Three from Nicholas County Serve on New River Board of Governors

[BECKLEY, WV] Deborah A. Hill of Summersville, CEO of Summersville Memorial Hospital, was recently installed as a member of the Board of Governors of New River Community and Technical College. Hill was appointed by Governor Joe Manchin to serve a two-year term on the board which directs policy for the multi-campus institution headquartered in Beckley.

A West Virginia native with roots in Nicholas County, Hill received an associate’s degree in nursing and a bachelor’s degree in health service administration from WV Institute of Technology. She earned a master’s in health service management from the West Virginia College of Graduate studies. A registered professional nurse, she is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Professionals. In 2005 she received the Athena Award for supporting women in business and was named Outstanding Business Leader of the Year by the Summersville Chamber of Commerce. She also received the Regent’s Award for Early career Achievement from the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2006.

Mary Igo, a program specialist at New River’s Nicholas County Campus, is the elected classified staff representative on the Board of Governors. Gerald Hough, professor of business on the Nicholas County Campus, is the elected faculty representative.
The three attended a board meeting in Beckley on Friday, Feb. 6. At a day-long retreat the following day, New River President Ted D. Spring and other senior administrators provided an overview of current projects, expansion plans, budget and financial information and an update on the transition to complete independence from Bluefield State College.

New River Community and Technical Colleges serves a nine-county area of southern West Virginia from locations in Raleigh County (Beckley and Beaver), Mercer County (Bluefield and Princeton), Nicholas County (Summersville) and the Greenbrier Valley (Lewisburg). Additional information can be found at www.newriver.edu.

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Photo Caption: New River Board of Governors members pose following their meeting on February 6. (Front row, L-R) Leslie Baker, Chris Pennington, E.T. Smith, Marilyn Leftwich: (Back row, L-R) Robert Farley, Deborah Hill, Al Martine, Gerald Hough, Mary Igo. Not pictured: David Nalker and Edward Knight III.