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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, belliot@newriver.edu. **The deadline for submitting items for the next issue is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.**

Summerlin Inspires Attendees at Field Day



A moving presentation by Marine Corps vet Jamie Summerlin was just one highlight in a day of learning, fellowship and fun for the Classified Staff on March 10.

Summerlin talked of his quest to run 3,450 miles from Oregon to Delaware to raise funds for veterans. Since his return, he has started a number of programs to benefit veterans, including Operation Welcome Home, service designed by vets for vets. He has also established Vets on Call, a program through which vets can walk in the door and immediately find work and pay to help them get back in the workforce. Another

initiative is Camo to Cap which provides school supplies for vets. He also spoke of the many challenges facing returning vets and detailed ways New River can support and encourage vets as they pursue their education.

The morning session also included an accreditation update presented by Libby Rogers, Dr. Shirley Davis and Dr. Carolyn Sizemore. In the afternoon, participants could choose from a of variety break-out sessions with topics ranging from workplace issues to fire extinguisher training by the Ghent Area Volunteer Fire Department.



Receiving special recognition at the end of the day were the stalwart employees who successfully completed the 100 Miles in 100 Days Walking Challenge that kicked off at last year's Field Day. They are Peaches Stephenson, Brigitte Neil and Tina Bryant of the "Sole Sisters"; Susie Atkins, Ingrid Hudnall, Bob Runion, Heike Soeffker-Culicerto, Barbara Stewart and Maxine Willis of the "Fabulous Finance Figures"; Heather Pickering, Sandra Dixon, Roger Griffith, Donna Lewis, Nora Overath, Donna Polk, Deena Rodgers and Jossie Spencer of "Team Greenbrier;" and Lori Midkiff, Lora Adkins, Rita Holcomb, Mike Meador and Wanda Coleman of the "Walkie Talkies."

With this year's theme being "Unlock Your Inner Super Hero," the day would not have been complete without a visit from New River's very own Superman!



Welcome to New River

Dianna Putorek is the new educational counselor in the Student Success Center at the Mercer Count Campus. She has been an adjunct instructor at New River since 2011 and has also taught at Bluefield State College. She earned her bachelor's degree in English at WVU and her master's in teaching at Marshall University Graduate College.



Nathan Moul has been appointed visiting instructor of math at the Nicholas County Campus. He will finish out the semester replacing Mark Ellis, who has resigned. Moul earned his associate degree in computer science and network operating systems from New River and his bachelor's in computer science from



Operating systems from New River and his bachelor's in computer science from Mountain State University. He has a master's in information technologies from American Intercontinental University.

A New Role for Boulali

Bilal Boulali has taken on the new role of educational counselor in the Student Success Center at the Advanced Technology Center. He has been a visiting instructor of developmental education at New River since 2011.



Faculty Senate Update

The following curriculum proposals approved by the Curriculum Committee after their second reading were presented to Faculty Senate on March 7 for review. Since there was no opposition at the faculty senate level, these proposals continued moving forward to the Office of Academic Affairs.

- ▶ AAS Registered Nursing (new program) [approved for 2nd reading]
- ▶ MATH 103 [approved for 2nd reading]
- ▶ Computer Science math requirement Repair Systems [approved for 2nd reading]
- ▶ MATH 110 Prerequisites modification V2 [approved for 2nd reading]
- ▶ Welding Gen Education general studies modification [approved for 2nd reading]

The date, time, and location for graduation was shared. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center.

Senators were given a "heads up" that Modern Think Survey would be available from Monday, March 17 through Monday, April 14, 2014, and faculty were highly encouraged to respond.

The curriculum process discussion continued with anticipated finalization before the semester ends.

Every Faculty Senate meeting is an open meeting using the MeetMe number based in Mercer County (304) 818-2015. Meetings occur the first Friday of the month (during the academic year) beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Meet Ethan Kincaid!



Gloria Kincaid, Workforce Education program specialist at the Greenbrier Valley campus, and her husband, Stan, welcomed their first child on March 4. Ethan Riley Kincaid entered the world at 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Kudos!

The **Classified Staff Field Day Committee** did an outstanding job of planning a meaningful and fun experience for staff. Many thanks to Amanda Baker, Bob Runion, Lori Midkiff Janie Smith, Susie Atkins and Mary Igo for all their hard work.

Congratulations to the 58 outstanding students who were inducted into the **Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society** in a ceremony at the Advanced Technology Center on Sunday, March 23. This year's inductees represented all campuses of New River. President Washington was the guest speaker and was made an honorary PTK member. The ceremony was coordinated by Donna Polk and Dr. Lucie Refsland, chapter sponsors, along with Dr. Shirley Davis and PTK president Terry Holland and other chapter members. Kudos also to the staff at the ATC for their assistance in preparing for the ceremony.



Help us celebrate the good work being done at New River. Submit your *Kudos* to Barbara Elliott, bellott@newriver.edu. The deadline for the next issue is **4 p.m. on April 2**.

Thanks to Lori Midkiff, Bruce Snidman, Gloria Kincaid and Amanda Baker for their contributions and assistance with this issue.

 **Keep Us Posted!**

We encourage you to check the New River Facebook page for additional updates on student activities and college events. We also encourage you to let us know about upcoming events so that we can share information across the college. Send information for the Facebook page to Michael Meador, mmeador@newriver.edu. Send items for the newsletter or for news releases to Barbara Elliott, bellott@newriver.edu.