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Greenbrier Valley Campus VITA volunteers (l-r) Bob Walkup of Rainelle, Donna Hawver of Lewisburg and Jeanette Huffman of Ronceverte

NEW RIVER STUDENTS VOLUNTEER FOR VITA PROGRAM

[LEWISBURG, WV] Students on the Greenbrier Valley Campus of New River Community and Technical College are participating in the VITA program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) through April 13. The VITA Program offers free tax preparation to low- to moderate-income taxpayers. Student volunteers are required to become certified with the Internal Revenue Service prior to participating in the program.
Student volunteers are available every Tuesday evening from 5-9:00 p.m. and every Saturday morning from 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Electronic filing (EFile) is available and refunds can be received in as little as 14 days.

Currently six students have completed certification. They are Jeanette L. Huffman, Robert G. Walkup, Donna Hawver, Daniel L. Hamrick, Rosalita M. Hudson and Rebecca B. Smith. Another nine students are currently in the process of obtaining certification. The program is under the direction of New River Business instructors Bryan Seldomridge, CPA and Chris Fink, M.S. Two area certified public accountants, Gayle Mason of Lewisburg and Melissa Boggs of Peterstown are also providing their time and expertise to the VITA program.

Taxpayers needing assistance can call Bryan Seldomridge at (304) 647-6583 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. All services are provided on the Greenbrier Valley campus. To qualify, generally taxpayers must make less than $49,000 in income. However, taxpayers are encouraged to call to see if they qualify for the program.

According to Seldomridge, the program has been an excellent opportunity for students to supplement their academic education while providing a valuable service to the community and fellow students. Students on New River’s Nicholas County Campus in Summersville are also volunteering for the VITA program through Mountain Heart Community Services.

“We would like to thank Mountain Heart Community Services in Oceana and the WV Alliance for Sustainable Families in Summersville for their assistance in implementing this new program on our campus. We would also like to thank Mary Igo, program specialist in New River’s Office of Workforce Education on the Nicholas County Campus, and members of the college administration for their support.