New River Student Organizations Serve Their Campuses and Communities

Student organizations on the Beckley/Raleigh County, Greenbrier Valley and Nicholas County Campuses are planning a number of activities that benefit students, faculty, staff and the community at large. In this issue of “Transitions,” we take a look at some of the many ways students make a difference throughout the year.

Beckley/Raleigh County Campus

The Beckley/Raleigh County Campus Student Government Association started off the semester with a series of welcome back lunches for students, faculty and staff during the first week of classes.

The group sponsored a pet adopt-a-thon at the Raleigh County Humane Society on Saturday, Oct. 10. They held a hot dog sale fundraiser in the student lounge in the Wilburn Building last week and will use the proceeds to rent the Dry Hill Community Center for a Halloween “Haunted Asylum” on Saturday, Oct. 31 starting at 7:30 p.m. SGA Advisor Cindy Dalton said that the event will be open to the public. It is being held in the evening after trick-or-treat hours to make it convenient for students who have children to bring them to the family-friendly event.

John Wood is serving a second year as Beckley SGA president. The group will meet this week to make plans for future events.
A giant potato went “fishing for a new career” at New River on the Nicholas County Campus SGA float in Summersville’s Annual Potato Festival Parade on Sept. 26. (Photo courtesy of Mary Igo)

**Nicholas County Campus**

Students from several Nicholas County Campus groups participated in the Potato Festival on Sept. 26.

SGA faculty advisor Dr. Lisa Brewer reports that in addition to participating in the festival, the organization held a back-to-school bash last month with two days of food for students and staff. Ken Scott is SGA president, and his wife Kathy is vice president.

On the agenda for the next couple of months are a Halloween party for children and adults with games and prizes and a collection drive for coats and other winter items for distribution by the Department of Health and Human Resources. SGA is also planning a canned food drive and a semi-formal Christmas party.

Joyce Egnor reports that students in all three practical nursing cohorts have been busy participating in various festivals including the Potato Festival, the Craigsville Fall Festival and the Pocahontas County Autumn Harvest Festival. Karen Tully’s Medical Assisting students also participate in festivals and medical fairs during throughout the year.
Greenbrier Valley Campus

There are three formal student organizations on the Greenbrier Valley Campus: SGA, Allied Student Artists (ASA) and Phi Beta Lambda. Representatives of the three groups met on Oct. 7 to discuss projects that they could work on together. The first is a community Halloween Carnival for kids in the Student Union from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, on Oct. 23.

Phi Beta Lambda is an organization for students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. The Greenbrier chapter is planning a Guitar Hero Tournament on Nov 6. ASA will assist with concessions and will design a tee shirt for the event. The faculty advisors are Chris Fink and Bryan Seldomridge.

SGA sponsored a booth at the “Taste of our Towns” (TOOT) festival in Lewisburg on Oct. 10. They sold stuffed pitas to raise money for future projects. Last week, SGA is held a Fall Feast, providing free food for faculty, staff and students for several days. Next up will be a food drive at Thanksgiving. Robin Soukup was recently elected president of the Greenbrier Valley Campus SGA.

ASA sponsors occasional movie nights on campus and sponsors field trips to visit arts programs at other colleges and art museums in cities such as Charleston, Washington, D.C. and Roanoke. A trip to the Clay Center in Charleston is planned soon. The organization is open to all students, not just those in the Fine Arts program. Their president is Heather Logsdon, and the faculty advisor is Nathan England.

Wanda Johnson, program coordinator on the Greenbrier Valley Campus, assists all organizations with their projects.

Mercer County Campus

Now that the Mercer County Campus is established in its new home at the Mercer County Technical Education Center, plans are in the works to establish an Student Government Association there. Wanda Johnson has agreed to assist Dean Bo Hylton in getting the group organized.
**Note from the Registrar’s Office**

There is an updated copy of the Request for Transcript form available on all campuses and also available on the web page. Please let Donna Lewis know if you need copies of the new form for an office on your campus, and please discard the old forms that have the Bluefield State College address or any reference to BSC on the form.

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