63 NEW RIVER STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO PHI THETA KAPPA ACADEMIC HONORARY

[Beckley, WV] A record 62 students from New River Community and Technical College were inducted into the Beta Zeta Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honorary society in ceremonies held on the Raleigh County Campus in Beaver on Sunday, May 2. The guest speaker was William Loope, vice president on institutional advancement and workforce education at New River.
“Continue to set one goal at a time and, upon reaching that goal, set another,” Loope told the inductees. “By setting one goal and obtaining that goal, success will always be just one goal away.” Loope concluded by noting that education is a lifelong commitment for each person in the twenty-first century.

Dr. Lucie Refsland, professor of mathematics and faculty co-sponsor, presided over the ceremony with assistance from Chapter President Lynn Slater of Lewisburg. Tim Hofmann of Lewisburg, faculty co-sponsor and instructor of Biology, gave a brief history of the organization.

Special recognition was given Rondah Lowe of Hinton, who has been named a New Century Scholar in a competition sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and Coca Cola. The honor is accorded to the top community and technical college student in West Virginia.

Donna Hawver of Lewisburg was recognized as a finalist in the Coca Cola Scholarship competition; and Ella Dorsey of Lewisburg was honored for being named to the West Virginia All-USA Academic team along with Lowe and Hawver.

An honorary membership was bestowed on Loope, who has been a continuous supporter of the New River honorary organization.

Officers elected for the 2010-11 academic year for the Beta Zeta Delta chapter are Vonda Lockhart of White Sulphur Springs, president; Cynthia Smith, Rupert, vice president; Geneva Highlander, Alderson, secretary; and Jessica Nelson, Crab Orchard, treasurer.

To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, a student must be enrolled in a regionally accredited institution offering an associate degree program; must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework that may be applied to an associate degree (part-time students are eligible at New River); and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The new inductees are:

**Alderson:** Amanda Bowden, Geneva Highlander,

**Beaver:** Kathryn Harold, Christopher Thompson, Stephanie Thompson,

**Beckley:** Jason Acord, Anita Jo Rakes, Iryna Petrishcheva-Campbell; Judy K. Patterson

**Bluefield:** Genet Gebrewahid

**Bramwell:** Katrina King;

**Caldwell:** Heather Dowdy, Matthew D. Ramsey

**Canvas:** Tracie Trivolette-Mullins

**Charmco:** Melissa Dawn Redden

**Clay:** Misty Dawn Schoolcraft

**Clintonville:** Robin A. Clower, Melissa Dawn Hanna, Courtney Hardy, Sandra Lynn Hodges

**Coal City:** Robin J. Frost
Cool Ridge: Michelle J. Bennett
Crab Orchard: Jennifer L. Barrett, Ivy J. Dawson, Jessica Nelson
Durbin: Amanda M. Dilley
Fairlea: Robert L. West
Fayetteville: Scott W. Treadway,
Gap Mills: Kayla LeAnne Bland, Esther Kuhn; Leah V. Lewis, Robin Soukup
Gilboa: Paula S. Hamrick
Hillsboro: Heather Elyssa Thompson
Hinton: Rondah Lowe
Lewisburg: Dodie Bishof, Rachael L. Clemons, Ella Dorsey, Julia M. Gordon, Christopher M. Jolliffe
Meadow Bridge: Kriscinda R. Lannen
Mount Hope: Michele Charnow
Mount Nebo: Samantha Lorraine Artrip
Oceana: Melissa A. Costello
Princeton: Sharon Soucy; Fred Farley, Jr.
Prosperity: Ilona P. Brown
Quinwood: Deborah Rogers
Rainelle: Amanda Marie Bryant, Joyce Ann Wright
Richwood: Lindsay Williams
Rupert: Cynthia Smith
Stanaford: Destiny Basil
Summersville: Kathryn L. Scott, Kenneth H. Scott II, Felicia Lynn Spencer
Sutton: Margaret Sue Davis
Webster Springs: Kelley D. Clutter
White Sulphur Springs: Rosemary W. Church, Peggy Sue Deskins, Virginia Sue Dolin
Pamela S. Lockhart, and Vonda Layne Lockhart.

New River Community and Technical College serves a nine-county area of southeastern and south central West Virginia from campuses in Beckley, Raleigh County in Beaver; Greenbrier Valley in Lewisburg; Mercer County in Princeton; and Nicholas County in Summersville.

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