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OUTSTANDING NEW RIVER STUDENTS AND FACULTY HONORED AT AWARDS BANQUET

[Lewisburg, WV] The annual Awards Banquet for students at the New River Community and Technical College Greenbrier Valley Campus (GVC) was hosted Saturday, April 25, by the GVC Student Government Association and honored 87 students who are candidates for degrees and certificates this year. Honorees included New River Students and students of Bluefield State College who attend classes on the Greenbrier Valley Campus.

Wanda Johnson, program coordinator with the office of student services and SGA advisor, presented the welcome and introduced Roger Griffith, dean of the Greenbrier Valley Campus, who recognized the faculty, staff, administration, student workers, and family members of the potential graduates for their contributions to the educational careers of those being honored.

Telia Godfrey of White Sulphur Springs, SGA president, served as mistress of ceremonies and assisted with the awards presentation.

Students, faculty, staff, and administration receiving The Saga awards for their contributions to the only publication of the New River Greenbrier Valley Campus were Judith Stennett, Friars Hill; Barbara Elliott, Frankford; Tara Ryder, Buckeye; Angelina Bullock, Rainelle; James Craft, White Sulphur Springs; Beverly Pauley, Alderson; Curtis Pauley, Alderson; Steven Carter, Lewisburg;
Myron Pierson, Covington, Va., and Josh Brown, Lewisburg. *The Saga* is published five times a year with news, features, poems, short stories, original art work, and editorials.

The Student Government honored Dean Griffith of Ronceverte for his efforts on behalf of the students at New River GVC and presented a check for $461 to the New River Community and Technical College Foundation Inc. for use in scholarships. The funds were raised by the GVC SGA through various projects throughout the year.

President Godfrey, on behalf of the SGA members, presented gifts of appreciation to the organization’s co-sponsors Wanda Johnson and visiting instructor Nathan England, and to faculty advisor emeritus Judith Stennett.

Another group of students honored were the academic tutors who assist fellow students with their studies through the Student Resource Center and Office of Student Services. Those honored were Michelle Cales, Alderson; Kevin Quick, Lewisburg; Keri Ratliff, Ronceverte; Kenneth Janz, Buckeye; Kayla Jordan, Marlinton; Judith Galloway, Lewisburg; Angela Tipton, Frankford, and Christopher Pennington, Lewisburg

The GVC SGA each year honors the full-time Faculty Member of the Year as selected by a vote of the students on the New River GVC. Honored for 2008-09 was Terry Armentrout of Lewisburg, visiting instructor of Business and Accounting.

The administration on the New River GVC recognizes the adjunct faculty member of the year in technical and academic studies. For technical studies, the honoree was Donovan Rhodes of Gap Mills, adjunct instructor of Machine Tool Technology. Lisa A. Carter of Frankford, adjunct instructor of Mathematics, was honored for academic studies.

Instructor Armentrout, representing the Business Accounting and Business Management programs, presented John Blake of Alderson with the Student of the Year award for those programs. Gregg Wingo, instructor of Business, announced Racheal Dorsey of Lewisburg, Marketing Student of the Year and Dante Freeman of Talcott, Computer Science Student of the Year.
Judith Stennett, assistant professor of English, recognized Outstanding English/Language Arts Education student, Angela Tipton, Frankford. She also honored on behalf of Jerry Dale, instructor of Criminal Justice, that Dustin Martin of Maxwelton was selected Outstanding Baccalaureate Criminal Justice Student; Tiffany Smith, Union, Outstanding Law Enforcement/Corrections Student; Amanda Pyne, Lewisburg, Outstanding Corrections Student; Christy Butler, Rupert, Most Dedicated Criminal Justice Student; Jennifer Honaker, Frankford, and Madora Smith, Marlinton, Outstanding Legal Assisting Students; Hollie Goldizen, Buckeye, Board of Governors Associate Degree Outstanding Student; and Michael O’Dell, Rainelle, Outstanding Student in the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree program.

Visiting instructor England recognized Melanie Claypool, Danese, and Susan Shepherd, Caldwell, Outstanding Baccalaureate Elementary Education Student; Hollie Goldizen, Buckeye, Outstanding Mathematics Student of the Year; Stephanie Richardson, Mount Nebo, Outstanding Mathematics Student; Robin Zimmerman, White Sulphur Springs, General Education Student of the Year; and Heather Logsdon, White Sulphur Springs, and Truman Shrewsberry, Frankford, Outstanding Fine Arts Students of the Year.

England also introduced the charter officers for the newly formed Student Artists Association. They are Heather Logsdon, White Sulphur Springs, president; Belinda McClung, Rainelle, vice president; Danielle Marchant, Bluefield, treasurer; Truman Shrewsberry, Frankford, secretary; and Dale McClung, Rainelle, parliamentarian. New River is the only community and technical college in West Virginia to offer an Associate of Fine Arts degree.

Vanessa Bailey, instructor of Medical Assisting, announced that Tammy Kazner of Lewisburg was selected the outstanding student in that program. Lizabeth Rogers, associate professor of Business, announced Donald Allen of Hillsboro as the outstanding student in Professional Office Systems Technology. She also named the Technical Office Assisting Student of the Year as Jeanie Bland of Alderson and the Medical Insurance Office Billing and Coding Student of the Year, Tammy Kazner, Lewisburg.
Tim Hoffman, instructor of Biology, announced Nikki Dunbar of Beckley as Biological/Environmental Science Student of the Year. Dr. John Dynak, assistant professor of Physical Sciences announced that Samantha Workman of Dawson as Outstanding Chemistry/Physical Science Student of the Year.

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