NEW RIVER CTC PLANS BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS
AT PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER

[BECKLEY, WV] The Beckley/Raleigh County Campus of New River Community and Technical College will host an exhibit and speaker at the Public Higher Education Center in Beaver in observance 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 a musical performance by student Koviter Robertson and the Heart of God Ministries choir. Light refreshments will be served. The program is open to the public free of charge.

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.

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