MICHAEL PALM HONORED AT RETIREMENT DINNER

[LEWISBURG, WV] More than 100 higher education leaders, civic leaders from throughout the Greenbrier Valley, officials from the City of Ronceverte and members of the Friday Night Arts Club joined members of the New River Community and Technical College family at a dinner on Friday, Nov. 14, to honor Michael Palm upon his retirement as dean of student services for New River.

Palm served as dean of student activities for the former Greenbrier Community College Center before becoming dean of students when GCC became part of New River Community and Technical College. In that role he oversaw the student services function on the four campuses of New River from his office on the Greenbrier Valley Campus. He served the institutions for a total of 18 years. Prior to coming to the Greenbrier Valley he was in the Office of Student Services at the University of Kentucky.

Dean Roger Griffith of the New River Greenbrier Valley Campus welcomed the guests to the dinner, held in the community room of the Greenbrier County Public Library in Lewisburg.
He introduced Dr. Ted D. Spring, president of New River Community and Technical College, who awarded Palm the title “Dean of Students Emeritus.”

A resolution of congratulations and appreciation of service was read by David Nalker on behalf of the New River CTC Board of Governors. Master Sgt James Kirby, one of Palm’s former students, represented the West Virginia National Guard in honoring Palm for his service in the military as well as his service to veterans who have attended college.

Dr. David Perkins, retired president of New River CTC, presented a program of appropriate music that kicked off a light-hearted “roast” of Palm by New River colleagues.

Special guest was Palm’s sister, Pam Rasmussen of Lansdale, Pa., who spoke briefly about her admiration for her an older brother.

Palm’s plans for retirement include continued active participation in Ronceverte city government and in civic organizations and charitable organizations. He also will continue to assist on the New River Greenbrier Valley Campus as an adjunct faculty and part-time administrator.

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Photo Caption: New River Community and Technical College Board of Governors member David Nalker (left) presents a plaque of appreciation to Michael Palm, New River’s dean of student services, at his retirement dinner on Nov. 14.