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*From the Hawk's Nest* is distributed on the first and third Friday of each month. We need your input! Please send your ideas for stories on upcoming events, reports on attendance at conferences, awards and honors received, photos or information on outstanding employees or students to Barbara Elliott, bellotti@newriver.edu. The deadline for the next issue is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17.

## Nicholas County SGA Dedicates Tree to Tom Clark

The Student Government Association at the Nicholas County Campus has dedicated a redbud tree in the garden bed outside the main entrance in memory of Tom Clark, a beloved adjunct instructor who passed away last March.

Clark served as a United Methodist minister for many years, including a time at Summersville Memorial United Methodist Church. He was also the coordinator of United Methodist Volunteers in mission. In that capacity he visited 51 countries. He was also an active volunteer and fundraiser for the local domestic violence program. He taught psychology and sociology classes at Glenville State College and New River CTC for 15 years. "Students often said he was their favorite instructor," commented Regional Director of Operations Mary Igo.

Pictured around the memorial tree are (l-r) students Rebecca Segal, Hannah Metheny, Rebecca Taylor, Billy Shuttlesworth, Bobby Taylor and faculty member Dr. John Mark Walkup.



## Student Success Centers Host Open Houses

The Mercer County Campus hosted the first Student Success Center Open House on August 27. All campuses and the Advanced Technology Center are inviting students to the centers to raise awareness of the services and resources available to them. Pictured at the MCC event are (l-

r) Dr. Allen Withers, vice president of student services; Peggy Epling, director of the Student Success Centers; Fiona Hambrick, evening assistant at the Mercer County Campus SSC; Dianna Putorek, educational counselor; Kim Hickman, adjunct instructor of math and tutor; and Candice Stadler, director of career services.

## Farewells

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William Draubery, associate professor of accounting at the Raleigh County Campus, has also retired. Lisa DeLilly, office administrator for the Office of Institutional Advancement/New River CTC Foundation, and Lindsay Moody, accountant at the Beckley Campus, have left the College to pursue other opportunities.

## A New Role

Tonya Webb, administrative secretary for the Raleigh County Campus, has moved into a new position as administrative secretary supporting the offices of Communications, Technology Services and Institutional Effectiveness.

## Help us Scare up a Few Votes

The Mercer County Campus is participating in a contest sponsored by the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce. The business whose scarecrow gets the most votes will receive all the money collected in the contest to donate to the charity of their choice. Votes are a penny each. There is collection jar in the front office at the Mercer County Campus. If New River wins, the money will be donated to the New River CTC Foundation. Voting continues through Sept. 25, so round up all those loose pennies and vote for us!



## Shop at Kroger? Support the New River CTC Foundation!



The New River CTC Foundation is now a member of the Kroger Community Rewards program. Employees, family and friends can register their Kroger cards online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com) and choose the New River Community and Technical College Foundation as their charity of choice. When supporters use their KrogerPlus card, a percentage of their purchase will be earmarked for the Foundation.

Here's how it works:

- Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register.
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

## Graduate Offers Advice to Practical Nursing Students

The Practical Nursing program held orientation for new students at the Advanced Technology Center on August 18.

Kayla Dabbs, a 2013 graduate of the program at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, shared her experiences during her time at New River CTC. She stressed the need to remain focused on their studies and to look for those "ah ha" moments when information shared in different courses comes together. She also discussed her job search after graduation and how her professional career is going. Kayla is an LPN at Bath Community Hospital in Hot Springs, Virginia.



## KUDOS!



Thanks to Emily Browning, instructor of biology at the Nicholas County Campus, for once again coordinating a visit by Betsie Letterle of the Be the Match Foundation. Letterle gave presentations to Medical Assisting students and other interested individuals at the Nicholas and Raleigh County Campuses on Sept. 3 and 4. She also recruited several new bone marrow donors to add to the registry. The Foundation helps match donors with patients suffering from blood cancers such as leukemia and other diseases such as sickle cell anemia.

### Remember to Attend a Self-Study Presentation

All full-time faculty and staff are required to attend one of the presentations about the Accreditation Self-Study that are taking place at all campuses over the next few weeks. Click [here](#) for complete information about the purpose of the sessions and a schedule of when they are being offered.



**Check out our Facebook page for more information on College events. Just click on the logo above or connect from the home page of the website.**

### Keep us Posted!

Share the good news about what's going on at New River CTC. Send your articles, photos or Kudos to Barbara Elliott, [belliot@newriver.edu](mailto:belliot@newriver.edu). Many thanks to Lisa DeLilly, Mary Igo, Emily Browning and Jill Holliday for their assistance with this issue. Send items for Facebook to Michael Meador, [mmeador@newriver.edu](mailto:mmeador@newriver.edu).

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### Mission

New River Community and Technical College provides accessible, affordable, quality education and workforce programs to meet the needs of the region it serves.