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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 30, 2014.

Career and Transfer Fairs Open Doors for Students

by Candice Stadler, Director of Career Services

The Office of Career Services and the Center for Advanced Studies hosted three Career and Transfer Fairs for New River CTC students, alumni and the community.

This was the first time that joint career and transfer events have been held at the College. The goal of the fairs was to allow employers and colleges the opportunity to share information, discuss career opportunities and college transfer options with New River students.



More than 30 colleges and employers participated in the three events, with several organizations attending multiple fairs. Some of the participating colleges and employers included: WVU Tech, Bluefield State College, The University of Charleston, Adventures on the Gorge, Appalachian Power Company, Summit Bechtel Reserve, Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, and Camden Family Medical.



The fair for the Beckley Campus, Advanced Technology Center and Mercer County Campus communities took place on Thursday, April 3, at the ATC. During this event, the Line Service Mechanic Rodeo was featured. The Greenbrier Valley Campus fair took place on Tuesday, April 8, in Greenbrier Hall. The Nicholas County fair was held Thursday, April 10.

Thank you to the faculty and staff at the Advanced Technology Center, Greenbrier Valley Campus and Nicholas County Campus for all their help with set-up and promoting the event to students. A special thank you to Janie Smith, Rich Bernhardt, Dianna Puterek, Mike King, Myrna Thomas and Wanda Johnson for all

of their assistance!

Seven from New River Attend HLC Annual Conference

by Lizabeth Rogers, Accreditation Self-Study Coordinator

New River Community and Technology is seeking reaffirmation of its accreditation as a member institution of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. As part of this process New River has been conducting a self-study over the past two years and is in the process of documenting that self-study for presentation in August to the HLC. In October 2014, a team of consultant reviewers will visit New River's campuses and will reassure through their visit that New River is accomplishing its mission of providing affordable, accessible quality education and workforce programs and services to meet the needs of the region it serves.



Lizabeth Rogers

Since its inception in 2003, New River has sent delegates to the HLC Annual Meeting. This year the College sent a seven-person team to the 119th HLC Annual Meeting held April 10-14 in Chicago. Members of the team included Dr. L. Marshall Washington, president; Dr. Amy DeSonia, vice president of academic affairs; Dr. Carry DeAtley, associate vice president of academic affairs; Dr. Renae McGinnis, director of institutional effectiveness and accreditation liaison officer; Susie Atkins, classified staff representative to the board of governors; Elizabeth Belcher, chief communications officer; and Lizabeth Rogers, professor of business and accreditation self-study coordinator.

The team participated in concurrent sessions, heard two keynote speakers, and networked among the 4,700 attendees during the intense five-day conference that focused on assuring quality among the region's institutions of higher learning. Exhibits and business showcases were also available to the team. Members of the New River team also had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Susan Hatfield, HLC senior scholar and professor, Winona State University, who has been serving New River as a mentor during our participation in the Academy on Assessment of Student Learning, and with Dr. Jeffrey Rosen, HLC vice president for accreditation relations and director of the open pathway, who serves New River as its liaison.

Information from this conference will be used to complete the writing of New River's self-study 2014 and to prepare for the upcoming HLC site visit. Information from this conference will also be used to guide

to prepare for the upcoming Fall and Spring. Information from the conference will also be used to guide New River as it continues to grow and meet its mission.

The team worked very hard covering as much territory as possible, collecting large amounts of information, gaining knowledge to bring back to the college and representing New River among the member institutions in this regional conference that includes institutions as far west and south as Arizona, as far north as Minnesota, and as far east as West Virginia.

This was the 10th straight year I have attended this meeting and it just keeps getting bigger with more sessions, more information, more strategies and more participants each year. I always come away exhausted but reassured that New River is meeting the HLC criteria of accreditation, following the HLC assumed practices, seeking to continuously improve and striving to offer quality wherever and however its courses, programs, and services are made available.

Fine Arts Students and Faculty Exhibit Works at Carnegie Hall

Students and faculty in the Fine Arts program are celebrating the end of the semester with an exhibition in two of the galleries in Carnegie Hall, the regional arts center located adjacent to the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg.

Works by faculty members Nathan England and Mark Cline are displayed in the lobby of Hamilton Auditorium. Student works are displayed in the Museum Gallery. The exhibit will remain on display through April 24.

The artists hosted a reception on April 4 as part of First Friday activities in downtown Lewisburg. Pictured in the Museum Gallery are (l-r) Aaron Spitz, Krisztina Zalasdy, Rebecca Poole, Travis Johnson, Nathan England, Kay Glover and Mark Cline



Kudos!

Students from the Browning Social Services Club hosted Volleyball for Autism on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at "The Place" at United Methodist Temple. Eighteen teams from the surrounding area put on their sneakers and came out for a fun time of playing volleyball, eating great food and entering the raffle for great items donated by community businesses.

Six Raleigh County certified referees donated their time to officiate the event. With entry fees, concessions, sale of t-shirts, and raffles, \$3,500 was raised. Additional donations brought the total to over \$4,000. All money raised benefits the Autism Recovery Resource Center, Angel Fund. This money can be accessed by families who may not be able to afford the biomedical approach which has proven to achieve recovery of symptoms in children on the autism spectrum.

Students from the club spent many hours planning the event. Free childcare was provided by members and overseen by vice-president Leslie Simms. New River Community and Technical College entered a team of faculty, staff and students. The team included Lisa DeLilly, William Wood, Dr. Kelli White, Brittany Filipek, Kayla Smailes, Casey Baber, Colossal "D" (Darvis Cox), and coach Brian Faust.



Help us spread the word about the good things happening at New River CTC. Send your stories, photos or Kudos to belliott@newriver.edu. The deadline for the next issue is **4 p.m. Wednesday, April 30**.

Thanks to the following for their contributions to this issue: Candice Stadler, Libby Rogers and Dr. Kelli White.



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