100 Percent of Nursing Graduates Pass Certification Exam on First Attempt

Congratulations to the School of Practical Nursing Class of 2009! The faculty is pleased to announce that 100 percent of both the Pocahontas County cohort and the Nicholas County cohort passed the state licensing exam on their first attempt.

“This initial testing passage rate has been our goal throughout the history of the program, and the faculty believes this is a true milestone in the development of New River’s nursing and allied health programs,” commented Joyce Egnor, RN, MSN, director of the program.

The Pocahontas County cohort graduates are Melonie Gibson and Lori Simmons of Marlinton; Hollie Goldizen of Buckeye; and Michelle Workman of Hillsboro.

Graduates from the Nicholas cohort are Mildred Bailes of Summersville; Amber Boggs of Fenwick; Steven Dent of Fayetteville; Karen Dillon of Tioga; Temper Hancock of Mt. Nebo; Jenny Irvin of Danese; Jessica Kiss of Summersville; Holly Mullens of Nettie; Luchanne Rockhold of Craigsville; Cassie Selbe of Mt. Lookout; and Kristina Tenney of Carl.

Members of the Nicholas County Cohort of the School of Practical Nursing Class of 2009 are pictured with Joyce Egnor (far left).
Welcome New Employees

Jane Smith is the new Administrative Assistant for the Beckley Campus. She had previously worked as an extra help employee in Central Administration.

Jason Garris has joined the Information Technology staff as a Database Technician I. He had previously worked in the department as an extra help employee.

Nora Overath is the new Financial Aid Counselor on the Greenbrier Valley Campus. She had previously been a Program Coordinator on that campus.

Amanda Sue Kincaid is the new Office Assistant I for the Title III grant program at the Public Higher Education in Beaver.

STATE FAIR MANAGER CONDUCTS EVENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

On Oct. 26, Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe, manager of the State Fair of WV, presented a seminar on Event Management and Planning. The seminar was sponsored by the Office of Workforce Education and took place at the Jefferson Office Park in Lewisburg.

The workshop lead participants through the management practices used in creating and developing events including types of events, identifying target audience, logistics planning, executing the event and valuating it’s success. Jolliffe included tips on branding, organization, security and environmental issues. She also provided a handout on accessibility, which gave an overview of the types of disabilities and how to handle location modifications to accommodate them.

In attendance were representatives from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, the Elks Country Club, Women’s Business Center (Beckley), High Rocks Academy (Marlinton) and Performance Results Corporation (Morgantown).

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Marlene Pierson-Jolliffe, manager of the State Fair of WV, makes a point at the event planning workshop sponsored by the Office of Workforce Education.
It was a Dark and Stormy Night . . . .

But that didn’t stop members of the Student Government Association on New River Campuses from hosting great family-oriented Halloween parties. Here’s a sampling of the goings on.

Kids and more kids invaded the Greenbrier Valley Campus for Halloween activities. At top left, children from the Greenbrier County Public Library storytelling program dropped by for their annual visit. The SGA sponsored a family Halloween party that seems to have captivated the children in attendance (top right). Staff and students got in on the act with a costume contest (bottom). Anybody look familiar? (Photos courtesy of Wanda Johnson)
Ghouls and ghosts were everywhere at the Beckley Campus SGA Haunted House at the Dry Hill Community Center. The “entry fee” was a nonperishable food item to be donated to needy families this holiday season. (Photos courtesy of Cindy Dalton)
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Please share news of events of interest in your department or on your campus!
Send your news items and photos to Barbara Elliott, director of public relations, belliott@newriver.edu.

Witches and superheroes were popular costumes at the Nicholas County Campus SGA party. (Photos courtesy of Kathy Scott.)
Media Appreciation Days: Round Two

Media Appreciation Days were held on the Greenbrier Valley and Beckley Campuses during the first week of November. These events were very well attended and helped strengthen relations with the media who cover the College.

Top Photo: Pictured at the Greenbrier Valley Campus are (seated, L-R) Barbara Elliott, public relations director; Peggy Mackenzie, Mountain Messenger; Mike Kidd, Radio Greenbrier; (standing) Libby Belcher, director of College Relations, Autumn Shelton, WV Daily News, Campus Dean Roger Griffith; Craig Mohler, Monroe Watchman; and Tina Alvey, Greenbrier County reporter for the Beckley Register-Herald.

Bottom Photo: Beckley Campus attendees (back row) Whitney Gregory, The State Journal, Bob Brunner; WOAY-TV; Kelli Barger, The State Journal; Maris Lowery, WJLS; Steven Lawhorn, WVNS-TV; Frank Brady, WVVA-TV; (front row) Renee Keefer, Beckley Register-Herald; Laurie Anuskzkiewicz, WOAY-TV; Campus Dean Carolyn Sizemore; Barbara Elliott; Christa Hamra, The State Journal; and Shawn Kline, WVVA-TV

New River Makes Big Impact at Mega Business After Hours

New River’s large eye-catching display caught the attention of hundreds of visitors to the Greenbrier Valley Chamber of Commerce’s Mega Business After Hours on Nov. 12.

Manning the booth was student recruiter Melanie Slone and Terri Baker, Gloria Kincaid and Lynn McKinney from the Office of Workforce Education.

Special thanks to Darian Permelia, security guard on the Beckley Campus, for assistance with setting up and taking down the booth; student recruiter Donna Feijo for assistance with the door prize (a basket of New River items); and Jason Garris of the IT Department for assistance with the video presentation.