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## Holocaust Survivor to Give Presentations

Black River Technical College, in cooperation with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will host Holocaust survivor Emanuel (Manny) Mandel for three presentations October 27-28.

Mandel will be speaking at 9:30 a.m. both Tuesday and Wednesday morning, and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening. All presentations will be held in the Randolph County Development Center auditorium on the BRTC Pocahontas campus.

According to the USHMM website, Emanuel (Manny) Mandel was born on May 8, 1936, in Riga, Latvia. Manny's father accepted a position as a Jewish chief cantor in Budapest and the family returned to Hungary.

Because of the anti-Jewish laws which had been imposed since 1933, Manny's father was very protective of Manny. In March 1944 after the Germans occupied Budapest, 7-year-old Manny and his family were part of a group of 1600 Jews whom Adolf Eichmann offered to the Allies in exchange for materials. The group had been promised to be sent to Switzerland, but complications in

the agreement found the Jews on a train for Bergen-Belsen camp. Finally, Manny and his family were transported in late 1944 via Nazi transport to Switzerland.

In 1945, Manny and his mother emigrated to Palestine. He moved to the U.S. in 1949.

The presentations are free and open to the public.

Sponsors of the event include SEAS Project of the BRTC Foundation; Mike and Barbara Dunn; First National Bank of Walnut Ridge, Hoxie, Pocahontas, and Bono; Dean and Brenda Gillogly; and Integrity First Bank.

For more information or to schedule a group, contact Jessica Bailey at (870) 248-4189.



*Emanuel (Manny) Mandel*

## The IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament Has Another Great Year

With a chilly start the 22nd Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament had another successful year and raised over \$50,000.

The tournament was held October 2 at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Pocahontas. Proceeds from the tournament go toward to student scholarships. In fact, the golf tournament is the largest fundraiser for BRTC scholarships.



Winners of the morning Championship Flight were, in 1st place, Adam Davis and Jonathan Madison; 3rd place, Tommy Campbell and Raymond Jackson. A-Flight winners were, in 1st place, Phillip Taylor and Fred Cole; 2nd



place, Bob Puckett and Matt Noles; 3rd place, Kris Pankey and Jason Steimel. B-Flight winners were, in 1st place, Buddy Harrison and Bill Marter; 2nd place, Terry Verkler and Terry Verkler, Jr; 3rd place Billy



Stan Moleski; 2nd place,

Keedy and Kirk Brinkley. Closest to the pin winners were Jim Ulmer, Jason Steimel, Adam Davis, and Jeremy Haynes.

Winner of the afternoon Championship Flight were, in 1st place, Ron Mangold and

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### Important Dates

**October 24**  
**Nursing Fall Festival**

**October 27-28**  
**Holocaust Survivor Series**

**November 2**  
**Health Science Complex Dedication and Business After Hours**

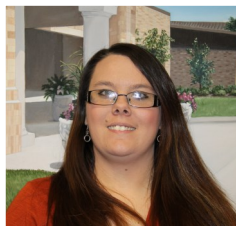
**November 5**  
**Choir Music Festival**

**November 5**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**November 6**  
**Foundation Board Meeting**

## MSSPS Awarded for the Fall Semester

A total of \$6,937.50 in scholarships have been awarded to 10 students through the Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship (MSSPS) fund for the Fall 2015 semester. The following recipients from Pocahontas were awarded \$750: Katie Holland, Valorie Anderson, Holly Beegle, Susan Kercheval, Elizabeth Loyd, Monica Parsons, Angela Vitale, and April Willborn. Brooke Cato of Pocahontas was awarded \$187.50. Mikayla Morrow of Reyno was awarded \$750.



*Katie Holland*



*Valorie Anderson*



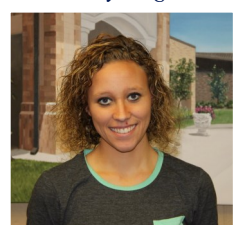
*Holly Beegle*



*Susan Kercheval*



*Elizabeth Loyd*



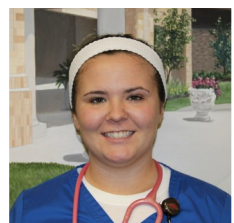
*Monica Parsons*



*Angela Vitale*



*April Willborn*



*Mikayla Morrow*



*Brooke Cato*

Valorie Anderson is a United Way recipient. Holly Beegle and Susan Kercheval are Entergy recipients.

Holland graduated from Pocahontas High School in 2009. She wants to go into the LPN – RN bridge program. Anderson graduated from Oak Ridge Central High School in 2009 and plans on becoming a Registered Nurse upon completion of her RN degree. Beegle is a graduate of Doniphan High School and is working towards her RN degree. They are all students of Black River Technical College.

Kercheval graduated from Harlem High School in 1994. She is pursuing a BA of Science of General Studies at ASU. Loyd is a 2011 graduate of Pocahontas High School. She is pursuing a Business with Health Option degree and an AA General Education degree at BRTC. Parsons is studying to become a LPN and hopes to become a labor and delivery nurse.

Vitale is working to gain her Bachelor's degree in Business at Williams Baptist College. Willborn is studying Criminal Justice at BRTC. Cato is a 2011 graduate of Pocahontas High School. She is in the process of obtaining her AA degree at BRTC. Morrow graduated from Corning High School in 2014. She is enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program at BRTC and plans to obtain her RN license upon furthering her education.

Funding for the MSSPS is generated through the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund, United Way of Northeast Arkansas, and BRTC employee contributions and fundraisers.

According to MSSPS Chair Janna Guthrey, to qualify for the single parent scholarship, individuals must be single parents with custody of minor children, be enrolled in a program of higher education, meet certain income guidelines, and be residents of Randolph County.

## Housh Named President of State Board of Nursing

Ramonda Housh, Division Chair of Allied Health for Black River Technical College, has been named President of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

Housh was appointed to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing by Governor Huckabee in 2013. Her job duties will now be to assist in the orientation of new board members, preside over disciplinary hearings and business meetings, and provide leadership to guide, develop and coordinate the work of the board. "I am honored to have been elected by my peers and feel privileged to serve my profession and the state of Arkansas. It is exciting to be part of ensuring safe nursing practice, protecting the public, and having a part in nursing regulation in the state," says Housh.

Housh is a certified pediatric nurse practitioner and received her bachelor's degree from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. She obtained her Master of Nursing Science degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock. She resides in Pocahontas with her husband Eric and their two children Dylan and Sydney.



*Ramonda Housh*

## NTHS Fall Induction

On October 15 BRTC's chapter of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) held their fall induction in the Randolph County Development Center.

NTHS recognizes the accomplishments of students in BRTC's technical education programs. Students must have a 3.5 GPA on 12 credit hours and a faculty recommendation to be invited to join.

New members inducted were Timothy Ellis, Tiffany Hensley, James Jones, Amanda Peters, Mathew Tyler, Katlynn Green, Thomas Hubert, Kathy Maxwell, and David Roberts.

NTHS advisors are Mack Downey, Business instructor; Christina Derbes, Dietetics instructor; Alan Haskins, Fire Science instructor; and Gary Meier, Machine Tool Technology instructor.





## IBERIABANK/Foundation Golf

Stephen Malone and Blake Prater; 3rd place, Joey Gill and N. Ray Campbell. Winners of A-Flight were, in 1st place, Paul Carr and Lloyd King; in 2nd place, Mike Prichard and Bill Prichard; in 3rd place, Jack McCord and Mike Miller. Winners of B-Flight were, in 1st place, Greg Sain and Dennis Adams; in 2nd place, Ryan Gibson and Leigh Ann Gibson; 3rd place, Jim Dunlap and Sammy Dunlap. Closest to the pin winners were Joey Pfeffer, Sam Dunlap, Ron Johnson, and Jason Mobley.



Running this event would not be possible without the help of all the volunteers including the BRTC Foundation Board members, staff and board members of the Rolling Hills Country Club, and employees of IBERIABANK, Baltz Chevy-Olds, and Integrity 1st Bank.

In addition, more than 80 individuals and organizations gave money, goods, and services to the tournament. Without them, the event would not have been possible. More importantly, many students will benefit from receiving scholarships to complete their education at BRTC.



"It is always rewarding to see the large crowds supporting this event," said Kelly Rose, BRTC Foundation Chair and Vice President and Commercial Relationship Manager for Regional Banking of IBERIABANK. "From sponsors to volunteers to participants, support for the event was remarkable. The BRTC Foundation is humbled by the support of our partners and community as we seek to continue our support of the BRTC mission. Thanks to all for making the event a fun and successful day."

## BRTC, an Institutional Participant in the SARA Initiative

Black River Technical College is one of only 24 schools in Arkansas to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). SARA is a voluntary agreement among states nationwide to establish national standards for distance education courses and programs. SARA's mission is to make enrolling in online courses in another state easier for college students.

This effort is funded by a \$3 million grant from Lumina Foundation, \$200,000 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and fees paid by institu-

tions. This helps to eliminate approval costs for colleges and universities, costs which are often passed on to students.

BRTC's Director of Distance Education and Instructional Technology, Regina Moore says, "This will allow out-of-state students to easily enroll in our growing distance education programs which will allow them to earn degrees and certificates fully online."

To learn more about Black River Technical College's distance education courses and programs, visit its website at [www.blackrivertech.org](http://www.blackrivertech.org).

## Three Scholarships Awarded to Nursing Students

The **Florence Nightingale Scholarship** was created by nursing faculty and staff to assist a second semester Practical Nursing Student. Students must write a 100-300-word essay regarding how this will scholarship will help them achieve their goal of being a nurse. This is the first time this scholarship has been awarded and is in the amount of \$500. Faculty and staff plan to offer it each semester.

Josh Brooks was awarded this scholarship. Bridgette Kasinger, Tahnee Green, Kara Malin, Tina Stroud, Nancy Felts, Tonya Hankins, Dana Clay, Ramonda Housh, Kelsie Cagle, Jennifer Hibbard, and Sandy Green all donate to this scholarship.



The **A.D. Hill Family Memorial Scholarship** is offered to a Practical Nursing student in their second or third semester, or an RN student. The applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or higher and be a resident of Randolph County.

Applicants submit a 100-300-word essay on why they chose nursing as a career and how this degree will help them give back to the community. The award is \$200. Two students were given this scholarship this semester.



*Haley Howell- third semester Practical Nursing Student*



*Meagan Burtman- second semester Practical Nursing*

The **Legacy Scholarship** was founded by the May 2015 Practical Nursing class. The class had a goal to leave a legacy. They saw students struggle to pay for Arkansas State Board of Nursing licensure and NCLEX-PN test fees, all required during the last semester of the program. The class hosted a 5K walk/run in May and recruited many sponsors. They were able to award five \$400 scholarships to those graduating this December.

Susan Glasgow, President of the Legacy Scholarship, awarded the scholarship to Jenny Ramirez, Dawn Cothorn, Benita Duff, Tanya Isom and Jordan Whitted.





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### ***BRTC Mission Statement***

*Blending tradition, technology and innovation  
to educate today's diverse students  
for tomorrow's changing world.*

## Inaugural White Coat Ceremony Held

The Black River Technical College Practical Nursing Department held its inaugural White Coat Ceremony on the evening of September 18 in the Randolph County Development Center.

This ceremony was held to welcome the new December 2016 class of practical nursing students to the profession of nursing. White coat ceremonies are designed to instill a commitment to providing compassionate care among future health professionals. While in the past these ceremonies have been an important rite of passage of medical schools, the nursing faculty thought it important to instill the sense of value and pride in nursing students as well.

Students and their families were welcomed by Nursing 1 instructors Kelsie Cagle and Tahnee Green and shown a short video clip portraying the field of nursing. Following the video, Director of Nursing Tonya Hankins spoke on the importance of professionalism and following the calling that has been placed in the students' lives. Students were then cloaked with their symbolic white coats and welcomed into the nursing profession.

A reception for students and their families followed.



*Students honored were: front from left: Mikayla Marrow, Katrina Dougan, Elizabeth Rutledge, Sheila Floyd, Kylee Ford, Malorie Frazier, Briana Gibbs, Kaitlyn Schrum, Back from left: Layonda Bagwell, Gretchen Newberry, Brenda Mitchell, Krystal Wagster, Elizabeth Groschke, Larissa Cope, Jessica Kanok, Shane Barrow, Holly Winslow, Jeremy Blair, Lauren Blair, Holly Utnage, Elizabeth Barber, Jennifer Vaughn, Dana Winters, and Ashley Sorg.*