

THE RIVER'S EDGE

Black River Technical College

Pocahontas • Paragould

BRTC Awarded 5-Year, \$1.179 Million Federal TRIO Grant

BRTC has been awarded a 5-year \$1,179,975 U.S. Department of Education grant to start a TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). TRIO grants are used to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

"This is our first TRIO program," stated Martha Nelson, Vice President of Student Affairs who will oversee the program, "and we are excited to have this opportunity to make education more available and attainable to residents of our 4-county service area. This program will provide support and resources to help our deserving adults with education that can change their lives and those of their families."

Participants will be connected to tutors, mentors, and counselors for guidance on admission, financial aid, and college course selection. For those who may not have finished high school, help will be offered on secondary school re-entry or high school equivalency exam programs.

For more information, contact Martha Nelson, Vice President of Student Affairs, at (870) 248-4000 ext. 4029 or via email at Martha.Nelson@blackrivertech.edu.

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23rd Annual IBERIABANK/Foundation Golf Tournament

The 23rd Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 30, at Rolling Hills Country Club in Pocahontas.

This two-person scramble, underwritten and supported by IBERIABANK, is the largest fundraising event for BRTC, providing funding for student scholarships. Four-star, three-star, two-star, and one-star sponsorships with signage are available at \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$125. Four-star and three-star sponsorships include one team entry fee and golf cart as well as the option of having a promotional tent along the fairway.

For more information on the tournaments or sponsorships contact Jessica Bailey at (870) 248-4189.



Foundation Board members from left: Mike Dunn, Milton Smith, Kelly Rose, Dr. Eric Turner, Stephanie Sutton, Melissa Wright-Davis, Ruth Ann Ellis, Danny Barr, Sandra Tweedy, Mike Miller

JOY IT DOWN

September 5
BRTC Campuses Closed

September 19
Business After Hours at
BRTC

September 23
Serendipity

September 30
IBERIABANK/BRTC
Foundation Golf
Tournament



Veteran's Fair

On August 11, BRTC, in partnership with the Craighead County Veteran Service Officer Vermalene Smith, Randolph County Veteran Service Officer Mike Richardson, and David Baltz with the John J. Pershing Veteran's Medical Center, hosted a Veterans Benefit Seminar at RCDC on the Pocahontas campus.

More than 300 veterans and vendors attended. Vendors offered services and provided information to veterans from more than 5 counties. Speakers provided information on the wide variety of healthcare options and benefits available. Also in attendance was Dr. Patricia Ten Haaf, director of John J. Pershing VA Hospital in Poplar Bluff.



FFA officers from left: Madison Brown, secretary; Madison Adams, reporter; Zack Huffman, treasurer; Jesse DeJournett, president; Justin Ingam, vice-president; and Garrett Gavin, sentinel

FFA, BRTC's Newest Student Club

FFA is a national organization for students enrolled in or interested in agriculture. Members have an opportunity to be involved in a variety of community service activities. Participation in leadership activities such as parliamentary procedure promote growth and self-esteem. Exposure to various aspects of the agricultural industry including animals, plants, soils, and agriculture economics allows students to broaden their experiences and knowledge while providing insight into various occupational opportunities.

For more information, contact Tom Baker at (870) 248-4068 or Thomas.baker@blackrivertech.edu for further information.

Food

Pantry

Part-time or full-time students who are in need (with a current school ID) can fill out an application and receive food.

Pocahontas Campus-BT 125, open Tuesday & Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Paragould Campus
-Contact Ashley Hall or Mylea White

The Food Pantry is run by the nutrition & dietetic students and SGA.

BRTC's Got Talent!

Do you have family-friendly talent: singing, dancing, hula hoop, magic, twirling, instrumental, etc.? Try out for BRTC's Got Talent! Audition dates:

Pocahontas Campus

Tuesday, October 4
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
AC 102

Paragould Campus

Thursday, October 6
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
PAC 128

*Alternative audition times are available for students with a schedule conflict. Contact Elizabeth Collins (870) 239-0969 ext. 5120 or email at Elizabeth.collins@blackrivertech.edu.

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Foundation Golf Tournament 4-Star Sponsors Award 16 Scholarships

The 2015 Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament named scholarships have been awarded to 16 students attending BRTC. Each named scholarship is sponsored by a \$1,000 donor who is able to name the scholarship. The student is awarded \$1,000 per semester, fall and spring, provided the student maintains enrollment and GPA requirements.

Randolph County Nursing Home Scholarship



Recipient: Emilee Smith
Hometown: Paragould
High School: Paragould High School, 2015
Parents: Robert Smith, Poplar Bluff, MO
 Mary Smith of East St. Louis, MO
Major: Nursing

AgHeritage Farm Credit Services Scholarship

Recipient: Rebecca Lopez
Hometown: Lynn
High School: Hillcrest High School, 2015
Parents: Francisco and Melody Lopez
Major: Respiratory Therapy



Joshua R. Toney, DDS Scholarship



Recipient: Desorree Beach
Hometown: Paragould
High School: Paragould High School, 2016
Parents: John Beach, Leachville
Major: Nursing

Nielson Bainbridge Group Scholarship

Recipient: Dalton Price
Hometown: Corning
High School: Corning High School 2016
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Greg Mock
 Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Price
Major: AA in General Education



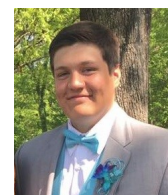
Karla Baltz, DDS Scholarship



Recipient: Kathryn Ball
Hometown: Pocahontas
High School: Pocahontas High School, 2016
Parents: Michael and Aneica Ball, Maynard
 Winter Vaughn-Gilbert, Reyno
Major: Occupational Therapy

Don's Steakhouse in Pocahontas in Memory of Fredia Finch Scholarship

Recipient: Jacob Duncan
Hometown: Pocahontas
High School: Pocahontas High School, 2016
Parents: Melinda Endicott
 Rick Duncan of Imboden
Major: Nursing



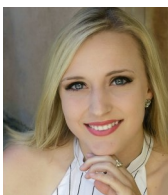
L.D. Rose Family Scholarship



Recipient: Landon Williams
Hometown: Piggott
High School: Piggott High School, 2016
Parents: Lambert and Melissa Williams
Major: Physical Therapy

NEA Turf Care & Nursery Scholarship

Recipient: Haley Hudson
Hometown: Walnut Ridge
High School: Walnut Ridge High School, 2016
Parents: April Hudson & the late Richard Hudson
Major: AS in Business



Monsanto Scholarship



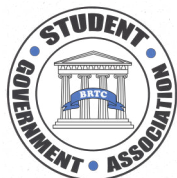
Recipient: Jessica Alls
Hometown: Delaplaine
High School: GED, 2010
Parents: Barbara Simmons
Major: Nursing

VALIC Community Spirit Scholarship

Recipient: Julie Gates
Hometown: Pocahontas
High School: Pocahontas High School, 2016
Parents: Jim and Marie Gates
Major: AA in General Education



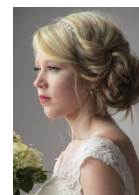
SGA Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship



Recipient: Marshall Padgett
Donor: BRTC Student Government Association
Hometown: Ravenden Springs
High School: Maynard High School, 2015
Parents: Scott and Robin Padgett
Major: AS in Business

Allison Architects Scholarship

Recipient: Ariel Avery
Hometown: Pocahontas
Parents: Carmen Cummings
 Shane Cummings
Major: AS in Business



PECO Foods Educational Scholarship



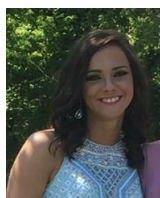
Recipient: Caitlin Waddell
Hometown: Imboden
High School: Sloan-Hendrix High School, 2016
Parents: Terry Nance of Imboden
Tommy and Janet Waddell of Walnut Ridge

Clay County Electric Cooperative Corporation Member Scholarship

Recipient: Holly Utnage
Hometown: Pocahontas
High School: Pocahontas High School, 2014
Parents: Randy and Julie Utnage
Major: Nursing



Tommy and Tim Bennett in Memory of Scotty Lee Bennett Scholarship



Recipient: Jessica Choate
Hometown: Pocahontas
High School: Pocahontas High School, 2015
Parents: Betty Hufstedler the late Dale Hufstedler

Success Grain in Memory of Jerry G Berry Scholarship

Recipient: Jodi Davis
Hometown: Stanford
High School: Marmaduke High School, 2015
Parents: Chuck and Tina Davis
Major: Agricultural Science



BRTC Foundation Scholarships Provided by Generous Donors

Many generous donors to the BRTC Foundation provide scholarship opportunities to worthy students. These students must meet GPA, academic, and in some cases programmatic standards.

Foundation GED Scholarship



Recipient: Katrina Dougan
Hometown: Jonesboro
Parents: James and Phyllis Barber, Walcott
Major: Nursing

Shelia K. (Adams) Dobyns Nursing Scholarship

Recipient: Jodi Davis
Donor: A & D Propane, Inc.
Hometown: Imboden
High School: Sloan-Hendrix High School, 2016
Parents: April and Kevin Brown
Major: Nursing



In-Steard Scholarship



Recipient: Rebecca Lopez
Hometown: Lynn
High School: Hillcrest High School, 2015
Parents: Francisco and Melody Lopez
Major: Respiratory Therapy

Merle R. Young Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Crissie Overshine
Hometown: Jonesboro
Married to: Kendall Overshine
Major: Nursing



Phillip Collins II & Beth Collins Memorial Scholarship



Recipient: James Drake McGrew
Hometown: Success
High School: Neelyville High School
Major: AA in General Education

Grainger Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship

Recipient: Joshua Drwenski
Hometown: Doniphan, MO
High School: Doniphan High School, 2015
Parents: James and Angela Drwenski
Major: Auto Collision Repair



Grainger Tools for Tomorrow Scholarship



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Scholarship Program

Recipient: Owen Jordan
Hometown: Poplar Bluff, MO
High School: Twin Rivers High School, 2015
Major: Industrial Maintenance Technology



Networking to Enhance Student Experience

Between May 28-31, BRTC's RN and respiratory students were able to simulate a high-acuity neonatal situation. The scenario centered around a premature infant, 25-weeks-old weighing 1 pound, 14.5 ounces, with multiple needs. The simulations were held in BRTC's new Health Science building on the Pocahontas campus.

Because real-life emergencies cannot be scheduled to occur when students are attending class at clinical sites — and because such emergencies in Northeast Arkansas are less common than in major cities — stu-

dents frequently go through their entire education without being involved with or seeing certain emergencies. This is especially true of emergencies involving babies and children.

However, simulation equipment composed of anatomically correct manikins and high-powered software allow students to gain hands-on experience with such emergencies without the risk of patient fatality.

BRTC nursing and respiratory faculty, with help from the BRTC maintenance department, set up a neonatal ICU and utilized equipment from the nursing, respiratory, and EMT/paramedic departments. St. Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro and Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould also loaned equipment for the scenario.

Students were broken into groups of 5-6 and were able to spend 30 minutes in simulation. Through simulation, students were able to have rare, realistic, hands-on experience which will dramatically improve their level of skill in helping future patients.

"Time is a precious thing. Never waste it." ~Willy Wonka

New Hires and Position Changes

CAMPUS
CLOSEUP

Paragould CNA Instructor



Name: Brandy Cooper
Residence: Paragould
Credentials: Greene County Tech, RN through BRTC
Past Experience: AR Methodist Medical Center, 3 years
Belle Mead Nursing & Rehab, 5 years

Pocahontas CNA Instructor

Name: Holli Nitzsche
Residence: Pocahontas
Credentials: Pocahontas High School
BS in Nursing from U of A
Past Experience: Randolph County Nursing Home
Red Bud Regional Hospital, 2 years



Administrative Specialist III for LETA



Name: Bridgette Rose
Residence: Pocahontas
Credentials: Pocahontas High School
BS in Marketing from ASU
Past Experience: BRTC Grants Coordinator, 2.5 years
Bank of Pocahontas, 15 years

LETA Instructor

Name: Mark Mosier
Residence: Hoxie
Credentials: Hoxie High School,
BRTC LETA
U.S. Army
Past Experience: Jonesboro Police Dept., 22 years
Pocahontas Sheriff's Office
Randolph County Police Dept.



Twenty-six years ago this fall, I began my college career as a freshman. Those days as a freshman are just as vivid today as they were then.

Like students today, I was bombarded with a myriad of decisions required of me rather than being decided for me. Should I buy a new or used book? What major should I declare? If I made the wrong choice, would my life be ruined? Most important of all—I sure wished the coed sitting next to me in U.S. History class did not ignore my awkward attempts at conversation....Alas.

This past summer, Dr. Roger Johnson and I have been conversing about how life alters one's perspective. As we accumulate more years and mileage, the pressing issues of yesterday are replaced by new ones, or perhaps our responses have changed over time—hopefully due to a reflection of wisdom and maturity.

While all of our perspectives change, one thing remains constant—Black River Technical College meets students where they are in their educational journey.

Thank you for making Black River Tech a special place.



Dr. Eric Turner

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