JOHN BOWLING JR SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT NEW RIVER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION

[LEWISBURG, WV] The children of the late John Bowling Jr. of White Sulphur Springs are honoring the memory of their father by endowing the John Bowling Jr. Scholarship through the New River Community and Technical College Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a high school student with at least a 2.5 grade point average who will be attending New River's Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg.

The Bowling Scholarship was established by Connie, Martha, Bruce and Rear Admiral Jay Bowling. It not only honors their father, but also is a tribute to their late brother, Chris Bowling. Martha and Chris Bowling earned their degrees at Greenbrier Community College, and all of the Bowling siblings took classes at the college at one time or another.
“The Bowling family association with New River goes back to the very earliest days of the Greenbrier Valley Campus,” stated William J. Loope, New River’s director of institutional advancement and workforce education. “I can think of no more fitting tribute to one of the school’s true pioneers than the creation of a scholarship that will enable students to attend the college that he helped found.”

John Bowling Jr. was among a group of community leaders who move helped establish what is now the Greenbrier Valley Campus of New River Community and Technical College. Bowling and the late E.A. “Shine” Tuckwiller, the late Jack Wallace, Richard "Dick" Ford (then president of the national WVU Alumni Association) and James E. Johnson Jr. of Alderson (then WVU extension agent 4-H), along with the superintendents of schools in Pocahontas, Webster, Nicholas, Fayette, Summers, Monroe, and Greenbrier counties, put enough pressure on WVU to establish the Greenbrier Valley Extension Center of WVU.

The center opened in 1969 with the late Frank McClung as director. It later became Greenbrier Community College Center of Bluefield State College. In 2003, New River Community and Technical College was created by the state legislature from the community college components of Bluefield State College and Glenville State College. Greenbrier Community College then became a campus of the new institution.

If you would like information about how to endow a scholarship through the New River Community and Technical College Foundation, contact William Loope, director of institutional advancement, at (304) 929-929-5494, or e-mail wloope@newriver.edu.

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Photo Caption: (l-r) Martha Bowling, Rear Admiral Jay Bowling, Connie Bowling and Bruce Bowling have established a scholarship through the New River Community and Technical College Foundation to honor their late father, John Bowling Jr. of White Sulphur Springs.