With the acceptance of these scholarships, I have been able to dial back on my workload and focus on my nursing degree, and for that, I couldn't be more thankful."

– **Alyssa**

"My career goals and education are moving forward, thanks to a generous educational scholarship like yours. Since being named one of the recipients of the Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Scholarship, my goal of becoming a network engineer and helping to bring network connectivity to all of West Virginia is closer. This award allows me to earn skills that will serve our mountaineer community following graduation."

– **Hector**

"This award helped me to be able to not have anxiety over purchasing actual textbooks! I am old school and really like the convenience of having books that I can hold in my hand, highlight, and take wherever I go regardless of whether or not I have a strong internet point. This made completing my assignments promptly more accessible, and there is just something about having a book in my hand that makes me more comfortable learning the way I did in my youth."

– **Christine**

"Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as you have helped me."

– **Jordan**

"As a first-generation college student, this scholarship has made a world of difference for me. Before this scholarship, I found myself having to pay for my books and tuition out of pocket. This scholarship has helped me to focus on my degree without worrying about finances."

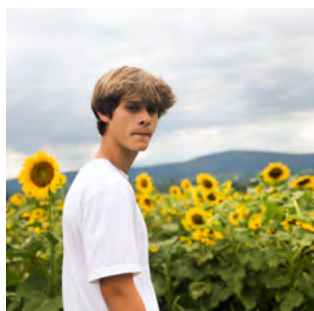
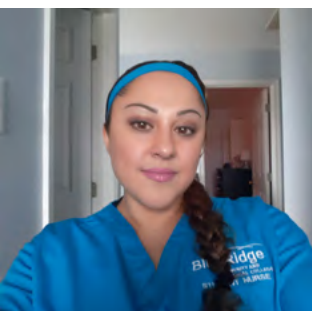
– **Heather**

"I am an older student who has recently decided on a career change late in life. I am not going the route of student loans. The burden of school expenses was made more bearable due to the generosity of the individuals who made the scholarships available."

– **Judy**

"I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity provided to me and others through these financial means. If it were not for people like you, continuing education might not have even been a viable option, and my life would never have been the same. All that you seek to do really makes a profound difference for the better."

– **Donavan**



Merry and Bright

Thank you to our Sponsors - our students are grateful!
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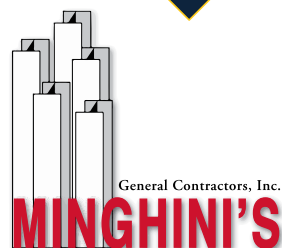
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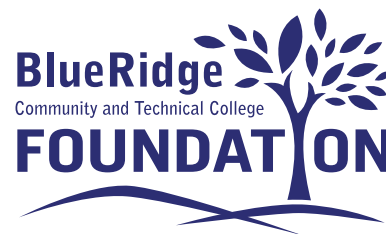
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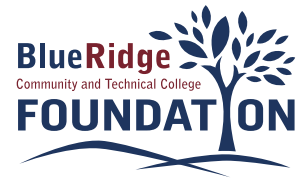
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BLUE RIDGE CTC GENERAL INFORMATION



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Blue Ridge CTC is following all CDC Guidelines to protect the health and safety of our campus community. While visiting our campus, social distancing, face coverings, and increased hand washing/sanitizing is required.

Locations

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Technology Center

5550 Winchester Ave.
Martinsburg, WV 25405

Morgan County Center

Located at the Pines Opportunity Center
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Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

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