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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, bellio@newriver.edu. **The deadline for submitting items for the next issue is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5.**

## Classified Staff Field Day Coming up March 17

The annual Classified Staff Field Day is coming up on Monday, March 17 at the Advanced Technology Center. The idea for the event originated with Mary Igo, who was the chair of the Classified Staff Council for seven years. Due to her time spent on the council, she could see the level of discord that there was among the different campuses. She suggested that the field day would allow members of the classified staff of each campus to meet and get to know one another in the hope that this might help reduce tensions.

"We there were employees who had worked here for five or six years and never met one another because we had never had an all-campus, all-college meeting ever," Mary recalls.

The first Field Day was planned for spring break of 2010 so that it would not interfere with the daily work of the College during times when classes were in session.

"We came together for team-building, some good food, a little bit of training, but mostly for those employees to talk to one another and get to meet one another," Igo says. "Now employees look forward to it. I really think that it is a positive morale builder."

Field Day activities are planned by a committee of classified employees. This year's committee is comprised of Igo and Classified Staff Council Chair Bob Runion, Vice Chair Lori Midkiff, Susie Atkins, Amanda Baker and Janie Smith. In recent years, the Human Resource department has assisted the committee in lining up speakers and in providing financial support for the meals.

The theme for the day will be **Unlock Your Inner Superhero**. There will be socializing and networking/interacting with staff from all campuses, good food, the chance to meet many of our vendors face-to-face and several informative presentations geared towards helping us reveal and develop our unique gifts and talents.

"The keynote speaker will be Jamie Summerlin, a former Marine who ran across the United States to raise funds and awareness for our wounded veterans. Jamie will present **Freedom Run: Dreaming Big, Going Further, Making Impact**.



**Jamie Summerlin**

## Faculty Senate Update Presented at BOG Meeting

At the February meeting of the Board of Governors, Faculty Senate Chair Bruce Sneidman presented a report on the group's activities over the past year.

The other members of the senate are Nathan England (vice chair), Scott McClanahan (secretary), Nick Bassett (Parliamentarian), Tim Hofmann (Board of Governors representative), Joseph Massey, Dr. John Mullens, Dr. Lucie Refsland (Advisory Council of Faculty representative), Brian Testerman and Dr. Nancy Wemm.

Sneidman explained that the Faculty Senate works toward the orderly development of the educational programs and policies of the college; facilitates communication and cooperation between the administration and the faculty; promotes the continued improvement of higher education in the State of West Virginia; and strives to procure the best conditions possible for instruction and research.



**Bruce Sneidman**

The body also reviews, considers and recommends to the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs policies pertaining to the general welfare of the College. Topics discussed during the fall semester included bookstore scholarships; division realignment; overload course(s) procedures, curriculum process; distance education; professional development and the Faculty Handbook.

Standing committees of the Senate include Academic Affairs (Dr. Nancy Wemm, chair), Promotion and Tenure (Bruce Sneidman, chair) and Curriculum (Joyce Wawiye, chair). The Faculty Senate holds open meetings on the first Friday of the month during the academic year starting at 8:30 a.m. via the phone bridge, (304) 818-2015.

## Farewell

Roberto Nunez, IT Consultant at the Nicholas County Campus, has accepted a new position with a company in Pennsylvania. His last day at New River is Friday, Feb. 21. Best wishes to him in his new venture.

## KUDOS!



**Paula Johnson**, instructional specialist of EMS, has been notified that her presentation on "Web Based Solutions for Lesson Plan Development" has been accepted for a breakout session at the National Association of EMS Educators Annual Symposium in Reno, Nevada, on September 16-21, 2014.

The National Association of EMS Educators is a professional membership organization made up of more than 3,000 EMS educators, both nationally and internationally, that include Instructors, program directors, deans, training officers, EMS physicians, EMS nurses and EMS state officials.

"This is a huge honor for me to be chosen, and I look forward to representing New River Community and Technical College in EMS Education among my peers at a national level," Johnson said.

**Jill Holliday**, instructional specialist of Entrepreneurship, Hospitality and Tourism, has outdone herself in leading New River's involvement in National Entrepreneurship Week (February 17-25) activities this year.

She participated in the Entrepreneurship Week Proclamation by Lewisburg Mayor John

Manchester on Feb. 12. That's her on the right in this photo with the Mayor and Katie Ickes of the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation.



She also had a leadership role in other events, including the Greenbrier County Entrepreneur Café competition on February 18 and Greenbrier West and Greenbrier East High School's participation in the Regional Entrepreneurship Education Summit of the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship Education held at the ATC on Feb. 20. She was largely responsible for bringing the NACCE Conference to New River. Thanks to her efforts, educators and leaders from throughout the region were exposed to the College and to some of the wonderful entrepreneurial enterprises in the Mountain State.



**Maintenance Teams** at all campuses worked hard last Thursday and Friday clearing the parking lots and sidewalks after the heavy snowfall. They showed up to work on Thursday morning at 7, fighting their way to the campuses after digging out their own vehicles at home. They worked long into the evening on clearing parking lots, sidewalks etc., only to return on Friday morning to find additional snow to be moved. Again, they showed up early and worked until mid-afternoon on getting the campuses ready for operations on Monday morning. Keep in mind they also had to take care of their own driveways, sidewalks and families after working on removing snow all day. There was so much snow and few places to put it. They did an awesome job (and they didn't get a snow day--at least not like the rest of us did)!!

**Help us celebrate the good work being done at New River. Submit your *Kudos* to Barbara Elliott, [belliot@newriver.edu](mailto:belliot@newriver.edu). The deadline for the next issue is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5. Thanks to Rich Bernhardt, Roger Griffith and Bob Runion for their contributions this week.**



***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](mailto:mmeador@newriver.edu). Send items for the newsletter or for news releases to Barbara Elliott, [belliot@newriver.edu](mailto:belliot@newriver.edu).