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**Media Clips**

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### ***Young Guns Class of 2021 Awards Reception***



Dr. Torie Jackson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and WVU at Parkersburg Foundation President and CEO, was inducted to the Young Guns Class of 2021 during a ceremony held at the Charleston Clay Center on November 17, 2020.

### ***Coplin Health Systems and WVU Parkersburg Announce New Clinic***

Students at West Virginia University (WVU) Parkersburg will soon have access to a new community-based health clinic scheduled to open on campus during the 2021-2022 school year. The new clinic is the latest example of the college's commitment to providing students the resources necessary to achieve academically and personally.

Coplin Health Systems and WVU Parkersburg have formed a partnership to establish a clinic to serve the needs of the college and Mid-Ohio Valley for greater access to health care. The clinic's opening will mark an important milestone in WVU Parkersburg's student services and Coplin Health's community outreach.

"I believe the greatest service we can give our students, faculty, staff, their families and the community at large is high-quality, free or reduced-cost health care available

to them right on our Parkersburg campus,” says Dr. Chris Gilmer, WVU Parkersburg president. “Coplin will be a wonderful partner because of our shared commitment to serve those who are currently underserved.”

Coplin Health Systems, a federally qualified health center, established in 1978 as the Wirt County Health Services Association, currently services Wirt, Jackson and Wood Counties in West Virginia and Meigs County in Ohio with nine different facilities, including three school clinic.

“WVU Parkersburg and Coplin Health have large goals for the campus and community,” says Rob Dudley, Coplin Health Systems CEO. “It is our priority to offer quality, yet affordable, health care and advocate for children and families. We have wonderfully skilled providers and would like to grow our services with the needs of our community.”

### ***WVU Parkersburg***

“I noticed immediately upon joining the Mid-Ohio Valley community how rich this area is with high-quality, nonprofit arts organizations in drama, music, painting, dance and so many other areas.”



WVU Parkersburg continues to expand community resources in the Mid-Ohio Valley. The Center for Civic Engagement is spearheading two projects that will grow community access to jobs, arts and entertainment and sustainable agriculture. Riverhawk Farm and the Arts Collaborative of the Mid-Ohio Valley are both expected to become integral pieces of the Mid-Ohio Valley in 2021.

“The arts broadly defined, are a unique expression of our individual and our collective humanity,” says WVU Parkersburg President Chris Gilmer. “I noticed immediately upon joining the Mid-Ohio Valley community how rich this area is with high-quality, nonprofit arts organizations in drama, music, painting, dance and so many other areas. I knew that I wanted WVU Parkersburg to be actively involved in supporting these organizations and bringing them together to expand their reach through collaboration.”

The Arts Collaborative of the Mid-Ohio Valley comprises of 12 organizations in the area that are working together to ignite the arts district WVU Parkersburg serves as the hub for all these organizations.

“Through a generous grant from The Ross Foundation, we were able to form the Arts Collaborative of the Mid-Ohio Valley, and it is already paying huge dividends by demonstrating to the community that WVU Parkersburg is committed to servant leadership and partnership,” says Gilmer. “Our role here is to support the free-standing nonprofits in advancing their individual strategic directions and in forming a comprehensive strategic direction to continue enhancing the arts for our communities.”

Center for Civic Engagement and Innovation Dean Senta Goudy spearheads the projects through here town and gown relations at the WVU Parkersburg downtown campus located on Market Street.

“The collaborative designed a live calendar that will host virtual events, shopping opportunities, shows and more,” says Goudy. “We’re in the permitting process of creating a downtown marquee that will have cutting edge technology that makes it look more like a television than a traditional sign. The art center was able to create a streetscape that the sign will fit into on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Market.”

Additionally, the collaborative initiated an Artist in Residence program, which featured photographer John Noltner and his “A Peace of Mind” interactive exhibit. Noltner’s work focused on photographing and telling the story of 101 different residents of

Parkersburg. Local businesses used their windows to showcase the finished work. At the end of the exhibit, Noltner projected his work on the side of The Smoot Theatre for a socially-distanced evening of art. According to Goudy, many downtown patrons enjoyed dinner and then visited the projections and listened to Noltner speak.

“The Artist in Residence program will continue as we start to hopefully phase things back in for public art, community groups and encourage more people to come downtown in creating the art,” says Goudy, noting a possible festival this fall in conjunction with the Art Center’s Artober Fest.

While the pandemic continues, the collaborative continues to work on grants that will allow them to occupy empty downtown spaces and create artist incubators when it is safe to gather again. In the meantime, they will work on virtual events like the previous heARTS of the Mid-Ohio Valley Variety Show.

“Every Friday night through the first few months of the pandemic, we provided some sort of heARTS programming,” says Goudy. “The Smoot had recorded videos that we dropped in, The Actors Guild provided vignettes, and we hosted live interviews and performances from local artists like Todd Burge. We were able to help these organizations receive some recognition during COVID and many went on to continue hosting their own virtual events throughout the year.”

While the Arts Collaborative of the Mid-Ohio Valley is full gear, spring brings forth another opportunity in the Riverhawk Farm.

“The happiest days of my childhood were spent on the small farm of my paternal grandparents, helping my grandfather tend the livestock and my grandmother harvest the vegetables in the garden,” says Gilmer. “Well, I am not sure if I really helped or mostly got in the way, but I know that I loved it and that it formed me into the person I am. Agriculture, therefore, is very important to me, and one of the things that brought me to WVU Parkersburg was the promise of bringing Riverhawk Farm back in service.”

Riverhawk Farm is located just a short drive from the college’s main campus. Sitting on 25 acres, the farm will facilitate a farm-to-table initiative that benefits local food pantries with fresh produce, a bee keeping yard, and apple orchard and hobby farming to benefit workforce development. In addition, the farm will produce West Virginia potatoes at least once per year for Mister Bee Potato Chips, headquartered in Parkersburg.



Through the generosity and the vision of Mary Anne Ketelsen to make Mister Bee Potato Chip Co. with locally grown potatoes, we are seeing that dream come to fruition,” says Gilmer. “We are also planning to add academic offering in agribusiness so that area farmers can enhance their skill sets in marketing, accounting, business management and other areas that are necessary to make small family farms a success.”



Goudy reached out to Dr. Billy Stone, a business faculty member at the college, who helped write a business plan for the production of the West Virginia potatoes. They took the plan to Ketlesen, owner of Mister Bee Potato Chip Co., and were able to obtain a grant to grow their first crop of potatoes in West Virginia soil.

A bee keeping yard will also be part of the farm. Currently, the Workforce and Economic Development division hosts two levels of bee keeping courses, but with the addition of the bee keeping yard and in cooperation with the local beekeepers' association, Goudy is hoping to create upper level classes as well.

Education remains a key part of the farm's commitment to the community as the curriculum for the two-year program in sustainable and restorative agriculture is rebuilt. The curriculum will focus not only on job creation in the area but also on being responsible stewards of the land.

“As a community college, we must always focus on the meaning intended for us – to be part of our community, to assist our community,” says Vice President for Institutional Advancement Torie Jackson.

Overall, both projects seek to exemplify the work being done at WVU Parkersburg as it continues to put the community first. The farm will provide fresh produce to the area food pantries, and the arts will see more participation from the community.

“Offering more opportunities for our organizations and businesses in the Mid-Ohio Valley can always have many ripple effects,” says Jackson. “As we allow a local business to grow its own food or as we assist our arts organizations in a unified attempt to enhance the arts, we can only imagine the potential these endeavors will have for our community as a whole. Even if it only helps one, it is always worth the attention of your local community college.”

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### Looking back at 2020: From the pages of ‘The News’

The Pennsboro News

January 6, 2021

**Dec. 9:** COVID-19 cases in the local area continue to climb, but help could soon be on the way. According to figures released by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) during its Tuesday morning briefing, the total number of coronavirus cases confirmed in Ritchie County since the start of the pandemic grew to 215 – an increase of 33 cases in the last week...Two Illinois women were arrested in Ritchie County after allegedly passing counterfeit money at two locations...

Dr. Torie Jackson, vice president of institutional advancement at West Virginia University (WVU) Parkersburg and president and CEO of the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation, has been named a member of the Young Guns Class of 2021 by West Virginia Executive (WVE) magazine...

Paving and lighting upgrades at the Mid-Ohio Valley Technical Institute in St. Marys will be possible thanks to a grant from the state’s School Building Authority, At its meeting Thursday, Nov. 16, the institute’s administrative council learned of funding for those pending improvements...

Ritchie Regional Health Center is pleased to announce the addition of Olivia Miller, APRN, and Chandra Diebold, APRN, PMHNP, to RRHC staff...Gus Morrison, versatile

Rebel football player this season, has been named Player of the Year in the Little Kanawha Conference...

Ritchie County High School softball star Chloe Elliott recently signed a letter-of-intent to continue her career at the college level. Elliott, the daughter of Budge and Merena Elliott, will be attending Seton Hill University, a nationally recognized Catholic Liberal Arts University located in Greensburg, PA. She plans to major in biology and pre-med while pursuing an undergraduate degree. She then plans to attend a veterinary school to land a career as a zoologist.

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### **WVU Parkersburg announces President's and Dean's scholars**

The Inter-Mountain

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<https://www.theintermountain.com/news/communities/2021/01/wvu-parkersburg-announces-presidents-and-deans-scholars/>

PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg is pleased to announce its President's and Dean's scholars for the Fall 2020 semester.

#### President's Scholars

Students on the President's List maintained a 4.0 grade point average while earning 12 or more hours of college credit. The scholars include:

Barbour County — Moatsville: Bailey Nestor;

Hardy County — Wardensville: Morgin Bennett;

Lewis County — Jane Lew: Erica Anderson;

Upshur County – Buckhannon: Vanessa Hedrick.

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### **Biztec, Workforce and Economic Development Board team up for new program**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2021/01/biztec-workforce-development-board-team-up-for-new-program/>

PARKERSBURG — The Workforce Development Board of the Mid-Ohio Valley and local employer Biztec partnered to create a Department of Labor Information



Technology Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) on Friday in Biztec's office on 326 Fifth St. in Parkersburg.

The U.S. Department of Labor also met with WDB-MOV and Biztec to officially recognize and sign the RAP, making it the first RAP sponsorship provided by a local Workforce Development Board in the state of West Virginia.

Biztec, which provides a full suite of IT services to small to medium businesses, saw rapid growth last year seeking assistance from the WDB-MOV. With even more anticipated future workforce need, Biztec decided to fill positions by creating a qualified in-house talent pool through a RAP for its Structured Cabling Installer job positions.

"It's been an exciting time trying to build that. The goal for us was not only to grow the business, but also create a technology hub in Parkersburg," Mike Williams, Biztec President, said.

WDB-MOV will be assisting financially for qualified participants through WIOA training funds. Funding will be provided for classroom training and on the job training components of a DOL RAP.

Through the WDB-MOV, Biztec has been able to use apprenticeships that are in the Computer Information Technology program from West Virginia University at Parkersburg, part of the Learn and Earn program.

Structured Cabling Installer Apprentices will also receive a DOL Nationally Recognized Certificate upon completion of the one-year program. Additional partners will be brought in throughout the state as the program continues to grow.

For the past three years, WDB-MOV focused on RAP Implementation for in-demand industries such as construction trades, healthcare and IT. Close partnerships have been formed with West Virginia Department of Labor Education and Training Representatives, and other program sponsors, so WIOA assistance could be provided to eligible participants and employers.

In an email, WDB-MOV stated it is excited to sponsor Biztec's Structured Cabling Installer RAP to further expand IT career pathway opportunities in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

**Very Spectacular Arts Festival adjusting to life amid pandemic**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Jan. 9, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/01/very-spectacular-arts-festival-adjusting-to-life-amid-pandemic/>

PARKERSBURG — Artsbridge will be presenting its 23rd annual Very Spectacular Arts Festival in a new format for 2021.

This year's theme is "Dreams of Spring" and while the students will be creating their artwork at their own schools, the event will have an exhibit at Grand Central Mall from March 17-May 7.

Traditionally, Very Spectacular Arts Festival takes place at West Virginia University at Parkersburg and brings together nearly 500 special needs students from Wood, Wirt, Pleasants, Jackson, Doddridge, and Roane counties in West Virginia and Washington and Morgan counties in Ohio. The day is typically spent by students exploring multiple hands-on art forms.

"While students are unable to gather in groups, we have found a way to make the festival continue to happen in a meaningful, virtual format," said Amanda Stevens, executive director of Artsbridge. "Art supplies are being delivered to participating schools, along with pre-recorded instructional videos. Students will be creating clay birds and dream catchers. They will also be provided with an interactive, instructional yoga video by Pam Santer," she said.

In early March the projects will be collected and will be set up the mall art display. The teachers at participating schools will be submitting videos of students creating their artwork, singing karaoke, dancing, and doing yoga.



The Guild Builders from the Actors Guild of Parkersburg perform a scene from "Aladdin Jr." during the 2019 Very Spectacular Arts Festival. (Photo Provided)

The video presentation will also be on each school's website or social media page and of course, on the Artsbridge Facebook, website, and YouTube channel. Students will get their projects back after the art exhibit.

"While we do hope the festival can return to its in-person format next year, we are hoping to incorporate the most fun and successful strategies of both formats moving forward," she said.

Each year the VSA festival has a theme and includes lunchtime entertainment and costumed characters that correspond with the theme. In 2019, the event had a hero theme and several local law enforcement officers and firefighters attended in their uniforms.

"We know that our VSA students will miss trying on costumes, playing instruments, and singing karaoke together, we are happy that they are still creating art projects and singing and dancing in their classrooms until we can be together again," Stevens said.

The Very Spectacular Arts Festival committee meets throughout the year to continue planning and improving for the next event. The festival and all of its activities are organized by Artsbridge and hundreds of community volunteers. The event committee chairs are Diane McDonald and Stevens.

The event funding partners include: The PM Company with the Spirit of Giving grant, WVU-P, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History and the National Endowment for the Arts with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, Ohio Arts Council, AMBUCS, the Bernard McDonough Foundation, and Artsbridge.

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### WVUP's Got Talent accepting submissions

WTAP-TV

Jan. 11, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/11/wvups-got-talent-accepting-submissions/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - WVUP is taking submissions for its WVUP's Got Talent competition. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the competition will be held virtually this year.

Students and other members of the campus community may submit videos of dance, acting, comedy, and musical performances, photos of visual art and fashion pieces, written pieces, and more.

The event, which was launched last year, is open to students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

"I wanted to create an event that would allow our campus community to showcase their different talents," said Samantha Suggs, student activities coordinator.



During this time when students and others have fewer opportunities than usual to present their creative work, the university hopes the event will provide a platform for them to do so.

Winners will be announced during a virtual show presented via Facebook Live and YouTube. Contestants will be interviewed and their vides and photos will be presented. Audience members will have the opportunity to participate in live polling, and judges will announce their decision.

The university's president, Chris Gilmer, will serve as one of the five judges, along with others from the campus community.

Submissions may be sent in online here. The deadline is February 2.

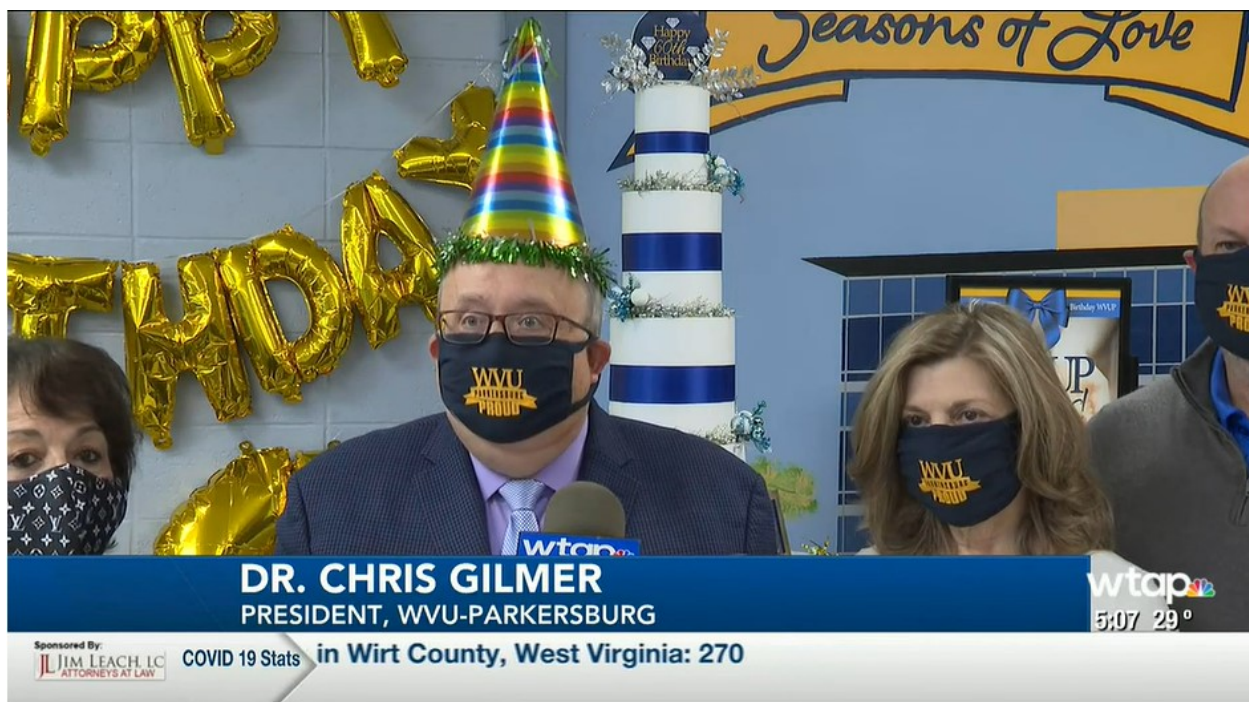
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### WVU-Parkersburg celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> birthday

WTAP-TV [video]

Jan. 12, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/12/wvu-parkersburg-celebrates-60th-birthday/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - West Virginia University at Parkersburg is celebrating a milestone today that will continue for the rest of the year.

The community college is celebrating its 60th birthday today.



The festivities for this occasion aren't going to end after today either.

They have put together a committee that will spread the appreciation that the community has given the college since its start in 1961.

"The idea is that it's an inverted birthday celebration. The communities that we serve and our students have given so much to us over the years we want to use this year as an opportunity to give back to the community," says WVU-Parkersburg president, Chris Gilmer. "So each month we're going to do 'WVU-P Gives.' January is gloves. And we'll be doing other things all throughout the year that we'll give to our students and non-profits throughout the community as a way to say thank you."

The college is planning a celebration next December when they hope that the pandemic is over.

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### **13 Earn Degrees at WVU-P**

The St. Marys Oracle

Jan. 13, 2021

Thirteen local students at West Virginia University at Parkersburg received certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees at graduation in December. Graduates who attained 3.5-4.0 averages earned academic honors, as follows: 3.5-3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude; and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

December graduates included: Belmont: Alexis Carder, AAS, Strategic Communication, Magna Cum Laude; Michelle Neff, AAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; and Erica Pierce, AAS Business Administration and AAS, Business Technology;

St. Marys: Dylan Fitzsimmons, CAS, AAS, Welding Technology, Summa Cum Laude; Chance Hughart, BAT; Dyvan Locke, AAS, Criminal Justice; Miranda Myers, RBA, Magna Cum Laude; Willio Rene, AAS, Welding Technology, Cum Laude; and Mallory Webb, AAS, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude;

Waverly: William Riddle, CAS, Welding Technology; Bryson Shingleton, CAS, Residential and Commercial Electricity; Waverly: and Stevie Florence, BA, Elementary Education. Friendly: Carl Maxwell, CAS, Chemical and Polymer Operator Technology

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### 3D Printing Scholarship

The St. Marys Oracle

Jan. 13, 2020



Jonathon Goodfellow, a junior at St. Marys High School, received a scholarship to participate in West Virginia University at Parkersburg’s Workforce and Economic Development Division Virtual 3D Printer Teen Academy.

The Virtual Teen Academy was open to students 13-17 years old and provided them an immersive learning experience where they received their own 3D printer to build so that they may understand the technology at its fundament pieces.

Goodfellow was selected to receive a scholarship to participate in the academy which waived the cost of \$150 Jonathon was selected due to his interest in 3D printing and the field of computers and drafting.

Jonathon is a member of the Class of 2022 and a proud three-year member of the St. Marys High School marching band. He is the son of Angela and Matthew Goodfellow and holds an overall grade average of 4.03.

In addition to the marching band, he is a member of the Early College Program at SMHS and takes part in the drafting program at MOVTI. Jonathon plans to continue his love of computers in his post-secondary plans by pursuing a degree either in computer engineering, computer science or architecture.

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### **17 county students earn academic honors at WVU-P**

The Pennsboro News

Jan. 13, 2020

Seventeen students from Ritchie County have earned academic honors for the fall semester at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Named to the president's list for perfect 4.0 averages while earning 12 or more hours of college credit were:

Cairo: Fallyn Buffington, Valerie Bircher and Alex Hendrickson.

Harrisville: Alexander King.

Pennsboro: Olivia Vanoy.

Smithville: Brianna Luther.

Named to the dean's list maintained 3.5 averages while earning six or more hours of college credit were:

Cairo: Samantha Hardbarger and Erik Miehrig.

Ellenboro: Morgan Reilly, Shannon Reilly and Trinity Smith.

Harrisville: Chaslyn Jones and Amanda Mowery.

Pennsboro: Kenneth Church and Samantha Waggoner.

Pullman: Evan Napier.

Smithville: Misty Furr and Nichole Tallhamer.

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**5 graduate from WVUP**

The Pennsboro News

Jan. 13, 2020

Five Ritchie County students at West Virginia University at Parkersburg received certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees at graduation in December.

Graduates who attained 3.5-4.0 averages earned academic honors, as follows: 3.5-3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude; and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

December graduates included:

Cairo: Fallyn Buffington, BAS Criminal Justice, Summa Cum Laude.

Ellenboro: Shannon Reilly, RBA.

Harrisville: Margaret Hardbarger, RBA; Laken Stout, BAS, Criminal Justice.

Pennsboro: Olivia Vanoy, AAS, Nursing.

Smithville: India Hodge, CAS, Child Development, Brianna Luther, BAS, Business Administration.

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**WVU-P to continue virtual classes for now**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Jan. 14, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2021/01/wvu-p-to-continue-virtual-classes-for-now/>



The new logo for West Virginia University at Parkersburg was approved by the college's Board of Governors on Wednesday. It features a new design for the school's mascot, Ricky Riverhawk. Two designs were approved and both will have uses. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

**PARKERSBURG** — West Virginia University at Parkersburg will be continuing to hold classes virtually for the foreseeable future while remaining in a good financial position.

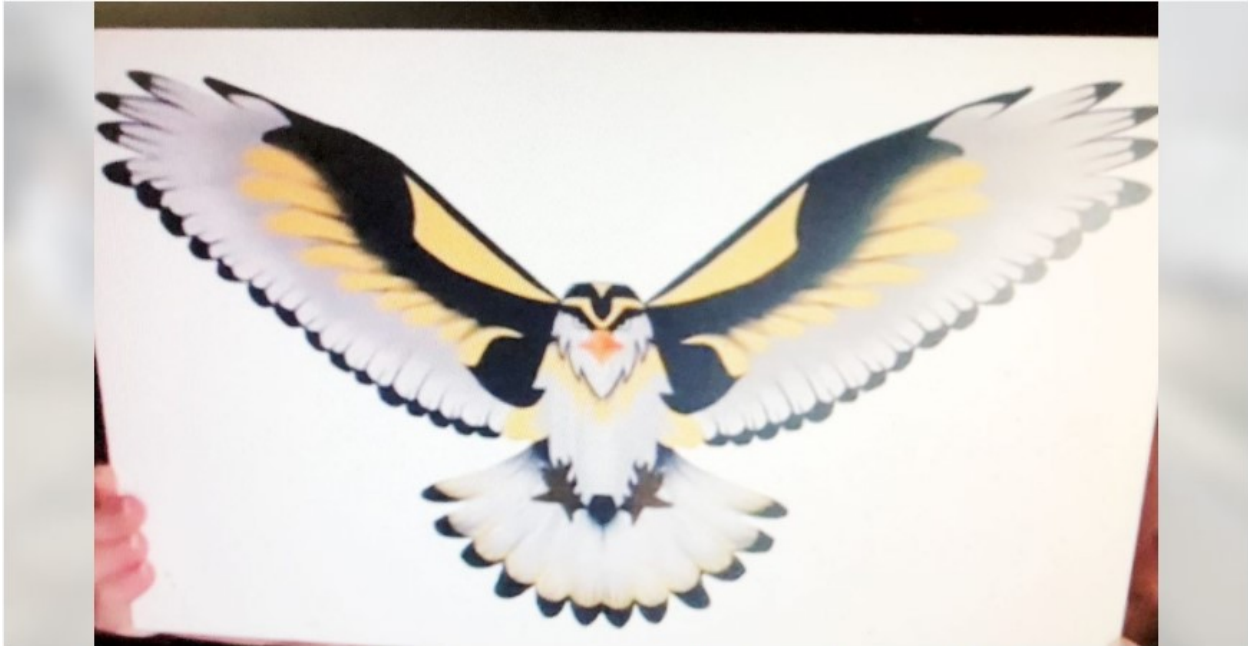
The school's Board of Governors met virtually Wednesday to go over the current responses to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, review the school's annual audit, approve a new logo for the school and more.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, WVU-P will continue to hold all classes virtually, with a limited exception for some labs and technical hands-on classes, for the spring semester, said Brady L. Whipkey, Vice President of Facilities. The college would consider moving back to face-to-face classes if there was a significant change in the trajectory of the pandemic.

"However, that seems highly unlikely," Whipkey said.



In the meantime, mask mandates and social distancing guidelines for campus facilities will remain in place.



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People who receive a positive COVID test are required to work remotely until they are cleared by their doctor and given a release by the health department. Contact tracing would also be conducted. Vaccine distribution is being worked out as there is a limited amount available.

Representatives from Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) went over the annual audit of the university. The audit was conducted 100 percent remotely, said Daniel Persaud of CLA.

"The main impact was the CARES Act funding received by WVU-P," he said.

The university was awarded \$1.7 million while \$934,000 was earned in fiscal year 2020.

Vice President Alice Harris said as of Dec. 31, the halfway point for the current academic year, the university has collected around 57 percent of its projected budgeted annual revenue.

Some income was down on services that have relied on students being on campus like cafeteria services as well as certain workforce training programs and more.

"I don't anticipate where we are with the COVID issue that this is going to change much for this fiscal year," Harris said. "We have been fortunate we have had grants from the U.S. Department of Education for the CARES Act to be able to assist us to fill in for some of the things we have not been able to do because of other revenue sources declining."

The university is showing having over \$2.7 million in money available, but Harris said \$300,000 is from a provision in the CARES Act that allowed them to defer payment of Social Security and Medicare taxes. That money will have to be paid back to the federal government in the future, half at the end of this calendar year and half at the end of the next calendar year.

"We are doing really well in meeting our budget expectations for each line item," Harris said.

The reason for that is a number of line items are only at 10 percent of what they budgeted for due to the pandemic situation, including expenses like food, travel, printing and other things that went along with the normal activities of a regular semester at the university.

"We are collecting less revenue, we are also spending less money," Harris said. "We are still in really good shape in meeting the expectation of meeting our budget."

WVU-P President Chris Gilmer talked about the overall registration for the university.

"Nationally, community colleges have been hardest hit of any higher education sector with overall enrollment down 10 percent, incoming freshman enrollment down 20 percent, and enrollment of historically-underserved students down 30 percent," he said. "It brings me joy to tell you that WVU-P is solidly bucking that trend."

The university's academic team has achieved 100 percent retention of continuing students for spring 2021 compared to spring 2020, Gilmer said.

"This is utterly unheard of in higher education, even in good times," Gilmer said.

The university has achieved a 16 percent increase in new students for the fall 2020 semester and is level for the spring 2021 semester.

"Focusing only on our college student population, I am proud to report to you that we have achieved statistically level enrollment to start spring 2021, making us unique in a

wonderful way among many colleges and universities nationwide,” Gilmer said. “This has not happened by accident.”

The board also approved a new logo for the university.

Recent graduating student Kaitlyn Thompson designed the new logo, highlighting the mascot Ricky Riverhawk, said Vice President Torie Jackson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

There are two versions, one of the bird in flight and another of a head.

The design needed to have a wing span that could be utilized in a number of marketing initiatives and photo backdrops to be utilized by the community. Both versions would have uses going forward, Jackson said.

“We are always looking for ways to connect with our community,” she said, adding that wording and type font will come at a later date.

Thompson said she was given some ideas and came up with the design.

“I was super excited to be given the opportunity,” she said.

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## College News

The Calhoun Chronicle

Jan. 14, 2021

WVU-Parkersburg

West Virginia University at Parkersburg has announced its President’s and Dean’s scholars for the Fall 2020 semester.

Students named to the Dean’s List maintained a 3.5 grade point average while earning six or more hours of college credit. The Calhoun County scholars included Mason Bennett and Mackenzie Holbert of Arnoldsburg and Courtney Lewis of Grantsville.

WVU-P awarded certificates, associate and bachelor’s degrees to December 2020 graduates.

Those who attained a 3.50 to 4.00 grade point average earned academic honors as follows: 3.50-3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-3.99 Magna Cum Laude; and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

The December graduates included: Andrea Frymier, CAS, Child Development, Big Springs, and Monica Heiny, BAS, Child Development, Cum Laude, Grantsville.

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### **WVUP renews commitment to Downtown PKB**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Jan. 16, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/opinion/local-columns/2021/01/wvup-renews-commitment-to-downtown-pkb/>

West Virginia University at Parkersburg renewed its membership in Downtown PKB's Partner Program at a Visionary level. Downtown PKB's Partner Program is *"designed to move our organization forward into the future in terms of financial diversification and serve as a way to connect the community to our mission,"* says Wendy Shriver, executive director of Downtown PKB. We took some time to speak with WVUP and talk about their outlook on downtown Parkersburg and its importance to the college's success.

Q: What appealed to WVU Parkersburg about the Partner Program that could help WVU Parkersburg?

WVU Parkersburg is always interested in partnering with our community organizations whenever possible. As we create a stronger presence in our downtown area with a campus, we want to be able to also show our sponsorship of events – like concerts at the Point and other projects. Downtown PKB's Partner Program is one of the great ways we are able to help enhance our community.

Q: How does WVU Parkersburg want to impact the community?

WVUP wants to impact the community by making clear our commitment that no institution of higher education will ever be more committed than we are to the communities we serve. We are right here, living, and teaching, and learning, and serving among you, 60 years and going strong. We are entirely driven by the desire to serve our students, to create a positive work environment for our employees, and to be the leader in fulfilling the workforce development, academic, and other relevant needs of the communities we serve.

Q: What does WVU Parkersburg want people to know or future students to know about WVU Parkersburg?

We want our students and future students to know that we are just as highly accredited as the larger institutions and that you can get highly personalized attention from our faculty and from staff that can only be offered at a hometown institution. We also want everyone to recognize that we honor and are proud of our legacy as a community college, but that we are also a bachelor's degree-granting university, the only one of its kind in West Virginia. You can literally start and finish your higher education right here at WVUP and save a bundle of money in the process.

Q: Why is a vibrant downtown important to WVU Parkersburg?

WVUP is fully committed to helping nurture a vibrant downtown. We demonstrated our tangible, long-term continuing investment by recently opening a downtown Parkersburg location on Market Street which is a direct extension of the Office of the President and which is building a very important service portfolio in conjunction with business and industry leaders, elected officials, and volunteers. In my view, communities are strengthened by their resident universities, and universities are strengthened by vibrant business communities. One feeds and supports the other, and it moves in both directions.

Q: Anything new and exciting coming up in the new year for WVUP?

This is our 60th birthday year, our diamond birthday. Many exciting announcements of new programs and partnerships are forthcoming this year including our partnership with Coplin Health Systems to open a full-service health clinic on our Parkersburg campus to serve all of our students, employees, their families, and the community-at-large. WVUP supports and is a member of the ARTS of the MOV collaborative, headquartered at our campus downtown. This year we have several surprises that we're bringing to Downtown. We also have some exciting grant applications pending, and we are hoping to be able to further build on our legacy of academic excellence and serving our communities with professionalism. It's a Season of Love at WVUP, and we hope to continue spreading that season far and wide.

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**WVU-Parkersburg employees near full vaccinations for staff volunteers**

WTAP-TV [video]

Jan. 18, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/18/wvu-parkersburg-employees-near-full-vaccinations-for-staff-volunteers/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Employees at West Virginia University at Parkersburg are getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

Governor Jim Justice has added higher education workers to the top of the list for getting vaccinated, opening up workers at WVU-P to get their shots.

Seventy-eight employees have already volunteered to roll up their sleeves, though only 30 have gotten their shots so far.

Another 20 will get theirs on Thursday.

WVU-P president Chris Gilmer says it's important for higher education workers to be inoculated as soon as possible.

"It's important that there is no delay to any of the programs that higher education is trying to implement," says WVU-Parkersburg president, Gilmer. "So, we think it was appropriate and we're grateful that the governor decided to put higher education towards the top of the priority list."

Forty more employees are expected to get their shots when another delivery is made.

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### Coat drive happening for kids to keep them warm

WTAP-TV [video]

Jan. 18, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/18/coat-drive-happening-for-kids-to-keep-them-warm/>

With the winter season getting colder in the Wood County area, some children will not have the protection they need from the weather.

Because of this, the Education Alliance is having a coat drive to help all children to stay warm during these months. It's all a part of their Coats4Kids drive that looks to help the West Virginians that aren't able to shield their children from the cold.

"More than 300,000 West Virginians were living in poverty and struggling to pay their bills before the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of COVID-19, the need for coats this winter is greater than ever before," said Dr. Amelia Courts, the President/CEO of The Education Alliance. "Through the Coats4Kids drive we answer Dr. King's call to serve and are making a difference in the lives of West Virginia residents by helping our neighbors stay safe and warm this winter."

The Coats4Kids drive aims to donate at least 400 articles of winter clothing to help West Virginia families stay warm. Area residents are invited to make a difference in their local community by donating new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. Education Alliance AmeriCorps encourages you to put extra love in your donation by including a note in the pocket of each coat.

People can come to the three different locations in Wood County to provide winter clothing for children during this time.

These areas include Criss Elementary, Williamstown Elementary and West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

It's all in an effort to help the kids of this area who aren't fortunate enough to have the protection they need.

"We're asking for new or gently used winter coats, scarves, toboggans, winter hats, gloves; sets of those." Anything that can help a kid, or even not just an elementary kid

but even if we have sizes for high school kids,” says Education Alliance education vista, Dale Bowyer.

The coat drive will be going on until February 1.

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### **9 graduate from WVU-P**

The Wirt County Journal

Jan. 20, 2021

Nine Wirt County students at West Virginia University at Parkersburg received certificates, associate and bachelor’s degrees at graduation in December.

Graduates who attained 3.5-4.0 averages earned academic honors, as follows: 3.5-3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude; and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

Graduates included: Elizabeth: Addie Bailey, AAS, Nursing, Magna Cum Laude; Deborah Darling, AAS, Legal Studies, Magna Cum Laude; Kaitlyn 9 graduate from WVU-P Frazier, CAS, BAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Cassandra Mason, AAS, Nursing, Cum Laude; Lynsey Munday, AAS, Business Administration; Kaitlyn Thompson, BAS, Communication and Media Studies-Strategic Communication, Magna Cum Laude; and Kaysi Trickett, AAS, Surgical Technology.

Palestine: Brooklyn Smith, CAS, AAS, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude; and Dakota White, AAS, Welding Technology, Magna Cum Laude.

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### **24 earn honors at WVU-P**

The Wirt County Journal

Jan. 20, 2021

Twenty-four local students have earned academic honors for the fall semester at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Named to the president’s list for perfect 4.0 averages while earning 12 or more hours of college credit were

Elizabeth: Addie Bailey, Maggie Bailey, Paul Bunner, Penny Shrader, Katrina Smarr, Shannon Stanley and Kaitlyn Thompson.

Leroy: Aarin Cale.

Palestine: Brooklyn Smith and Stacey Wyer.

Named to the dean's list maintained 3.5 averages while earning six or more hours of college credit were:

LeRoy: Alexis Knopp.

Elizabeth: Toni Cain, Haylee Exline, Kaitlyn Frazier, Beth Goodwin, Lexis Hill, Cassandra Mason, Jenna Mathess, Sierra Runner, Lauren Somerville, Nicole Wood and Amber Yoak.

Palestine: Emily Shearlock and Dakota White.

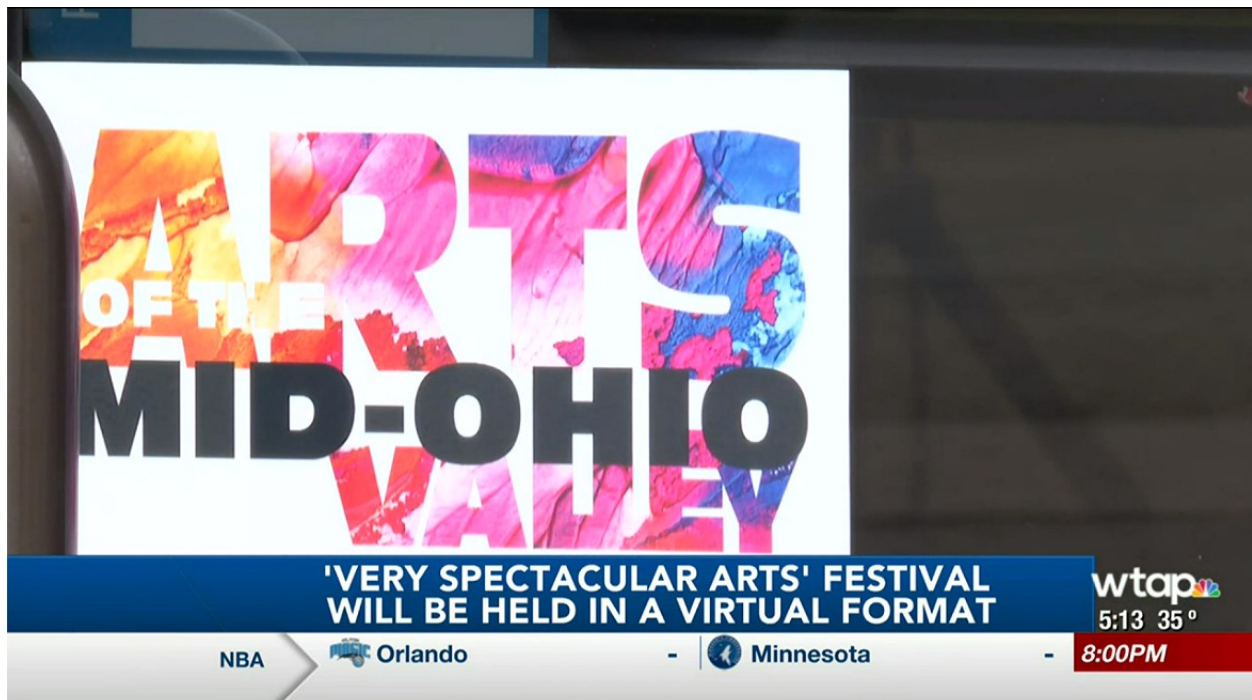
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### This years' 'Very Spectacular Arts Festival' will be held virtually

WTAP-TV [video]

Jan. 20, 2020

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/20/this-years-very-spectacular-arts-festival-will-be-held-virtually/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - This year's 'Very Spectacular Art's' Festival will be presented in a virtual format.

The festival usually brings nearly 500 special needs students from several counties across the area to WVU-Parkersburg, for a day filled with fun activities, such as playing musical instruments, painting and singing songs.

For this year's event, art supplies and instructional videos will be delivered to participating schools for the students to create clay birds and dream catchers. They will also be provided with an interactive, instructional yoga video by Pam Santer.

In early March, the students artwork will then be collected to be displayed in an exhibit at Grand Central Mall. Students will get their artwork back after the exhibit.

"What we are going to do is we are going to have a beautiful "Very Spectacular Arts" exhibit at Grand Central Mall from the middle of the March until the Middle of May," said Artsbridge Executive Director, Amanda Stevens. "It is going to show their artwork and it is also going to include a video presentation of what we get submitted from their teachers of their completed artwork. The ones of them that want to be on camera doing the yoga or singing. One thing they love at the regular festival, is they love singing karaoke, many of the high school students do."

The artwork will be displayed from March 17th- May 7th.

The video presentation will also be on each school's website or social media page and on the Artsbridge Facebook, website and YouTube channel.

The festival and all of its activities are organized by Artsbridge and community volunteers. The event committee chairs are Diane McDonald and Amanda Stevens.

The funding partners for the event include: The PM Company with the Spirit of Giving grant, WVU-Parkersburg, the WV Department of Arts, Culture, and History and the National Endowment for the Arts with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, Ohio Arts Council, AMBUCS, the Bernard McDonough Foundation, and Artsbridge.

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**Vaccine clinic held at West Virginia University at Parkersburg**

WTAP-TV [video]

Jan. 21, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/21/vaccine-clinic-held-at-west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg/>

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department held the fourth COVID-19 vaccine clinic in Wood County, at the Center for Early Learning on campus of West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

500 doses were given out, all to people who made previous appointments, for their first dose of the vaccine.

The process ran smoothly, as 10 people were given the vaccine at a given time, and each appointment was made in six minute windows.

The waitlist to get the vaccine is at 6,000 people as of Thursday, and the Health Department knows the demand is high for the shots.

“We’re hoping to get as many people through as quickly as we can,” said Carrie Brainard, Threat Preparedness Coordinator for the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department. “Whenever we get the vaccines so we can start opening it up to the rest of the population.”

Since Governor Justice announced that the vaccines will be distributed through Everbridge, it is unclear if the current waitlist system will continue when the new distribution system begins on January 25.

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## COVID-19 vaccinations continue in Wood County as resident hope to register

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Jan. 22, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/01/covid-19-vaccinations-continue-in-wood-county-as-residents-hope-to-register/>



Coplin Health Systems LPN Shavonna Jones, left, administers a COVID-19 vaccination dose to Parkersburg resident Nancy Haislep on Thursday during a clinic at West Virginia University at Parkersburg's Center for Early Learning. (Photo by Evan Bevins)

PARKERSBURG — Hundreds more people received their initial COVID-19 vaccine doses Thursday in Wood County.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department's clinic at the Center for Early Learning at West Virginia University at Parkersburg served 530 people ages 65 and older, said Carrie Brainard, threat preparedness coordinator for the department.

As of Thursday afternoon there were approximately 6,000 names on the stand-by list, which people can register for online at <http://bit.ly/movhdccovid> or by calling the 211 information line.

There were originally 500 slots planned at the clinic, but Brainard said they were able to call in additional folks from the stand-by list.

*"We had a few extra doses because sometimes you can pull 11 from a vial instead of 10," she said.*



Dr. Darrin Nichols, right, with Coplin Health Systems, asks questions of Parkersburg resident Deby Showalter before giving her a dose of the COVID-19 vaccine Thursday during a clinic at West Virginia University at Parkersburg's Center for Early Learning. (Photo by Evan Bevins)

In addition, about 40 WVU-P health care students, whose work puts them at a higher risk, were vaccinated at the request of the state, Brainard said.

Among the 65-and-older vaccine recipients Thursday were cousins Nancy Haislep and Deby Showalter, both of Parkersburg.

*"I want to be protected so I can go out of my house,"* said Showalter, adding she's had multiple family members diagnosed with COVID-19.

Showalter and Haislep entered the Center for Early Learning and provided their identification to people at the front desk. They were then taken to one of the tables spaced throughout the building and, after answering some questions about their health and whether they had ever tested positive for the virus, each received a shot.

*"Oh, I didn't feel that,"* Haislep said after the injection was administered in her upper arm by Coplin Health Services LPN Shavonna Jones.



Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department volunteer Ed Goe gives directions to a person arriving at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic Thursday at West Virginia University at Parkersburg. (Photo by Evan Bevins)

She and her cousin were then escorted to a waiting area to sit for 15 minutes to monitor for any side effects.

Gov. Jim Justice announced Thursday that the state is launching an online system Monday for state residents age 65 and older to register for vaccinations at [vaccinate.wv.gov](http://vaccinate.wv.gov). Those without reliable Internet access will be able to register via phone at 1-888-734-0965.

Brainard said people already on the local stand-by list will be added to the state database in the date- and time-stamped order in which they originally registered.

*"People don't have to re-register. They're already on the list, and they will stay on that list,"* she said.

That includes people who did not answer when the Health Department called Wednesday or Thursday to schedule an appointment, Brainard said.

The next local vaccination clinic has not been announced, but Brainard expects it to happen next week.

Parkersburg resident Paul Hildebrand said he's been unable to register himself or his wife for a vaccination locally. He said he had not attempted the online option, although he does have Internet access, because it isn't easy for him to use.

*"It's difficult for me, and I know it's even more difficult for other people,"* Hildebrand said.

He said he could not get through on the 211 line either. It's operated by the United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley, whose executive director, Stacy DeCicco, said they received more than 500 calls both Wednesday and Thursday.

*"We have pulled all staff from all duties, and they have done nothing for two days but field calls,"* DeCicco said. *"So it is extremely likely that callers are not getting answered."*

DeCicco said unanswered calls are directed to the online portal. Callers are asked not to leave voicemails because they are unable to return them.

Hildebrand said he ended up contacting a health department in another county and got on their list. The state is not limiting the residency of people signing up for vaccination clinics, as long as they are West Virginia residents.

Parkersburg resident Susan Sharp said she and her husband took a neighbor over 80 to the Jan. 15 vaccine clinic at the West Virginia Army National Guard Armory and Readiness Center in Williamstown.

*"The execution of it was really flawless,"* she said. *"It's just getting signed up"* that's a challenge.

Unable to get an appointment by phone when the vaccinations opened to those 70 and older last week, Sharp said she signed herself and her husband up for the stand-by list Tuesday. As of Wednesday afternoon, they were still waiting on a call for an appointment.

*"I know that they're doing the best they can,"* she said of the Health Department.

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## WVU Parkersburg celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with WVUP Gives community outreach

Clutch MOV

Jan. 24, 2021

<https://clutchmov.com/wvu-parkersburg-celebrates-60th-birthday-with-wvup-gives-community-outreach/>

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**WVU Parkersburg marks 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with community outreach**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel



Jan. 26, 2021

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### **WVU-P plans monthly projects to celebrate diamond birthday**

The Pennsboro News

Jan. 26, 2020

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The St. Marys Oracle

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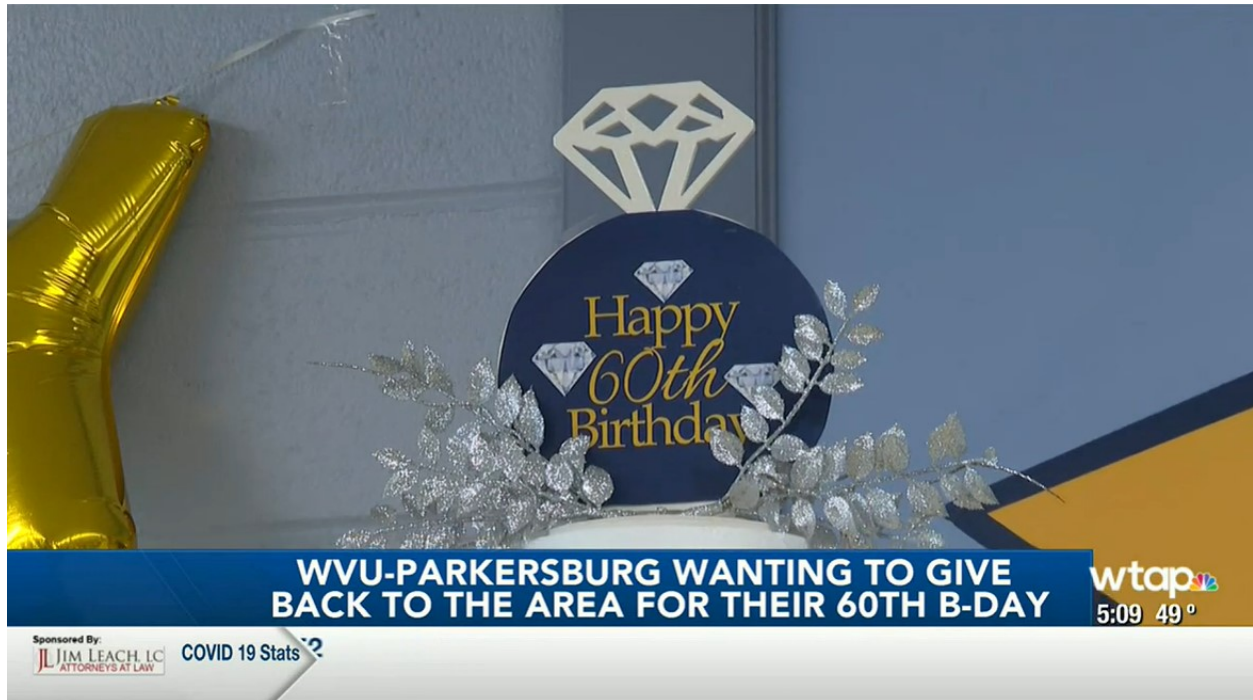
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**WVU-Parkersburg celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by giving back to community**

WTAP-TV [video]

Jan. 26, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/26/wvu-parkersburg-wanting-to-give-back-to-the-area-for-their-60th-birthday/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - As West Virginia University at Parkersburg continues to celebrate its 60th birthday, school officials have placed an emphasis on giving back to the community.

Each month during the year, WVU-P will have a new theme to help generate donations to help the Parkersburg area.

Starting in January, the school began collecting gloves, scarves and hats to help people during colder weather. The school will continue to accept scarves and hats during February and March.

The items will be distributed to food- and clothing-donation facilities such as the Salvation Army, the Children's Home Society, and to fill WVU-P's student-emergency needs.

Anyone who wants to donate gloves, hats or scarves can drop off the items at any of several specially marked boxes around the WVU-P campus, including at the entrances



to the main campus, at the university's Jackson County center and at its Center for Civic Engagement located at 414 Market St. in Parkersburg).

The school is also working on a partnership with Coplin Health Systems to open a new health clinic.

"We are in the early stages of getting a primary health clinic opened here on our Parkersburg campus, President Chris Gilmer said. "And it will serve the community of our campus, but it's also going to serve the greater Parkersburg community as well. So, one of the gifts that we're hoping to give back to the community this year in partnership with Coplin, is a whole new opportunity for primary health care based right here on our campus."

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### Mary Anne Ketelsen Scholarship for W.Va. women

WSAZ-TV [video]

Jan. 26, 2021

<https://www.wsaz.com/2021/01/26/mary-anne-ketelsen-scholarship-for-wva-women/>



HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (WSAZ) - TechConnect West Virginia has announced the creation and initiation of the Mary Anne Ketelsen STEM Scholarship Program to benefit Mountain State women seeking to further their education for careers in the oil

and gas industry. Applications for scholarship funds are now being accepted, with a deadline of March 1, 2021.

Mary Anne Ketelsen is President and CEO of Parkersburg's Mister Bee Potato Chips, a growing small, woman-owned business in a HubZone. She was recognized both as a Distinguished West Virginian by the Governor of West Virginia and a "Wonder Woman" by West Virginia Living magazine in 2020. Mary Anne is a graduate of both West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Glenville State University.

TechConnect West Virginia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of science, technology, entrepreneurship and innovation. Our mission is to diversify the state's economy through technology-based economic development.

[Click here](#) to visit TechConnect.

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### Academic Achiever of the Week: Anna Gathman

WTAP-TV

Jan. 27, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/27/academic-achiever-of-the-week-anna-gathman/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Our Academic Achiever of the Week has played sports her whole life and plans on taking it a step further.

Anna Gathman plays volleyball for Parkersburg South, while maintaining a GPA that's over a 4.0. She takes AP classes and a college credit course as well.

Anna's played team volleyball since sixth grade and it may have boosted her resume, but that's not why she joined. For Anna, it's not about the shiny trophy. It's about the team.

She said, "It seems kind of silly but a lot of people at the time were playing it and it seemed very like a team atmosphere. It's all about being together and trusting your teammates. I think that was a big part of why I wanted to be a part of."

Volleyball isn't the only sport Anna's played. She's been involved with sports since early childhood. She played soccer long before volleyball and even got involved in twirling.

It's a lifestyle that's greatly influenced her career goals. Anna's already been accepted into West Virginia University, where she plans on studying sports management. It's where she discovered her love of watching sports.

She said, "We had tickets to WVU football games and I feel like that's kind of where it started of me just enjoying football and getting to see it."

With a stellar GPA and a long history of balancing academic with sports, you may be wondering where she gets her motivation.

Well, she's always been self-motivated but that stems from family, more specifically, her parents.

"At an early age, my parents definitely instilled in my sister and I that like education is important and just doing our best and being determined to do what we want to do," Anna said.

With a good head on her shoulders, a volleyball under her arm, and her eyes focused intently on the game, this girl's going places.

*Anna is an Early College student who began her journey at WVU Parkersburg in 2019.*

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**Ketelsen looks to boost West Virginia women with scholarship**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Jan. 30, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2021/01/ketelsen-looks-to-boost-west-virginia-women-with-scholarship/>

PARKERSBURG — A scholarship program through TechConnectWV has been created from donations by a Parkersburg businesswoman.

The Mary Anne Ketelsen S.T.E.M. Scholarship Program will make \$22,500 available to women in West Virginia to further their education in preparation for careers in oil and natural gas. Ketelsen is a businesswoman from Parkersburg and the owner of the West Virginia Potato Chip Co., the maker of Mister Bee. Applications for a scholarship are being accepted through March 1.

Mary Anne Ketelsen, a keynote speaker at one of the Women in Technology conferences and successful West Virginia entrepreneur and philanthropist, generously donated funds to TechConnect West Virginia to establish a science, technology, engineering and mathematics scholarship program to support women in the oil and natural gas industry. She also sought to honor the memory of her mother, Mary “Mickey” Welch, a philanthropist and oil and gas industry pioneer.

Those eligible to receive a scholarship must be:

- \* A graduating high school seniors with at least a 3.0 grade point average
- \* Current higher education students in either community/technical colleges or four-year institutions with at least a 3.0 grade point average;
- \* Working adult professionals interested in advancing their careers;
- \* West Virginia resident students attending institutions of higher education in West Virginia or located in an adjoining state of Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.
- \* Willing to commit to work in West Virginia for the first two years of their careers.

In 2021, the scholarship program has \$22,500 available for distribution to qualified female candidates. Recipients will receive a non-renewable award of either \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000. Current applicants must plan to attend institutions of higher learning in 2021 or 2022.

Complete details on the application process are at <https://techconnectwv.org/techconnect-wv-seeks-scholarship-applications/>

Ketelsen is president and CEO of Mister Bee Potato Chips, a growing small, woman-owned business in a HubZone. She was recognized as a Distinguished West Virginian by the governor of West Virginia and a Wonder Woman by “*West Virginia Living*” magazine in 2020.

She is a graduate of West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Glenville State University.

TechConnectWV is a statewide economic development organization dedicated to the advancement of science, technology and the innovation economy in West Virginia.

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### Op-ed: What’s Next?

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel  
Jan. 30, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/opinion/local-columns/2021/01/op-ed-whats-next/>

On a warm afternoon last November, I was on Market Street in downtown Parkersburg and realized, to my own amazement, there wasn’t anywhere else I’d rather be. I was at a sidewalk table, with a great sandwich and a locally brewed beverage, laughing with friends I’d met on a stroll down Market Street.

We had viewed a wonderful exhibit of residents of the Mid-Ohio Valley called “*A Season of Peace*.” WVU Parkersburg had engaged photographer John Noltner as artist-in-residence to create a portrait of our community. More than a hundred people answered the question “*When have you found strength in the midst of struggle?*” and their responses with portraits were hung in store windows along Market Street.

The posters made powerful statements about getting through these times: “*I find strength in my inner self because you don’t know how strong you truly are until all you have left is your will to survive.*” “*I’ve learned no one has all the answers. We’re always learning especially in times of struggle. I find strength in my faith and the people in my life.*” “*Always do your best, believe, and never, never, never give up.*” “*I found strength in the examples set by my parents. Through job changes and family illness, they persevere.*” “*I have found strength in my connectedness. Connection with God, my family and my friends.*” “*This year’s struggles have shown me that our community’s*



*greatest strengths are our ability to be resilient, to persevere, and be supportive of one another."*

As we sat in the cafe, we shared a rich conversation about where strength comes from, sparked by the exhibit. I realized the experience was as good as any trendy spot I had enjoyed elsewhere. It was better, actually, because it was here, in my home, with people I cared about. With all my heart I wanted this place to always be as vibrant as it was at that moment.

That's why I am writing this column today. It is the first in what we hope will be an ongoing conversation about our shared lives here and what it can be. I'm part of a grassroots group, What's Next MOV, that convenes open conversations about the hopes and concerns of people who live here. For our community to be resilient and work for everyone, the voices of all parts of our community need to be heard.

We're calling this column "What's Next?" What's coming in the future that we need to be prepare for? What needs to happen that won't, unless we all make it so? What do we not talk about that needs to be raised? With vaccinations starting, our first question we can all answer:

What is the first thing you are going to do when it's safe again?

Respond on our What's Next MOV Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/WhatsNextMOV>

We'll report back on what people have missed in our next column, and where that might lead us as a community. The basic rule of this conversation is to listen carefully and respond in a spirit of mutual respect, honesty and tolerance. So, join in! Share your thoughts, and read those of others on Facebook. Suggest other questions. What's next for the Mid-Ohio Valley?

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### **WVU Parkersburg names fall graduates, honors list**

The Herald-Dispatch

Feb. 1, 2021

[https://www.herald-dispatch.com/features\\_entertainment/wvu-parkersburg-names-fall-graduates-honor-lists/article\\_9ddddb99-8980-5073-a71f-667c47e4a055.html](https://www.herald-dispatch.com/features_entertainment/wvu-parkersburg-names-fall-graduates-honor-lists/article_9ddddb99-8980-5073-a71f-667c47e4a055.html)

West Virginia University at Parkersburg awarded certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees to December 2020 graduates.

Graduates who attained a 3.50 to 4.00 grade point average (GPA) earned academic honors, as follows: 3.50-3.749, Cum Laude; 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude; and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

The December WVU Parkersburg graduates for Cabell County include:

Huntington: Donnell Reed, AAS, Occupational Development.

Students on the President's List maintained a 4.0 grade point average while earning 12 or more hours of college credit. The scholars include:

Huntington: Taylor Baker.

Milton: Mckenna Meadows.

Students named to the Dean's List maintained a 3.5 grade point average while earning six or more hours of college credit. The scholars include:

Culloden: Breanna Akers.

Huntington: Donnell Reed, Hannah Workman, Karen Workman.

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### **WVUP accepting child care grant applications**

WTAP-TV

Feb. 2, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/02/01/wvup-accepting-child-care-grant-applications/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - WVU-Parkersburg is accepting applications for child care grants through the end of February. Applications may be downloaded online [here](#), and they are due by February 28.

An applicant's eligibility and the amount of support they receive will depend on a number of factors, including the following:

- Number of people in the household
- Daycare hours necessary to cover education and work obligations
- Other assistance programs providing support
- Student enrollment status

The university has enough funding to support several students, though the exact number has not yet been determined because it depends on the amount each grant recipient requires.

All child care providers selected by grant recipients must be licensed by the state of West Virginia as childcare providers.

"Since we no longer have a childcare facility on site, we want to be able to assist students who must now use a different licensed childcare facility. That's why these grants are being provided to enable students the financial assistance needed to care for their children while they attend class," said Dr. Torie Jackson, vice president for institutional advancement.

Those with questions about applying are asked to email Jeannine Ratliffe, business services executive director, at [jeannine.ratliffe@wvup.edu](mailto:jeannine.ratliffe@wvup.edu).

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## WVU-Parkersburg having virtual Black History Month event

WTAP-TV [video]

Feb. 4, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/02/04/wvu-parkersburg-having-virtual-black-history-month-event/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - West Virginia University of Parkersburg is providing a virtual black history event for its students as well as the public.

The commuter college will be hosted by faculty member, Steven Smith.

He is not only the school's first African-American Vice President in the college's executive committee but also the first black Dean and CEO of the Jackson County campus.

Smith will be discussing a background of not only his journey through academia, but also major talking points about Black History Month, and how it has helped other marginalized individuals in America.

"See, what we have to do is realize that, yes it is Black History Month. But, because of the successes of African-Americans the Women's movement benefitted because of it. Other people of colors benefitted because of it," says Smith. "So, there's so many

things that we can talk about in a month, and the shortest month of the year is just not enough. It's just not long enough."

Other important talking points will be current events such as the Black Lives Matter movement and white privilege.

The event will be on February 24 at 12:15 p.m.

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### **WVU-P expands course transfer options**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Feb. 6, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/02/wvu-p-expands-course-transfer-options/>

PARKERSBURG — The WVU Parkersburg Nursing and Health Sciences Division will accept new transfer courses from BridgeValley Community and Technical College and Marshall University.

*"By accepting these courses as transfer equivalency, our students will be ready to take the entrance exam, the HESI A2 and have a better chance of successfully being admitted to the program,"* Kathy Frum, chairperson of the Nursing and Health Sciences Division, said

WVU Parkersburg accepts BIOL 201-Human Anatomy and Physiology I and BIOL 202-Human Anatomy and Physiology II from BridgeValley Community and Technical College. From Marshall University, transfers will be accepted in BSC 227-Human Anatomy, BSC 228 Human Physiology, PHY 201 College Physics I and PHY 211 University Physics I.

Frum anticipates that the quality of the applicants to the program will be enhanced as well as the increase in enrollment numbers in the Nursing and Health Sciences division. Students will continue to be prepared for the HESI A2; however, with the addition of the accepted transfer courses, students will be even more prepared to pass on their first attempt.

*"Accepting these courses permits transfer students to seamlessly continue their education with us, particularly in our health sciences programs. It also reaffirms the*



quality of higher education provided across West Virginia and at home at WVU Parkersburg,” said Provost Chad Crumbaker.

For more information, go to [wvup.edu/nursing](http://wvup.edu/nursing) or Frum at 304 424-8326.

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### WVU-P students see success with criminal justice papers

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Feb. 6, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/02/wvu-p-students-see-success-with-criminal-justice-papers/>



PARKERSBURG — Two students at West Virginia University at Parkersburg have placed in the Fall 2020 West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators Association Paper Competition.

Cody Salvatore of Wood County and Hannah Stephens of Calhoun County will receive a cash prize and their papers will be published in the association’s peer-reviewed journal, the *“Mid-Southern Journal of Criminal Justice.”*

Salvatore, a December 2020 graduate with a bachelor’s of applied science in criminal justice, won first place for his paper *“Diversity in Criminal Justice Education.”*

Stephens won second place for *“Improving Policing: Criticisms and Supports.”* Stephens’ paper addressed the essential principles of policing, issues facing policing today and proposed solutions to problems.

*“It is an amazing feeling to have my paper receive the recognition that it has. I am thrilled to have people read my essay and really think about what it could mean,”* said Stephens. *“Without the classes and expertise I received from my professors, the ideas I explained in my paper would not have taken off.”*

Upon graduation, Stephens plans to become a police officer in the Wood County area.

The Paper Competition is a part of the association’s annual conference and is open to any criminal justice undergraduate student whose institution is a member of the association. WVU Parkersburg has been a member since 2014 and attends the conference to share and listen to the research of faculty, students and criminal justice professionals around the state.

*“I am always inspired by the hard work and perseverance all our students display. Both Cody and Hannah went above and beyond this past fall to perfect their papers and submit them for competition, and I am extremely pleased with their achievements,”* said Andrew Walker, WVU-P assistant professor of criminal justice. *“It is exciting for them to have a paper published in a peer-reviewed journal this early in their academic careers. Their success is one example of the many opportunities our students have here in the criminal justice program at WVU-P.”*

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**Student Athlete of the Week: Rylee Harner**

WTAP-TV [video]

Feb. 9, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/02/09/student-athlete-of-the-week-rylee-harner/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) -

This week's WTAP Student Athlete of the Week is Rylee Harner, a senior at Parkersburg South High School, who is a star for the Lady Patriots basketball team.

Rylee considers herself the vocal leader of the team, which led to her coaches naming her a team captain before her junior year.

Even with all the responsibilities on the court, Rylee is excelling with a 4.1 GPA in school.

Rylee has been accepted to West Virginia University this fall, and she is going to be studying Exercise Physiology.

*Rylee is a WVU Parkersburg Early College student.*

### Three Wood County students named National Merit finalists

WTAP-TV

Feb. 10, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/02/10/three-wood-schools-students-named-national-merit-finalists/>

WOOD COUNTY, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Three Wood County Schools students have been named as 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program finalists.

Cecelia Fatta of Parkersburg High School, Nicholas Murphy of Parkersburg South High School, and Jacob Huggins of Williamstown High School were among the finalists announced this week by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. This marks the 66th year of the scholarship program.

“We could not be more proud of our students and their accomplishments,” said Wood County Schools Superintendent William Hosaflook. “To become a National Merit finalist you have to show not only academic excellence, but the drive to perform at the highest levels.”

High school seniors from throughout the nation compete annually for approximately 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million. More than 90 percent of semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and more than half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

More than 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the semifinalist’s academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and write an essay.

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2021. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit

Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 220 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 180 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,100 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

*Jacob Huggins is a WVU Parkersburg Early College student.*

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### **Eastern, WVU Parkersburg collaborate for education program**

The Associated Press

Feb. 10, 2021

<https://apnews.com/article/science-parkersburg-west-virginia-55f4f25e5b2409fffa857cf7b57e1cb2>

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A partnership allowing Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College students to take an associate's degree and turn it into a bachelor's degree in elementary education at West Virginia University Parkersburg begins this fall.

"This is an accessible and affordable pathway for students and a greatly needed partnership to provide quality educators for West Virginia," Eastern President Chuck Terrell said in a news release from the schools.

"This collaboration with our CTC colleagues at Eastern provides an incredible opportunity for West Virginia students from across the state to pursue the teaching profession without going far from home," WVU Parkersburg Provost Chad Crumbaker said.

Eastern students must complete an associate of science with a concentration in elementary education to be eligible. Concentration and bachelor of arts courses will be offered through WVU Parkersburg on Eastern's campus via Zoom, Live, Blackboard, hybrid or web.

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**Eastern, WVU Parkersburg collaborate for education program**

WVVA

Feb. 10, 2021

<https://wvva.com/2021/02/10/eastern-wvu-parkersburg-collaborate-for-education-program/>

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A partnership allowing Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College students to take an associate's degree and turn it into a bachelor's degree in elementary education at West Virginia University Parkersburg begins this fall. Eastern President Chuck Terrell says it's "an accessible and affordable pathway for students." WVU Parkersburg Provost Chad Crumbaker says it gives West Virginia students a chance to go into teaching without being far from home. Eastern students must complete an associate of science with a concentration in elementary education to be eligible. Courses will be offered through WVU Parkersburg on Eastern's campus via Zoom, Live, Blackboard, hybrid or web.

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**Wood BOE approves new contract for Hosaflook**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Feb. 10, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/02/wood-boe-approves-new-contract-for-hosaflook/>

PARKERSBURG — The Wood County Schools Board of Education unanimously approved both a new contract for Superintendent Will Hosaflook and to transfer over property in south Parkersburg to the city Tuesday evening inside Wood County Schools Central Office.

The contract is a four-year term beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2025. The contract includes yearly pay increases and will see a pay increase for Hosaflook. Previously making \$152,000 in the final year of his three-year contract, Hosaflook will now have an annual salary of \$154,000 and be paid on a bi-monthly basis during the first year.

In the second year, that amount increases to \$155,540, \$157,080 in the third, and then \$158,620 in the final year.

This is the first contract renewal for Hosaflook, after being hired for the position in 2018.

The contract includes several termination clauses, allowing the board to inform Hosaflook of their intent to terminate 90 days prior and paying him 6 months salary as a termination fee, or allowing Hosaflook to give 90 days notice of intent to resign or retire.

*"It is a great honor to continue what we started three years ago. Our school system has so much to offer, from the most resilient and dedicated employees in the state to a very supportive community that believes in our school system. I am honored to be part of such an incredible school system. High expectations for academic excellence will remain as the central focus in Wood County Schools,"* Hosaflook said. *"I cannot begin to thank our employees enough. I have asked a lot from them the past year but they continue to rise to the occasion always doing whatever it takes to provide a well-rounded education for our students. I also would like to thank past and present WCBOE members for their continual support in keeping Wood County at the top,"* he said.

The property transfer involves a project to build a water tower behind Parkersburg South High School's 400 Building on the hill near the high school, on the 3.25 acres of land given to the city from the district. The new water tower will help increase water pressure in south Parkersburg.

As part of his superintendent report, Hosaflook also gave a vaccine update, stating that currently 1,133 have been vaccinated and around 100 employees still wish to be vaccinated.

This past Saturday, at least 440 employees were fully vaccinated with the second round of Pfizer and over 500 shots will be given out to employees this Friday.

Receiving grading data from all the schools in the district and due to dealing with challenges in the fall with remote learning, Hosaflook said the school system will get students caught up over the summer in a very robust summer school program for all grade levels through funds provided by the federal government.

*"I believe our system, I believe that our teachers, that these students will be on track when next year rolls around. We are starting to create a very robust summer school in all grade levels,"* he said. *"I believe that it's very important we just cannot rely just on the grade point averages. We have to believe in our teachers. We have to believe our employees that we will catch up. We will provide the skills necessary to promote kids to the next grade level, and I have full faith and everyone to do so."*

Hosaflook also noted that the district could have a partnership with West Virginia University at Parkersburg, to expand the Wood County cosmetology program. A location could be on the college's campus or a school in the district and will hopefully tie in with an associate degree as well, according to Hosaflook.

*"Everyone thinks it's a great idea, and it still goes back to the partnership with West Virginia University of Parkersburg. If we can make it work, and tie in the associate business degree with the cosmetologist. It's a pretty tough course load and 1,800 hours is what it takes to get to be a cosmetologist,"* he said.

The board unanimously approved a purchase order to C&T Design for additional funds bringing the grand total to \$109,600.51 for the current year. Board President Justin Raber said that part of the funds was approved in last year's budget, but the check wasn't made out until after July 1.

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### **Hannah Stephens Places In WVCJEA Competition**

The Calhoun Chronicle

Feb. 11, 2021



Two West Virginia University-Parkersburg students placed in the 2020 West Virginia Criminal Justice Educators Association (WVCJEA) paper competition.

In addition to winning a cash prize, both students' papers will be published in the association's peer-reviewed journal, "Mid-Southern Journal of Criminal Justice." Early College student Hannah Stephens, a Calhoun County native, won second place for her paper, "Improving Policing: Criticisms and Supports."

Her paper addressed the essential principles of policing, different issues facing policing today, and proposed solutions to those problems.

"It is an amazing feeling to have my paper receive the recognition that it has. I am thrilled to have people read my essay and really think about what it could mean," said Stephens.

"Without the classes and expertise I received from my professors, the ideas that I explained in my paper would not have taken off."

After graduation, Stephens plans to become a police officer in the Wood County area.

The competition is a part of the WVCJEA's annual conference and is open to any criminal justice undergraduate student whose institution is a member of the association.

WVU-Parkersburg has been a member since 2014 and attends the conference to share and listen to the research of faculty, students and criminal justice professionals around the state.

Wood County native Cody Salvatore won first place for his paper, "Diversity in Criminal Justice Education."

"I am always inspired by the hard work and perseverance that all our students display. Both Cody and Hannah went above and beyond this past fall to perfect their papers and submit them for competition, and I am extremely pleased with their achievements," said Andrew Walker, WVU Parkersburg assistant professor of criminal justice.

"It is exciting for them to have a paper published in a peer-reviewed journal this early in their academic careers. Their success is one example of the many opportunities our students have here in the criminal justice program at WVU-P."

Visit [wvup.edu/criminal-justice](http://wvup.edu/criminal-justice) for information or to apply to WVU-Parkersburg's criminal justice program.

## WVU Parkersburg, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College form partnership

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Feb. 13, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2021/02/wvu-parkersburg-eastern-west-virginia-community-and-technical-college-form-partnership/>

PARKERSBURG — Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College and West Virginia University at Parkersburg have entered a partnership where Eastern students can turn their associate of science degrees into bachelors of arts in elementary education at WVU Parkersburg beginning in the fall.

The partnership recognizes the schools' commitment to expanding educational opportunities in the state.

*"Eastern is thrilled to reunite with WVU Parkersburg for a 2+2 partnership in Elementary Education," Eastern President Chuck Terrell said. "This is an accessible and affordable pathway for students and a greatly needed partnership to provide quality educators for West Virginia."*

The state is experiencing significant teacher shortages and ranks near last in the number of residents holding at least a bachelor's. Eastern and WVU Parkersburg's agreement will help meet the state's economic needs and ensure an educated and prepared workforce.

*"This collaboration with our CTC colleagues at Eastern provides an incredible opportunity for West Virginia students from across the state to pursue the teaching profession without going far from home," Chad Crumbaker, WVU Parkersburg provost, said. "We are happy to be again partnering with Eastern for the B.A. and hope to provide additional similar opportunities for our students."*

To be eligible for the program, Eastern students must complete an associate's with a concentration in elementary education. Concentration and bachelor's courses will be offered through WVU Parkersburg on Eastern's campus through Zoom, Live, Blackboard, hybrid or web.

All field placements, including student teaching, will be completed in Eastern's service area and supervised by Sherry Michael, Eastern education programs coordinator.



*"I am very excited to be a part of the WVUP and Eastern 2+2 agreement in Elementary Education, and I look forward to working with everyone involved in the program," Michael said. "With the local need of teachers in our surrounding areas, I know this will be a great opportunity for our colleges and local communities."*

Students who qualify for financial aid will receive aid at Eastern for the first two years. Upon graduation from Eastern and acceptance into WVU Parkersburg's elementary education program, students must re-apply for financial aid at WVU Parkersburg.

*"I'm so excited to be working with the Eastern community again. My last experience working with students from this area was outstanding," said David Lancaster, WVU Parkersburg Education Division chairperson. "We can change our students' lives, and the lives of the children of West Virginia; what an opportunity."*

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### **Miller set to begin coaching career at young age**

Jackson Newspapers

Feb. 14, 2021

<https://www.jacksonnewspapers.com/story/sports/2021/02/14/miller-set-begin-coaching-career-young-age/4482353001/>

Initially, former Ripley High basketball and softball standout Lexi Miller had plans to become a sports medicine physician. She was majoring in bio-chemistry at Concord University.

After transferring to WVU-Parkersburg, Miller switched her focus over to nursing.

While doing well in both fields of study, something completely different was tugging at her heart...the teaching and coaching profession.

Her mother, Sarah, is a teacher at Ripley Elementary. Both her mother and father, Jason, have always been supportive of whatever path she chooses in life.

And now that she has settled on becoming an educator, her days of teaching will begin a little earlier than expected.

While she still has some work to do before getting into a classroom setting, Miller is ready to begin leaving her mark as a teacher on the court and the field.

Miller is getting ready to embark on her first season as the head coach of Ripley Middle School girls basketball.

When she learned the job was open, Miller thought, “I will make it work.”

She’s had experience coaching and feels confident in taking the next step.

“I coached in the youth leagues and Little League softball,” she noted.

Getting a chance to be a part of something she has always loved is a dream come true for the personable 20-year-old.

“I always wanted to do education,” Miller said. “And I wanted to coach. I figured if I was doing nursing and putting in 12-hour days or longer, I’m not going to be able to coach.”

When her schooling is completed, she has her hopes set on working at two different levels in the stages of teaching.

“I would like to do fourth or fifth grade starting out,” she said. “I plan to get my Master’s degree in math after I graduate. So hopefully in the future I can teach math at the high school level.”

Miller will be assisted in basketball by Anna Kimble. The two have been friends for years and played a lot of basketball together growing up.

“She’s passionate about it (coaching),” said Miller of her long-time friend and coaching mate.

Their middle school squad, which has started conditioning as winter sports in West Virginia are relaunched, will consist of 16 players.

“We had gotten in 10 practices (back in November) before things were shut down (due to COVID-19),” Miller said. “We are going to play 14 games and will have both a varsity and jayvee team.”

Not only is Miller going to be heading up the middle school girls basketball program, but has also taken on an assistant's role in girls softball working with head coach Franklin Howerton.

As she gets her feet wet in the coaching business, Miller feels blessed to have learned from some of the best during her playing days.

In basketball, her head coach at Ripley High was John Kennedy.

"I was with him for four years," she said. "I respected him a lot. I'm really close to his daughter and niece. I'm close to that family."

After sitting out of softball as a freshman, Miller returned to the sport she had last played during her youth league days. On the diamond she had the good fortune of being under the guidance of Kenny Swisher.

"I love Coach Swisher. He's a great guy," she said.

Swisher and Miller's mother taught together at Ripley Elementary. "She's the one to put the thought back in my head to play softball. I'm glad I did."

Perhaps no one had a greater influence on Miller at a young age, both as an athlete and student, as did Terry Landis, the former Ripley High athletic great, who coached Miller in basketball at the middle school level.

"I look up to him a lot," she said.

While she is young, Miller appears to be mature beyond her years and is ready to take on the rigors and challenges that come with the coaching scene.

"This is what is going to make me happy," Miller said.

And Lexi Miller's happiness will no doubt be beneficial to many young student/athletes for years to come.

## West Virginia University at Parkersburg plans Black History Month events

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Feb. 15, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/02/west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg-plans-black-history-month-events/>



Steven Smith (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg will celebrate Black History Month with two virtual events, including a keynote talk about diversity with Rodney Smith, vice president for access and engagement at William Jewell College.

The first event, *“A View from a Black Perspective,”* will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday. Sedonie Beckford, a WVU-P student, will interview Steven Smith about his journey through academia, challenges and opportunities facing the Black community and the importance of Black History Month.

Smith is the college’s first Black vice president of enrollment management and the Jackson County Center dean and CEO.

*“This is an opportunity to share a perspective that is often lost in translation, and to provide truth and clarity about racial experiences that can sometimes not be clearly understood,”* Smith said.

The second event, *“Let’s Talk Diversity,”* will be held 12:15 p.m. Feb. 24. Rodney Smith will provide insight into the implications of race and racism in American society and the Black Lives Matter.



Rodney Smith (Photo Provided)

In addition to his roles at William Jewel College, Rodney Smith is a graduate adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Education where he teaches courses addressing racial and ethnic diversity and cultural understanding.

He also published a book, *“Are We Really Crabs in a Barrel: The Truth and Other Insights About the African American Community,”* as well as a chapter in an anthology entitled *“The Trayvon Martin in U.S.: An American Tragedy.”*

Both events may be streamed on WVU-P’s Facebook page ([wvup.edu/live](https://www.facebook.com/wvuparkernburg)) and YouTube channel ([youtube.com/wvuparkernburg](https://www.youtube.com/wvuparkernburg)).

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## WVU Parkersburg and Eastern Form Partnership For Students Seeking 4-Year Degree

The Parsons Advocate

Feb. 15, 2021

<https://parsonsadvocate.com/pa-school/wvu-parkersburg-and-eastern-form-partnership-for-students-seeking-4-year-degree/>

**Moorefield, W.V. (February 9, 2021)** – The opportunity for Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College students to turn their **Associate of Science (A.S.)** degrees into **Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) in Elementary Education** at WVU Parkersburg will begin in Fall 2021. The institutions' partnership formally recognizes their commitment to expanding educational opportunities for the state.

"Eastern is thrilled to reunite with WVU Parkersburg for a 2+2 partnership in Elementary Education," said Eastern President Dr. Chuck Terrell. "This is an accessible and affordable pathway for students and a greatly needed partnership to provide quality educators for West Virginia."

West Virginia is experiencing significant teacher shortages and ranks near last in the number of residents holding at least a bachelor's degree. Eastern and WVU Parkersburg's 2+2 Agreement will help meet the state's economic needs and ensure an educated and prepared workforce.

"This collaboration with our CTC colleagues at Eastern provides an incredible opportunity for West Virginia students from across the state to pursue the teaching profession without going far from home," said WVU Parkersburg Provost Chad Crumbaker. "We are happy to be again partnering with Eastern for the B.A. and hope to provide additional similar opportunities for our students."

To be eligible for the B.A. program, Eastern students must complete an A.S. with a concentration in Elementary Education. Concentration and B.A. courses will be offered through WVU Parkersburg on Eastern's campus via Zoom, Live, Blackboard, hybrid, or web. All field placements, including student teaching, will be completed in Eastern's service area and supervised by Sherry Michael, Eastern Education Programs coordinator.

"I am very excited to be a part of the WVUP and Eastern 2+2 agreement in Elementary Education, and I look forward to working with everyone involved in the program," said Michael. "With the local need for teachers in our surrounding areas, I know this will be a great opportunity for our colleges and local communities."

Students who qualify for financial aid will receive aid at Eastern for the first two years. Upon graduation from Eastern and acceptance into WVU Parkersburg's Elementary Education program, students must re-apply for financial aid at WVU Parkersburg.

"I'm so excited to be working with the Eastern community again. My last experience working with students from this area was outstanding," said Dr. David Lancaster, WVU Parkersburg Education Division chairperson. "We can change our students' lives, and the lives of the children of West Virginia; what an opportunity!"

To learn more about WVU Parkersburg's Elementary Education program, visit [wvup.edu/education](http://wvup.edu/education). To get started on your journey at Eastern, visit [easternwv.edu](http://easternwv.edu).

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### **A tip of the hat from Mister Bee Potato Chips to the Mountaineer Media team**

Mountaineer Media

Feb. 16, 2021

<https://www.mountaineermedia.org/blog/a-tip-of-the-hat-from-mister-bee-potato-chips-to-the-mountaineer-media-team>

Mister Bee Potato Chips – the only potato chip made in West Virginia – is a proud sponsor of Mountaineer Media Podcast. The company's leadership and extended family tips its hat to Cooper Simmerman, Mason Jack, and C.J. Harvey for growing the podcast, blog, merchandise, and website to reach more West Virginians, those who from the Mountain State, as well as those who wish they were.

Mister Bee's CEO Mary Anne Ketelsen was an early guest on Episode #9 of the podcast.

The Queen Bee, who was named a Distinguished West Virginian by the Governor and selected as a Wonder Woman by *West Virginia Living* magazine, enjoyed telling her story and how gratifying it is to be a woman-owned manufacturing business in West Virginia. While her leadership and smart marketing of salty snacks grows the business and employs more West Virginians, she is always looking to give back to the community.

In the summer of 2019, Mary Anne asked our agency if we could design a new chip bag that would pay tribute to Veterans and military personnel. She wanted the sales of each bag to benefit a non-profit organization (In this case, the USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore) that supports our U.S. military, Veterans, and their families.

Thus far, Mister Bee Potato Chips and the Ketelsen family has contributed \$100,000 to the USO-Metro and counting. In January, she was asked by USO-Metro if she would donate chips to help sustain the National Guard troops (500 Guard troops were from W.Va.) in the nation's capital. She responded by shipping 1,000 bags of chips within days of the request.

Mary Anne also supports education at all levels. When she learned her alma mater, WVU at Parkersburg, was planting potatoes among other crops on a 20-acre farm to create a course in agricultural entrepreneurship, the Queen Bee provided funding for a new tractor and other supplies needed to jump start the program. The potatoes harvested in the Fall of 2020 were shipped only a few miles away to the Mister Bee plant and turned into delicious homegrown potato chips.

With a deadline of March 1, the Mary Anne Ketelsen STEM Scholarship program administered by TechConnect West Virginia is [accepting scholarship applications](#) to help women pursuing educational opportunities for careers in the oil and gas industry. The scholarship gift of \$25,000 is in memory of her late mother, Mary "Mickey" Welch, who was a pioneer in the state's oil and gas industry.

Mary Anne is but one of many outstanding West Virginians Cooper, Mason and C.J. will profile in the podcast or feature in their communications. Keep up the good work and enjoy [Mister Bee snacks!](#)

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### **WVUP criminal justice students place in paper competition**

The Marietta Times

Feb. 22, 2021

<https://www.mariettatimes.com/news/2021/02/wvup-criminal-justice-students-place-in-paper-competition/>

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Salvatore, a December 2020 graduate with a bachelor's of applied science in criminal justice, won first place for his paper *"Diversity in Criminal Justice Education."*

Stephens won second place for *“Improving Policing: Criticisms and Supports.”* Stephens’ paper addressed the essential principles of policing, issues facing policing today and proposed solutions to problems.

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Upon graduation, Stephens plans to become a police officer in the Wood County area.

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## WVU Parkersburg plans Memory Garden project

The Pennsboro News

Feb. 24, 2021



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By purchasing a brick inscribed with the name of a student, alumnus or a loved one and a personal message, the WVU-Parkersburg campus will carry that value with it forever.

The memory garden is located on the campus front lawn by the clock-tower. The name of the student, alumnus or loved one's name or message etched on a brick will symbolize the spirit felt when that person's presence was on campus.

Faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni or others can be remembered in the lifetime garden. "The Memory Garden is part of the Eldon Miller Plaza. It is a place where people can honor the legacy or memory of employees, students, staff and faculty of WVU-Parkersburg," said Dr. Torie Jackson, vice president of institutional advancement.

Dr. Miller served as president of the college from 1982-2000.

“It has been in existence for many years. The faculty senate and staff council often purchase bricks for retiring faculty and staff. For many years, they held a pie-in-the-face auction to raise those funds,” Jackson said.

Pricing for the memory garden is one brick with three engraved lines for \$50, two bricks with six engraved lines for \$95, a bench plaque with five engraved lines for \$500 and a planter plaque for five or more engraved lines for \$500.

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The Wirt County Journal

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The St. Marys Oracle

Feb. 24, 2021

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## WVU-Parkersburg invites alumni, staff to participate in Memory Garden

WTAP-TV [video]

Feb. 24, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/02/24/wvu-parkersburg-invites-alumni-staff-to-participate-in-memory-garden/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - With West Virginia University at Parkersburg continuing to celebrate their 60th birthday, they are asking many individuals to get involved in adding to the spirit of the college.

The commuter school is inviting students from the past and present as well as staff and faculty to be involved in commemorating the college's legacy.

People can add to this by placing their name to the memory garden located at the front of the college's building in Parkersburg.



Officials say it's a great way of remembering those that have impacted their lives as a member of the school, and to look back on those times.

"It just brings back a lot of memories and I'm sure it does that for anybody who walks these bricks and just has an opportunity to reflect on not only what they learned while they were here, but all of the times that they had while they were here," says alumni and WVU-Parkersburg institutional advancement vice president, Torie Jackson.

If you are an alumni or part of the commuter college then you can contact the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation at [foundation@wvup.edu](mailto:foundation@wvup.edu) or 304-424-8247 to learn more to be added to the Memory Garden.

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### **Downtown PKB announces Spirit of Downtown winners and Winterfest Royalty**

WTAP-TV

Feb. 25, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/02/25/downtown-pkb-annual-meeting-winners-announced/>

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - Downtown PKB held their annual board of directors meeting on Wednesday virtually on Zoom and Facebook Live.

Following a brief business meeting, Wendy Shriver, executive director, reviewed accomplishments from 2020 and plans for this year. They also presented their annual Spirit of Downtown awards. The winners of these awards included:

The Spirit of Downtown Person of the Year (sponsored by WVU Parkersburg), Jessie Siefert from the Parkersburg Art Center

The Spirit of Downtown Business of the Year (sponsored by Peoples Bank), Wood County Society Artbeat Studio

The Spirit of Downtown Curb Appeal Award (sponsored by the City of Parkersburg), the WV State Office building at 5th and Avery Street

The meeting wrapped up with the introduction and crowning of the Parkersburg Winterfest Royalty:

Pre-Teen: Aeriana Nicolai

Teen: Abby Anderson



Miss: Kelsi Anderson

Queen: Amelia Williams

The Winterfest Royalty will spend the year being ambassadors for Downtown PKB and promoting events and activities.

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### WVUP announces its Women's History Month celebration

WTAP-TV

Feb. 25, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/02/25/wvup-announces-its-womens-history-month-celebration/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - March is Women's History Month, and WVU-Parkersburg will be celebrating with a week of events. The lineup of events will feature both in-person and virtual gatherings. The full list of events includes:

- "Healthy Body" free yoga class
- "Healthy Mind" at-home spa event
- "Crafts and Conversation" night of crafting and socializing
- Social media takeover promoting the voices of women at WVUP
- "Be You" virtual photo gallery

- Distribution of women's history art and supply kits

Additional information about each of these events can be found [online here](#).

Those who would like to participate are asked to register online. Registrants will receive Zoom links to virtual events and the at-home supply kits.

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### **UPDATE: WVUP's Got Talent winner announced**

WTAP-TV

Feb. 26, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/01/11/wvups-got-talent-accepting-submissions/>

WVU-Parkersburg has named the winner of its talent show competition, WVUP's Got Talent.

Olivia Kinder was announced as the winner of this year's competition during a virtual presentation Thursday Night.

In the competition Kinder sang and played guitar. For the grand finale she performed "Fires" by Jordan St. Cyr.

"It was a really special song to me, says Kinder. "I heard it on the radio a few weeks ago and I just fell in love with it."

Kinder was surprised when hearing her name announced as the winner and wants to thank everyone for their support.

"I was honestly shocked; I was not expecting to win at all," explains Kinder. "I even said that at the finale. They said Olivia what are your words, and I was like I'm shocked this even happened. I was not expecting to win. But I give God all the glory."

She won against a total of 10 finalists who competed.

While this year's event was virtual, the community still showed their support for the event and for the students participating.

"It ended up being a fabulous turnout." says Samantha Suggs, WVU-Parkersburg Student Activities Coordinator. We had a great turnout for Peoples Choice Votes and lots of viewers. It was just a fun evening."

This year's event received over 600 People's Choice Votes as the community showed support for their favorite contestants.

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### WVU-P's Got Talent names 2021 winner

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

Feb. 27, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/02/wvu-ps-got-talent-names-2021-winner/>



Olivia Kinder

CHARLESTON — A winner has been named in the second West Virginia University at Parkersburg's Got Talent contest where the finale showcased a variety of talents including singing, playing, comedy, the spoken word and art.

Olivia Kinder, a student in the Associate of Applied Science Child Development program, was named the 2021 WVU-P's Got Talent winner. Kinder performed "Fires" by Jordan St. Cyr.

*"I chose this song because I go through a lot, and I know God is with me no matter what fire I'm in," said Kinder. "I've been singing as long as I can remember, and my family inspires me to do so. I feel like we're always singing together at the house."*

Seven performers and four fine arts contestants battled it out during the virtual show on Feb. 25, but only one took home the first-place trophy and \$100 cash prize.

In addition to the judges' marks, a People's Choice Vote was calculated into each performers' and artists' scores. This year, WVU-P's Got Talent received over 600 People's Choice Votes as audience members showed support for their favorite contestants.

Other finalists were Valerie Bircher, Kalob Byers, Brandi Bush, Jacob Graham, Ryan Manley, Kimberly Matheny, Cameron Plauche, Lauren Sexton and Hannah Stephens.

To watch the WVU-P's Got Talent grand finale, go to [wvup.edu/live](http://wvup.edu/live) or [youtube.com/wvuparkersburg](https://youtube.com/wvuparkersburg). Learn more about the WVU-P's Got Talent show and meet the performers at [wvup.edu/talent](http://wvup.edu/talent).

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### **WVU-P awards \$1.46 million in COVID relief grants**

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

March 2, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/03/wvu-p-awards-1-46m-in-covid-relief-grants/>

PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg has awarded more than \$1.46 million in funding to 1,424 students from COVID relief funds.

The college awarded a \$500 cash grant to every eligible student, plus additional funds to those who indicated greater financial need. Pell-eligible students received \$1,100 and non-Pell-eligible students received \$500.

Students awarded a grant will receive funds as early as Wednesday through the student's requested refund method, by direct deposit, BankMobile VIBE deposit or paper check in the mail.

The funding is in addition to the May 2020 allotment that awarded \$876,544 to 1,046 students with grants ranging from \$650 to \$1,300.

*"We are delighted to be able to support our students in this way. We know so many are persevering through very difficult times to continue their education," WVU Parkersburg President Chris Gilmer said. "We are committed to helping keep their dreams alive, and we hope these significant funds will help them to finish the higher*

*education they have started. As always, our students are our primary mission and concern.”*

These funds are provided through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act to assist students with financial expenses related to COVID-19.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021 established the higher education emergency relief funding.

*“We are so thankful to our elected leaders and other partners in Washington, Charleston and the Mid-Ohio Valley who are providing WVU Parkersburg with additional resources and support during this pandemic,” Gilmer said. “We especially appreciate their vision to make these funds available so that we can offer enhanced support to our students and to the communities we proudly serve.”*

Many students were in some way financially impacted by the disruption of switching to more online courses, Gilmer said.

*“We recognize that all of our students have been challenged financially and in other ways by this pandemic, and we want all of them to know that we support them and are here for them,” he said. “We look forward to welcoming a large number of students for summer school in the coming weeks and a large group of new and returning students for the fall semester.”*

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February 2021

West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Social Media Report

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[facebook.com/wvuparkersburg](https://facebook.com/wvuparkersburg) (@wvuparkersburg)

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Published by Jared Nelson Bailey · February 25 at 5:47 PM · 🌐

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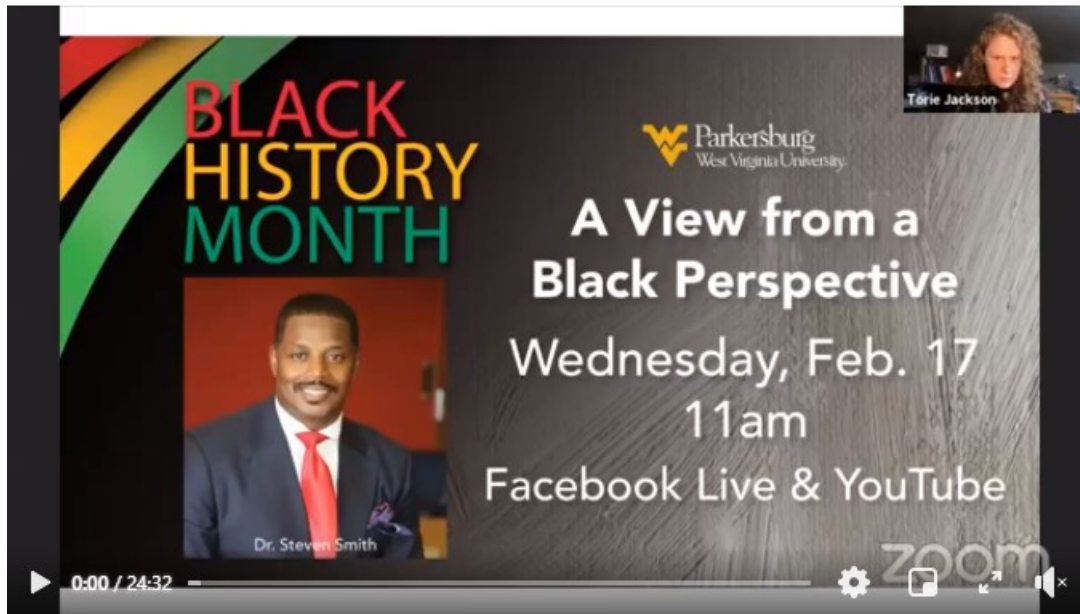


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Published by Rebecca Lynn Rhodes · February 17 at 11:02 AM · 



Join WVU Parkersburg for its first of two virtual [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) Celebrations. "A View from a Black Perspective," features student Sedonie Beckford interviewing Dr. Steven Smith about his journey through academia, challenges and opportunities facing the black community and the importance of [#BHM](#).



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**West Virginia University at Parkersburg**

Published by Rebecca Lynn Rhodes · February 6 at 1:46 PM · 

Our Riverhawks soar! 🦅 Early College student Hannah Stephens and Alumnus Cody Salvatore recently placed in the 2020 WV Criminal Justice Educators Association Paper Competition. 📄 Cody placed first for his paper, "Diversity in Criminal Justice Education," and Hannah placed second for her paper, "Improving Policing: Criticisms and Supports."

Both won a cash prize and will be published in the Mid-Southern Journal of Criminal Justice! Read more about their accomplishments at [htt...](#) **See More**



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[twitter.com/WVUParkersburg](https://twitter.com/WVUParkersburg) (@wvuparkersburg)

Followers (number of people following WVU Parkersburg's account): 1,322

WVU Parkersburg gained 5 followers in February 2021.

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### Top Tweets



**WVU Parkersburg** @WVUParkersburg · Feb 26



Congratulations to Olivia Kinder, the 2021 WVUP's Got Talent winner! We are [#WVUParkersburgProud](#) of her and all of our wonderful performers and fine arts contestants. ❤️🎤💛 Read all about Olivia's win and the WVUP's Got Talent virtual show at [ow.ly/PJq150DKVMY](https://ow.ly/PJq150DKVMY).



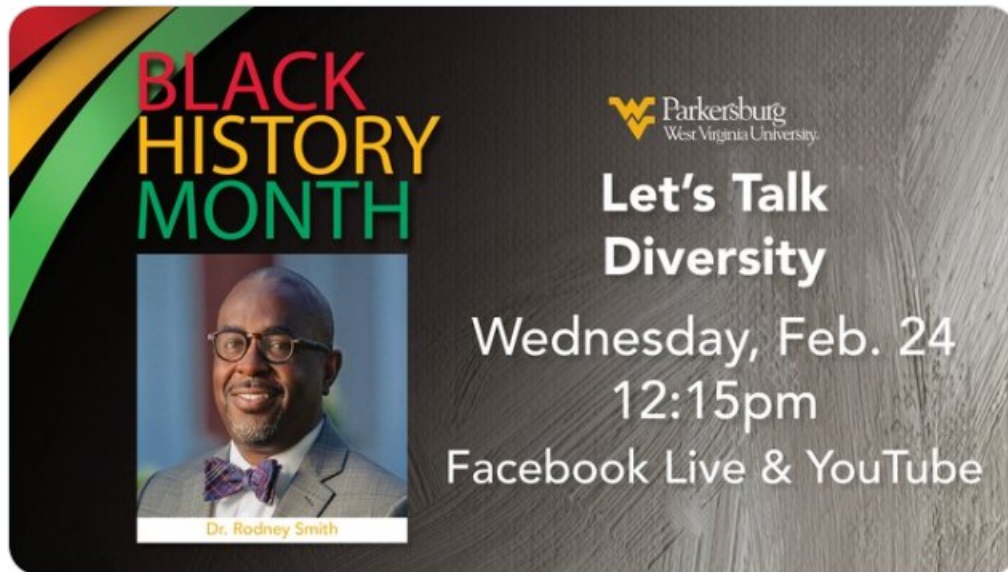




**WVU Parkersburg** @WVUParkersburg · Feb 23



Join us tomorrow for "Let's Talk Diversity," featuring Dr. Smith, who will provide insight into the implications of race and racism in American society, the Black Lives Matter movement and more. Visit [wvup.edu/live](http://wvup.edu/live) or [youtube.com/wvuparkersburg](https://youtube.com/wvuparkersburg) to stream! #BHM 🍌🍌



**WVU Parkersburg** @WVUParkersburg · Feb 16



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**Natasha Lemley** @NatLantica · Feb 15

Just completed the process for my Certificate in Legal Studies! As long as I pass all my current classes, I'll get it in May! Then, with completion of summer & fall 2021 classes, I'll have my Board of Governors degree by December... then on to my RBA! Better late than never!

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“As a kid, I grew up with adverse events, but as long as I had an instrument, even at an early age, I felt safe and comfortable.”

**Ryan Manley**  
WVUP’s Got Talent  
Finalist




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 **wwuparkersburg** Meet Ryan, one of the finalists competing in the 2021 WVUP’s Got Talent show on Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. 📍 Ryan is a returning competitor and is ready to show his worth during the live performance! You can also use your People’s Choice Vote to help Ryan get to the top.


📺 Tune in at [wwup.edu/live](http://wwup.edu/live) or [youtube.com/wwuparkersburg](https://youtube.com/wwuparkersburg).

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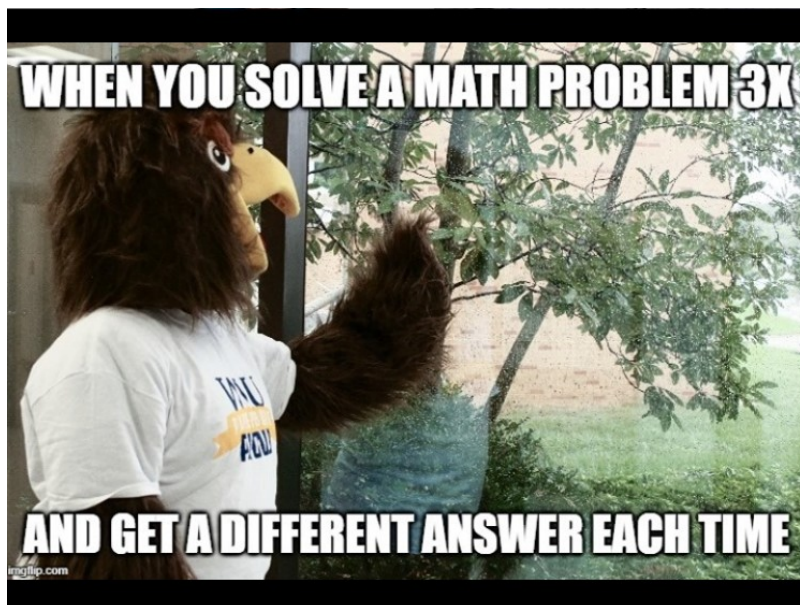
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Did you know Katherine Johnson, "The Computer," 🖨️ was one of the first three black students to enroll in a graduate program at West Virginia University? She went on to work for NASA where her mathematical calculations help put John Glenn into orbit and Apollo 11 on the Moon. 🚀 Originally from White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia has proclaimed August 26 as Katherine Johnson Day. [#BlackHistoryMonth](#)



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