



COMMUNITY AND
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

MARTINSBURG, WV

**SEVENTEENTH
COMMENCEMENT**

**THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025
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
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- 2011: Mark Julian
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- 2012: West Virginia First Lady JoAnn Jaeger Tomblin
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- 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.

2024-2025 GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Jinan Alawdah, Honors	Liberal Arts
Colleen Ayres.....	Liberal Arts
Leah N Berry, Honors	Liberal Arts
Vogun W Boyd.....	Liberal Arts
Alvaro Chavez-LaTorre.....	Liberal Arts
Phillip J Clifford, PTK	Liberal Arts
Emma M Cote, High Honors	Liberal Arts
Brighid S Foley, High Honors, PTK.....	Liberal Arts
Mason D Fosberg.....	Liberal Arts
Anthony J German	Liberal Arts
Madison M Harvey, Honors.....	Liberal Arts
Shayna O Hylton	Liberal Arts
Melanie Kamer	Liberal Arts
Delilah M Lewis	Liberal Arts
Braydon S Lowery, Honors	Liberal Arts
Lisa K Miller	Liberal Arts
Daisy L Monico.....	Liberal Arts
Anthony L Moreno	Liberal Arts
Logan P Morris	Liberal Arts
Stephanie Nazar	Liberal Arts
Briley Ricketts, Honors	Liberal Arts
Olivia L Schmidt, Honors.....	Liberal Arts
Lorien A Stearns, High Honors.....	Liberal Arts
Payton L Thomas-Phillips, Honors	Liberal Arts
Cierra Weister	Liberal Arts
Michaela C Young.....	Liberal Arts

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

McKayla A Abbott, High Honors.....	Criminal Justice
Lauren Abshire, Honors.....	Occupational Development: Child Development Specialist
Mason R Adkins, PTK	Computer Network Engineering Technologies
Nathan B Albright	Business Operations
Melissa Ambrose, Honors	Board of Governors
Caitlin E Baird, Honors	Early Childhood Specialist
Ashley M Baker	Agribusiness
Lorrie Baker, High Honors	Board of Governors
Renee Baker	Board of Governors
Jeffery T Barnett, High Honors	Accounting
Kaden T Bartley	Software Development Engineering
George M Beall	Board of Governors
Loren M Bell, Honors.....	Criminal Justice
William P Berryhill.....	Business Operations
Samantha Bielarski	Early Childhood Specialist
Allison R Bivens, Honors	Board of Governors
Sherrie L Blackburn, Honors	Human Services
Lauren W Bowers, Honors	Board of Governors
Jacob A Bream	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Hannah M Brill.....	Human Services
Cheria D Brittingham	Human Services
Elijah N Britton	Physical Therapist Assisting
William J Brown	CyberSecurity
William J Brown	Information Technology
James D Burrress.....	Software Development Engineering

Alissa S Burriss, Honors	Accounting
Allyson Butts, High Honors	Board of Governors
K. Michelle C. Robinson.....	Occupational Development: Child Development Specialist
Heidi E Carbaugh, High Honors.....	Veterinary Technology
Emily Cerna-Velasquez.....	Human Services
Jessica G Chandler, High Honors	Board of Governors
Amelie N Charboneau, High Honors.....	Baking and Pastry
Brent Cheek	Board of Governors
Li Yin X Chin Pang	Applied Technology
Diane Clark	Board of Governors
Gabriel S Clark.....	Applied Technology
Hunter S Clark.....	Human Services
Nathan J Clark, Honors.....	Engineering Technology
Avery D Clay.....	Mechatronics
Gabriella Coradazzi, High Honors	Physical Therapist Assisting
Colton S Crites	Information Technology
Brittney L Crothers.....	Board of Governors
Devin R Culp	CyberSecurity
Elihu Daiker.....	CyberSecurity
Laci M Daly, Honors	Veterinary Technology
Jenna G Daniel	Agribusiness
Pamela Daniels.....	Early Childhood Specialist
Ava R Dardaris, High Honors	Business Operations
Christopher L Davis, High Honors	Board of Governors
Macy R Deese	Healthcare Professions
Aden J Drake, Honors	Criminal Justice
Dawn Drummond.....	Board of Governors
Eric G Duckwall	Board of Governors
Tyler S Dunkin	CyberSecurity
Jessica D Edwards, Honors	Human Services
Brandon R Ejem, Honors	Technical Studies
Erin P Eubanks, High Honors.....	Accounting
Shannon M Fay, Honors	CyberSecurity
Charles M Fields, High Honors	Accounting
Anneliese Y Finneyfrock.....	Digital Media Specialist
Jamila Fleet, Honors.....	Software Development Engineering
Hailey Frey	Occupational Development: Child Development Specialist
Laura Gebbia, Honors	Criminal Justice
Kesner Germain	CyberSecurity
Michael D Gilroy.....	Technical Studies
Patrick Glenn, High Honors	Engineering Technology
Brittany Goff, High Honors, PTK	Medical Assisting
Raven D Gooden.....	Digital Media Specialist
Aimee M Gorham.....	Medical Assisting
Nathan T Gray.....	Physical Therapist Assisting
Dana D Gray-Fox	Veterinary Technology
Nancy L Green.....	Board of Governors
Payton M Gress	Electric Distribution Engineering Technology
Shylo M Grim	Veterinary Technology
Leanne T Hailer	Agribusiness
Ashley L Hamrick, Honors	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Darron B Hamrick	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Jacobi E Hanes	Environmental Science Technician
Ariel A Hanna.....	Medical Assisting
Chelsea N Harmon.....	Environmental Science Technician
Stephen L Harr Sr.	Software Development Engineering
Cameron M Harrington.....	CyberSecurity
Brianna N Harris	Agribusiness
Trent D Heckman	Technical Studies
Iliyah Z Herndon	Criminal Justice
Riley T Higgins, Honors	Mechatronics
Andrew L Hobday, High Honors	CyberSecurity

Kathryn A Hopfer, Honors	Business Operations
Donn Horensky, PTK	Heavy Equipment Technician
Abigail G Horne	Criminal Justice
Taylor C Horne	Veterinary Technology
Carole A Housden	Occupational Development: Child Development Specialist
Gregory D Hubert, Honors	Board of Governors
Christopher A Hughes	Information Technology
Ava C Johnson, High Honors	Digital Media Specialist
Maude B Johnson	Board of Governors
Meghan Johnson	Physical Therapist Assisting
Nicole Jones, High Honors	Board of Governors
Tiffany Jones, Honors	Board of Governors
Austin E Karns	CyberSecurity
Kenneth R Kearns, Honors	Engineering Technology
Kenneth R Kearns, Honors	Mechatronics
Hannah V Keifer	Business Operations
Donavan A King	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Matthew J Lanciano-Moreno	CyberSecurity
Cadence B Lane	Human Services
Justin P Lawall	Software Development Engineering
Valerie Ledford, High Honors	Board of Governors
Elizabeth V LeMaster	Business Operations
Mary Leonard, High Honors	Culinary Arts
Andrew S Lusby	Information Technology
Helen K Lutzow, High Honors, PTK	Criminal Justice
John D Lyons	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Annette J Mann	Digital Media Specialist
Ellis G Maskew	Database Management
Kaleb M Mawyer	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Daniel A Mayville	CyberSecurity
Abigail G McBride, Honors	Applied Technology
Micaiah C McClain	Engineering Technology
Karina R Mcdonald	Accounting
Stephen A McDoniel, High Honors	Board of Governors
Ethan V McFarland	Electric Distribution Engineering Technology
Alexis J McIntire	Healthcare Professions
Jerry W McKee Jr	Computer Network Engineering Technologies
Jailynne D Miller, Honors, PTK	Criminal Justice
Kimberly K Miller	Healthcare Professions
Mark Miller	Criminal Justice
Riley Miller	Agribusiness
Melissa M Mooney	Baking and Pastry
Rachael N Moran	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Teresa Morano	Board of Governors
Stefany C Morris, High Honors	Accounting
Michelle K Mozingo	Human Services
Stephanie Nazar	Healthcare Professions
Joseph N O'Quinn, Honors	Business Operations
Hunter M Ours, High Honors	Electric Distribution Engineering Technology
Nicole D Palmer, Honors, PTK	Digital Media Specialist
Veronica R Parker	Criminal Justice
Macey L Payne	Veterinary Technology
Donna S Perez, High Honors	Criminal Justice
Alexander M Perry	CyberSecurity
Lisa Pheasant, High Honors	Board of Governors
Joseph B Pisano-Moler, Honors	Accounting
Makayla R Premo	Human Services
Tina Price-Seymour	Board of Governors
Allee Proctor	Board of Governors
Lily P Puffenberger, High Honors	Digital Media Specialist
Charles W Pulfrey	Criminal Justice
Jacqueline S Ras	Board of Governors

Amanda J Rasmussen, Honors, PTK	Environmental Science Technician
Lucas H Reichenbach, PTK	Human Services
Brittany R Reuille, Honors	Business Operations
Haley M Roberts, High Honors	Criminal Justice
Kaonna T Roberts, Honors	Early Childhood Specialist
Kristin M Rodriguez	Criminal Justice
Kari Ross	Board of Governors
Joshua R Rude	Information Technology
Brooke L Rudy	Agribusiness
Tiffany M Samples, PTK	Early Childhood Specialist
Emily R Savicki	Early Childhood Specialist
Daniel V Scott, High Honors	CyberSecurity
Madison See, Honors	Emergency Medical Services: Paramedicine
Taylor D Seibert	Healthcare Professions
Taylor D Seibert	Medical Assisting
Cassidy L Sellman, Honors	Physical Therapist Assisting
Kevin M Sheafer	CyberSecurity
Lakisha Shields	Board of Governors
Alisha Shimp, Honors	Early Childhood Specialist
Anna F Shroades	Criminal Justice
Autumn Silva	Board of Governors
William C Silveous	Accounting
Brandon J Simoneaux	Database Management
Samuel J Simpson VII	Digital Media Specialist
Morgan E Smailes, Honors	Physical Therapist Assisting
Ethan E Snyder, High Honors	CyberSecurity
Zackary E Solo, Honors	Computer Network Engineering Technologies
Katherine R Spotts, PTK	Board of Governors
Colin Springer	Applied Technology
Jessica L Stanley	Board of Governors
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Emily Stone	Board of Governors
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Alyssa G Taylor, High Honors	Baking and Pastry
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Dylan Thomas	Board of Governors
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Kenadi B Thomas	CyberSecurity
Kenadi B Thomas	Information Technology
Madison F Toms, Honors	Agribusiness
Michael N Tramonti, Honors	Business Operations
Edward S Triplett	Physical Therapist Assisting
Melissa L Triplett, High Honors, PTK	Board of Governors
Suzanne R Trunnell, Honors	Accounting
Loren M Unger, Honors	Business Operations
Veronica M Valera	Medical Assisting
Paige M Walker	Medical Assisting
McLaine E Ward	Paralegal
Samantha Weiler, Honors	Baking and Pastry
Samantha Weiler, Honors	Culinary Arts
Brenton S Whitmore	Electric Distribution Engineering Technology
Summer B Whitt	Early Childhood Specialist
Alexander W Whittington	Engineering Technology
Jason C Wilson	Software Development Engineering
Makayla R Young, High Honors	Veterinary Technology
Michaela C Young	Baking and Pastry
Michaela C Young	Culinary Arts
Michaela C Young	Food Service Retail Management
Jesse T Ziros, High Honors	Computer Network Engineering Technologies

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Kristin M Allen	Business Administration
Ashley M Baker	Business Administration
Jenifer A Baker.....	Education
Emma Bowley.....	Business Administration
Felicia N Dunn, PTK	Business Administration
Olatunde J Fadebi	Social Sciences
Jennifer R Feagans, Honors.....	Education
Alexander R Fluharty.....	Business Administration
Stevie E Funkhouser	Business Administration
Adrienne R Glenn	Social Sciences
Arianna M Govan, Honors	Social Sciences
Startay M Hill	Social Sciences
Anne C Hoefler	Business Administration
Shayna O Hylton	Social Sciences
Theresa A Long.....	Social Sciences
Ty M Look	Business Administration
Alexis N Marsico, High Honors.....	Social Sciences
Jessica A Martinez, High Honors	Business Administration
Juanita S Miller	Social Sciences
Tara J Milliken, Honors	Education
Adriana W Morris, Honors, PTK	Social Sciences
Thomas D Parker, Honors, PTK	Social Sciences
Rosemary C Pierpaoli.....	Business Administration
Joseph B Pisano-Moler, Honors	Business Administration
Cameron Porter	Business Administration
Rebecca Rhoads, Honors	Education
Kierra L Robinson, Honors.....	Education
Mackenzie N Scott, High Honors	Business Administration
Marick Walker, High Honors	Social Sciences

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Ncho K Alemkeng	Nursing
Emily R Aronhalt	Nursing
Kristen N Banko, Honors	Nursing
Michael T Barrett.....	Nursing
Racheal A Bolarinwa.....	Nursing
Kristopher J Burkette	Nursing
Tucker C Campbell.....	Nursing
Phillip J Clifford, PTK	Nursing
Ashelly L Cloonan, Honors.....	Nursing
Brittni M Constans	Nursing
Michaela T Demape, Honors	Nursing
Jane C Dollinger, High Honors.....	Nursing
Tiffani D Duclos.....	Nursing
Kaitlyn M Duranko	Nursing
Taylor B Guthridge	Nursing
Kerra T Hebb, Honors	Nursing
Meghan E Hess.....	Nursing
Anastasia K Honer, High Honors	Nursing
Andria Y Honer, High Honors	Nursing
Kirsten E Howenstein	Nursing
Britney A Huffman, Honors	Nursing
Suzanne Ikitofon, Honors	Nursing
Olivia S Jimenez	Nursing
Beth M Jones	Nursing
James Kurtz	Nursing

Brittany T Malcolm	Nursing
Sheena Mae T Mangontong, PTK.....	Nursing
Erin I McCormick	Nursing
Hailey E Mckinney, Honors.....	Nursing
Hannah N Miller	Nursing
Rebecca Moriarty, Honors.....	Nursing
Emilee Mullins	Nursing
Brittany Obarr, High Honors	Nursing
Jose L Olivo Ramirez, Honors	Nursing
Piper M Partlow	Nursing
Stephen A Piscitelli, Honors.....	Nursing
Destiny N Raimond.....	Nursing
Charity N Santamaria, Honors.....	Nursing
Sierra S Santamaria, High Honors	Nursing
Bintou Sanyang, Honors.....	Nursing
Mackenzie B Sherman	Nursing
Nathan I Smith.....	Nursing
Rebecca M Smith.....	Nursing
Kaylin S Stanton, Honors	Nursing
Lilly E Townshend, PTK.....	Nursing
Kahlie M Weadon, Honors.....	Nursing
Ashley E Weaver	Nursing
Lisa M Weaver	Nursing
Megan M Webb.....	Nursing
Melissa D Weisenburg	Nursing
Brittany E Wellman-Ashton	Nursing
Dorothy L Wilkins.....	Nursing
Chloe A Womble	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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