

## EXHIBIT AND SPEAKER FEATURED IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

The Beckley/Raleigh County Campus will host an exhibit and speaker at the Public Higher Education Center in celebration of Black History Month. The exhibit, which features the accomplishments of African American leaders past and present, will be displayed in the Commons Area of the PHEC the week of Feb. 8 – 12.

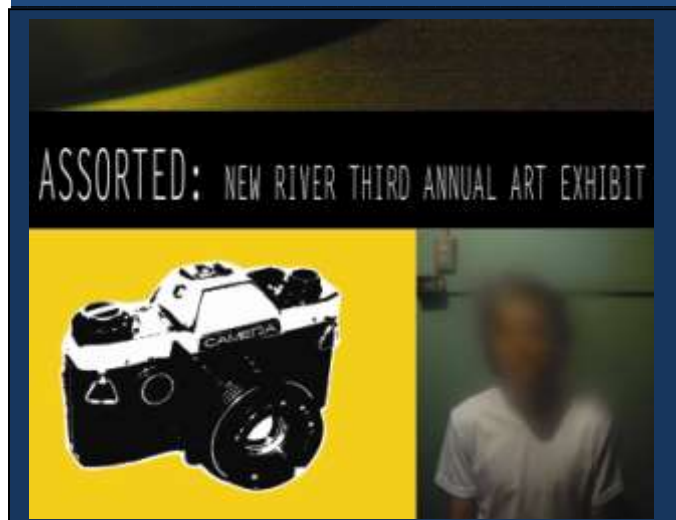
Anthony Kinzer, founder and executive director of the West Virginia Center for African American Art & Culture in Charleston, will be the featured speaker. His presentation will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, in the auditorium at the PHEC. The program will also include vocal performances by student Koviter Robertson and by the Heart of God Ministries Choir. Light refreshments will be served.

Kinzer grew up and was educated in Princeton and graduated from Princeton High School in 1974. He now lives in Charleston, WV. He has dedicated more than 20 years of service in his community, church, and statewide organizations in various capacities. He was named 2001 Distinguished West Virginian by Governor Bob Wise and received the Kanawha Valley Jaycee Distinguished Service Award in 2004. He has also received the Jefferson Award and in 2009 was designated a West Virginian History Hero.

In addition to founding the Center for African American Art & Culture, Kinzer also initiated and is co-chair of African American & Jewish Dialogue Group with Dr. Anne Fishkin. He also started Valley Heritage Trolley Tours and initiated Charleston's first Local African-American Historic Area Designation in the Shrewsbury Street area.



Anthony Kinzer



Works in a variety of media by 11 Fine Arts students from New River's Greenbrier Valley Campus are featured in an exhibit currently on display at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg. You are invited to a reception on Friday, Feb. 12, from 5-7 p.m. to view the works and meet the artists. The exhibit also features a photograph by Belinda McClung, a student in the Fine Arts program who was killed in an automobile accident last summer. Proceeds from the sale of artwork at the reception will support a scholarship in her name.



**Patricia (Trish) Harmon** joined New River on Feb. 1 as director of financial aid. She comes to us from Concord University, where she has been financial aid director since 1988.



**Stephanie Morris** is the new financial aid manager on the Beckley Campus. She also began work Feb. 1 and comes to New River from Concord, where she was a financial aid counselor.

## Upcoming SGA Events

### Nicholas County Campus

The Nicholas County Student Government Association will hold a Valentine's dance on Feb. 13 starting at 7 p.m. and ending when everyone is too tired to dance. The dance will be held at Marist Hall, adjoining St. John's Catholic Church at 1704 Webster Road in Summersville. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. Each person is allowed one guest to accompany them. Refreshments will be served. Dress is casual to formal (no jeans, please R.S.V.P. to [scott\\_kh@newriver.edu](mailto:scott_kh@newriver.edu) so the SGA can plan to have enough food for all to enjoy.

### Greenbrier Valley Campus

The Greenbrier Valley Campus SGA is sponsoring a chili cook-off on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 11:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Judging will be at 11 a.m. The competition is open to students, faculty and staff. Chili and nachos will be sold, with proceeds going to the New River Community and Technical College Foundation to support scholarships.

## WVU OFFERS EXECUTIVE MBA PROGRAM ON NICHOLAS COUNTY CAMPUS

Nicholas County Campus Dean Fred Culler has announced an agreement between the WVU Business School and New River to make WVU's Executive MBA program available on the Summersville campus.

The two-year year program is designed for working professionals. Classes are taught two evenings a week from 6-9 pm. For four semesters. In addition to Summersville, the program is delivered to eight other locations around the state. Lectures are video archived so that students can review missed lecture at their convenience.

According to Elizabeth Vitulo, associate director of the Executive MBA program, the goal is to allow working professionals to maintain their momentum while they are furthering their education to advance their careers.

"We are an AACSB accredited program, the gold standard for business schools," Vitulo said.

She added that students are placed in cohorts because they have found the cohort model has a positive impact on graduation rates. The first Nicholas County cohort of three students enrolled this semester. The next cohort will begin studies in two years. However, Vitulo noted that might be possible for students to complete some requirements online before joining the next cohort.

Further information about the Executive MBA program can be found at [www.be.wvu.edu/emba](http://www.be.wvu.edu/emba), or by calling Vitulo at 304.293.7811.





**The building that had housed the Greenbrier County Public Library in Lewisburg since the 1940's has been vacant since 2007, when a new library was constructed adjacent to the Greenbrier Valley Campus. Built in 1834, the building initially served as a library for the Circuit Court of Virginia.**

## **New River Seeks to Restore Building for College Use FORMER PUBLIC LIBRARY IN LEWISBURG IS INCLUDED ON PRESERVATION ALLIANCE ENDANGERED PROPERTY LIST**

The former Greenbrier County Public Library building in Lewisburg, which sits on property that was once part of the Greenbrier Women's College, has been named one of eight historical and significant sites on the 2010 Endangered Properties List designated by the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia. The 2010 list was announced in Charleston on Feb. 4. at an event attended by President Ted Spring, Libby Belcher, director of college relations, Bill Loope, vice president of institutional advancement and workforce education, Lewisburg Mayor John Manchester and Lewisburg Historic Landmarks Commission member Carol Olson.

Under the leadership of Spring and Belcher, New River is partnering with the City of Lewisburg and community leaders to pursue grants to restore the building for use by the College.

Belcher prepared the application for the Endangered Properties program. The library building has been vacant since 2007, when the Greenbrier County Public Library moved into a new building on a site adjacent to the Greenbrier Valley Campus. The College made land for the new library available through a partnership with the library and the City of Lewisburg, which owns both the old and new library buildings.

The structure is basically sound, but it needs a new roof and it suffered water damage when water pipes froze after a heating system malfunction.

The Endangered Properties designation gives the library project access to assistance from Lynn Stasick, historic preservationist with the Preservation Alliance.

"I work with each property and each community in an effort to rehabilitate and adaptively re-use these unique historic sites," Stasick explains. In addition to an assessment of each property, Stasick helps with raising awareness, building local support and capacity and providing preservation expertise to assist local preservation efforts.

"Receiving the endangered properties listing is an important first step that will allow us to pursue grants to restore this beautiful and very historic structure," Spring said. "We are pleased to continue building our partnership with the City of Lewisburg through this effort."

## NICHOLAS CAMPUS SGA HOSTS “BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH”



The Nicholas County Campus SGA welcomed students, faculty and staff back for the spring semester with a “Back to School Lunch” on Jan. 27. At left, husband and wife students Brandon and Jennifer Lamar enjoy their lunch. At right, SGA president Kathy Scott (facing camera, center) serves up the goodies while Carmen Workman heats chicken in the microwave.



## Greenbrier Valley Campus Foundation Advisory Board Meets

The Greenbrier Valley Campus Advisory Board of the New River Community and Technical College Foundation met in the Alumnae Room of Greenbrier Hall on Jan. 28. The group endorsed plans for the upcoming capital campaign and elected new officers. The officers are Dr. Kyle Fort, president; Dr. Olen Jones, vice president; Philip McLaughlin, Secretary; Ted Knight, treasurer; and Ann Fort, assistant secretary/treasurer. Pictured clockwise from front, center, are President Ted Spring, Philip McLaughlin, Dr. Kyle Fort; Bill Loope, vice president for institutional advancement and workforce education; Ted Knight, John Curry, superintendent of Greenbrier County Schools; and Dr. Lyn Guy, superintendent of Monroe County Schools (back to camera). In attendance, but not visible in the photo, were Ann Fort and Dr. Olen Jones.

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