



Welcome to the second issue of *From the Hawk's Nest*. Beginning with the next issue, the newsletter will be 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 conference, awards and honors received, photos or information on outstanding employees or students to Barbara Elliott, bellott@newriver.edu. The deadline for submitting items is the end of the day on Wednesday before the Friday of publication.



President Washington presented the Outstanding Contributor Award to Dr. Renae McGinnis.

DR. RENAE MCGINNIS

New River's Outstanding Contributor

Dr. Renae McGinnis, director of institutional effectiveness was honored as New River's Outstanding Contributor for 2013 at the annual WVCTCS/WVADE Conference in Bridgeport on Oct. 24. She was selected by her fellow employees for the excellent service she provides to numerous departments within the College. She exemplifies the community college philosophy in all that she does and sets a high example of pride and leadership at the institution. Moreover, this year she has stepped up to the plate by taking on the added responsibility of interim associate vice president of academic affairs, the accreditation liaison officer, and the co-chair of the Accreditation Leadership Team and Steering Committee.

Many employees do not realize how much New River relies on McGinnis and the data and information that she provides in the numerous mandated reports that she prepares on behalf of the College and for the federal and state government. Most of all, she is adept at talking with co-workers throughout the institution to gather and communicate information needed.

"I am amazed at her knowledge of the entire College and its functions, and I find that it is invaluable to the reaffirmation efforts," stated Lisabeth Rogers, Self-Study coordinator and co-chair of the Accreditation Leadership Team and Steering Committee.

Adds President Washington, "Renae is in many ways the conscience of our institution. She is vigilant in reminding us to maintain our standards, to fulfill the mandates of our mission as a community and technical college and to be transparent and ethical in all that we do. Her work is often done behind the scenes and probably at times seems thankless. But it is because she does her job so expertly that New River is widely respected throughout the state and region."

MORE FROM THE WVCTCS/WVADE CONFERENCE



Bilal Boulali and Sandra Lilly were recognized for completing the Kellogg Institute for Training and Certification of Developmental Educators at Appalachian State University's National Center for Developmental Education. Participants experience an intensive, four-week summer residency and a supervised practicum following the residency. Bilal Boulali teaches developmental English at the Advanced Technology Center. Lilly teaches developmental math at the Beckley Campus and at the ATC.

ADMISSIONS STAFF ATTENDS STATE CONFERENCE

Tracy Evans, director of enrollment services, and the Office of Admissions team of student program advisors attended the WV Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers State Conference in Chester, WV, Oct. 9-11. The theme was "Engaging for Successful Partnerships."

Some of the sessions included Streamlining Admissions, The Engaged Office, 25 Tips for Retention Success, Creating a College Going Culture Across WV, Degree Works-Utilization at Marshall, and Creating Your Multi-Channel Recruitment Communication Mix.

"This was an excellent opportunity for professional development and team building. We were also fortunate enough to have time to exchange ideas and learn what our counterparts at other institutions were doing successfully in challenging tasks and/or areas we did not cover at the conference," Evans said. Evans was elected to serve on the WV ACRAO's Special Projects committee and will be fulfilling these duties for the next three years.



Front row: Martha Baisden (l-r) (NCC), Tracy Evans
Second row: Megan Mohn (ATC), Donna Polk (GVC), James
Froemel (MCC), Cynthia Dalton (BC)

Meet the SGA

Greenbrier Valley Campus SGA members are pictured on the steps of Greenbrier Hall. Front row (l-r) Nathan England, faculty advisor and Donna Burdette, vice president; middle row: Amber Wright, sophomore representative; Hailey Brown, treasurer; back row: Natasha Ossdorff, sophomore representative; Wanda Johnson, student program advisor; Jakeb Shuck, president; and Aaron Spitz, secretary.



ODDS AND ENDS



Dr. Washington making his theatrical debut in Bridgeport!



Students and colleagues threw a surprise birthday party for Dr. Lucie Refsland on Oct. 24. Congratulations Dr. Refsland!!

Farewell

Terri Baker, Greenbrier Valley Campus Workforce Education program specialist, has left New River to accept a position at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg. Her last day was Oct. 18. Best wishes to her in her new venture.



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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, belliot@newriver.edu.

