NEW RIVER GVC HONORS OUTSTANDING STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF AT AWARDS BANQUET

[Lewisburg, WV] Fifty-two of the candidates for graduation as members of the Class of 2010 of New River Community and Technical College were honored at the annual New River Greenbrier Valley Campus awards banquet Saturday evening, April 24, in the Roland Sharp Alumni Center on the campus of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.
Wanda Johnson, program coordinator on the GVC, welcomed more than 200 candidates, family members, fellow students, administration, faculty and staff in attendance. Opening remarks were made by Roger Griffith, dean of the Greenbrier Valley Campus; Dr. Harry Faulk, executive vice president and chief academic officer; and Dr. Ted D. Spring, president of New River Community and Technical College.

Also welcoming the attendees and presiding over the awards program was Robin Soukup of Gap Mills, president of the GVC Student Government Association.

Dean Griffith represented the Greenbrier Valley Campus in honoring outstanding contributions to the campus by faculty and staff. He recognized Jan Cahill of Lewisburg, adjunct faculty member in the Criminal Justice program who has developed an unique course covering all aspects of the field with guest experts from around the state; Karen Carter-Harvey, a visiting instructor of Psychology on the Beckley/Raleigh County Campus, as outstanding instructor in the Virtual Classroom; Vanessa Bailey of Lewisburg, outstanding adjunct faculty member in the technology courses of study; Nora Overath of White Sulphur Springs, outstanding staff and adjunct faculty member in the academic courses of study; and Lenwood Evans of Lewisburg, outstanding service to the Greenbrier Valley Campus as head of security.

Soukup presented the full-time faculty member of the year award as selected by vote of the student body to Tim Hofmann of Lewisburg, instructor of Biology.

Also during the awards presentation, Nora Overath of the Learning Resources Center on the New River GVC honored Thomas Wood of Ronceverte; Wayne Connors of Hinton, and Samantha Workman of Meadow Bridge for their volunteer work as tutors. Mike Williams of Fairlea, sponsor of *The Saga*, news/literary publication on the GVC, announced the presentation of 33 awards to students, faculty, and staff who have participated in the publication this college year.

Wanda Johnson, who serves as sponsor for the Student Government Association, and Nathan England of Lewisburg, instructor of Fine Arts and faculty sponsor for the GVC SGA, honored the outgoing SGA members, including Robin Soukup of Gap Mills, president; Lynn Slater of Lewisburg, vice president; Rachel Church of Crawley, secretary; Ian Landers of Lewisburg, treasurer; Danielle Hoke of Maxwelton;
Chastity Stuart of Lewisburg; Joyce Wright of Rainelle; Tarry Zickafoose of Frankford; Richard Hardiman of Caldwell; Nicole Livingston of Lindside; Tom Kincaid of Caldwell; and Kevin Kincaid of Caldwell.

Also announced were the incoming officers and class representatives of the SGA for the 2010-11 college year. They are Daniel Hamrick of Frankford, president; Christopher Whisman of Rainelle, vice president; Erica Hamrick of Frankford, secretary; Cynthia Smith of Rupert, treasurer; Dodie Bishop of Lewisburg, parliamentarian; Robert West of Lewisburg, Joanna Schwartz of Gap Mills; Esther Kuhn of Gap Mills, and Geneva Highlander of Alderson. In addition, Johnson and England presented the most valuable member award of the SGA to President Soukup.

Soukup presented gifts of appreciation to Johnson, England, and Judith Stennett of Friars Hill, associate professor of English and advisor emeritus to the SGA. He also presented New River President Ted D. Spring a contribution of funds raised by the New River GVC SGA to be used for scholarships through the New River Community and Technical College Foundation Inc.

Academic awards presented Saturday evening included the outstanding Accounting and General Business student awards to Michelle Cales of Alderson and Heather Boggs of Second Creek. Also recognized by the Business Department were eight students who qualified and served in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and were honored by the Internal Revenue Service with certificates. They were Rebecca Smith of Lewisburg; Danielle Hoke of Maxwelton; Donna Hawver of Lewisburg; Rosaletta Hudson of Ronceverte; Daniel Hamrick of Frankford; Harley Rhodes of Sinks Grove; Bob Walkup of Rainelle, and Jeanette Huffman of Ronceverte.

In the Marketing and Computer Science departments, Christopher Jolliffe of Lewisburg, Amanda Bowden of Alderson, and Danielle Hoke of Maxwelton were named outstanding students while Ellen Essex of Warm Springs, Va., was honored as the outstanding student in the Board of Governors degree program. Essex was also honored as the outstanding student in the Licensed Practical Nursing Pocahontas County Cohort program which is part of the New River GVC.

Nathan England, Fine Arts instructor, presented outstanding Fine Arts student awards to Heather Logsdon of White Sulphur Springs and Dale McClung of Smoot, the first Associate degree recipients in the
New River Fine Arts program. He also recognized Craig Payne of Dawson, John Heaster of Clintonville; Doug Greene of White Sulphur Springs, and Whitney Weese of White Sulphur Springs.

Jerry Dale of Huntersville, instructor of Criminal Justice, announced the outstanding Law Enforcement student award for Brandon McCormick of Lewisburg. McCormick recently completed his studies at the WV State Police Academy and is joining the Lewisburg Police Department. Dale also recognized Daniel Hamrick of Frankford, Law Enforcement and Corrections; Lynn Slater of Lewisburg, Corrections; and Leah Cook of Leslie, Legal Assisting.

In the Hospitality and Tourism Management program, Reba Mohler of Union, adjunct instructor, honored Dreama Morgan of Ronceverte, who completed her internship at The Homestead; Jaina Perry of White Sulphur Springs, who completed her internship at The Greenbrier; Donna Hawver of Lewisburg, who completed her internships in special events at the State Fair of WV and the Lewisburg Elks Country Club; and Barbara Shiflett of Covington, Va., who completed her internship at The Greenbrier Sporting Club.

Lizabeth Rogers, associate professor of Business, presented awards for outstanding students in the Professional Office Systems Technology (POST) program to Heather Boggs and Sara Boggs, both of Second Creek. The awards for technical studies in Medical Billing and Coding went to Carol Guy of Lewisburg and Melissa Hanna of Clintonville.

In the Machine Technology and Welding program, visiting instructor of Welding Donovan Rhodes honored Michael Shelton of Alderson; Thomas Lephew of Sinks Grove; and Jeremy Counts of White Sulphur Springs.

John Dynak, assistant professor of Chemistry, presented the outstanding student in Biology/Environmental Science Studies award to Robin Soukup. In the Chemistry program, Emilee White of Lewisburg was honored, while the Physical Science student of the year was awarded to Jill Williams of Lewisburg.