



West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Board of Governors Meeting
Media Clips

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Academic Achiever of the Week: Mariah Evans

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - Mariah Evans is a senior at St. Marys High school with a 4.29 GPA. She has been the President of the class of 2022 for the past four years.

“My main motivation that drives me to succeed is probably my family and friends around me. I really am just driven to succeed to continue on my path after graduation,” said Evans.

She says the next step is to study agriculture at West Virginia University at Parkersburg. From there, she hopes to pursue agricultural business.

“My mom has a floral, so I foresee myself in the future gaining ownership of that business. And with the live stock component agriculture and horticulture business kind of just mix in both. I know that business is something that’s never going to go away and agriculture because we all eat three times a day,” said Evans.

For now, Evans is staying involved at school. On top of being class President, she is also a videographer for the football and boys basketball team, the girls basketball team

manager, boys and girls track manager, and is the President of the Future Farmers of America chapter at St. Marys High School.

She says her favorite part of senior so far has been becoming a “Belle Candidate”-- which is similar to being a finalist for Homecoming Queen.

“I was able to you know, drive in the parade with a tractor and wear my cow girl boots so that was a really cool experience,” said Evans.

Evans looks forward to continuing her education at West Virginia University at Parkersburg in the fall.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg new semester starts with some changes

WTAP-TV [video]

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<https://www.wtap.com/2022/01/10/west-virginia-university-parkersburg-new-semester-starts-with-some-changes/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Students and faculty members were welcomed back to campus on Monday morning as the spring semester for West Virginia University at Parkersburg’s got underway.

With the start of the new semester this means things around campus are changing. One change the school has made is students have the option for in-person classes or the ability to stick to online instruction based on the student's preference. If you decide to attend classes in person the school is requiring the students to wear a mask.

President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, Dr. Chris Gilmer, appreciates the students resiliency during the pandemic.

"The student reaction is always good we have a great student body. They have been resilient and they have rolled with all the punches that the pandemic has brought to them. But they are ready to get back in the classroom face-to-face," Gilmer said.

Gilmer is very excited about the school's Renaissance Program hoping to infuse joy back into learning.

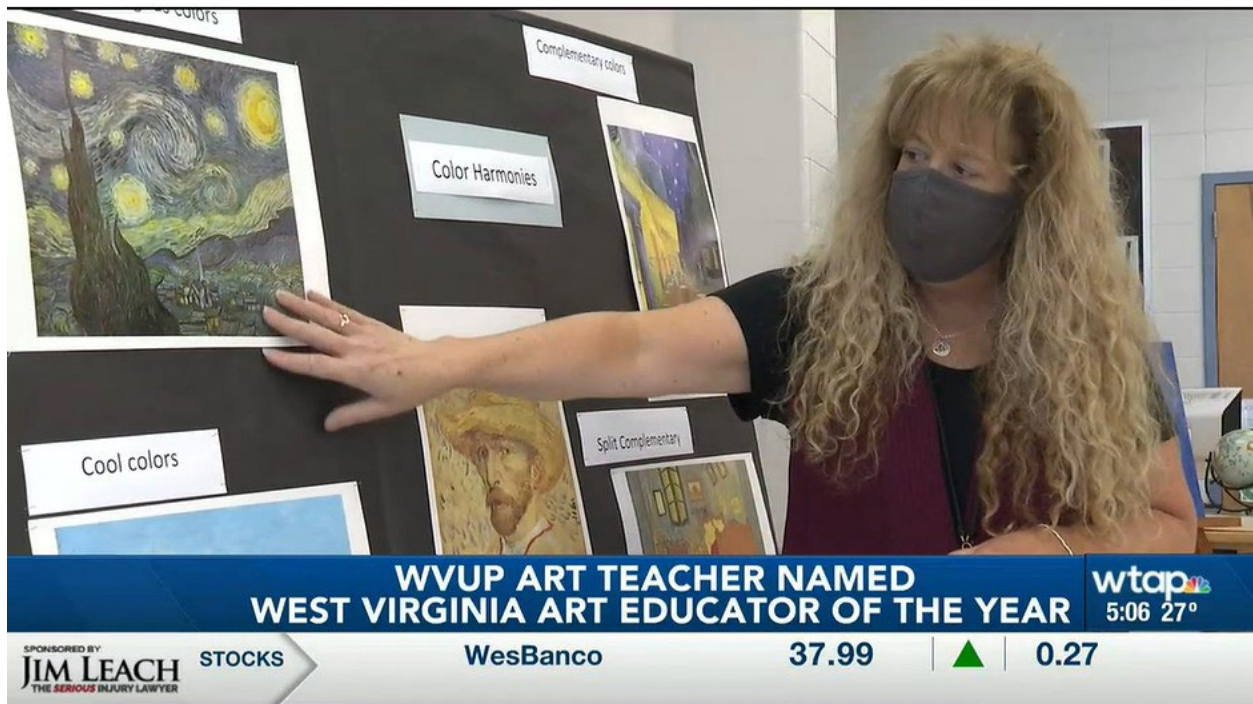
Enrollment rate at the University is currently 100% as the semester kicks-off.

WVUP art teacher wins 'Art Educator of the Year' award

WTAP-TV [video]

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<https://www.wtap.com/2022/01/11/wvup-art-teacher-wins-art-educator-year-award/>



MARIETTA, Ohio (WTAP) -A West Virginia University at Parkersburg teacher is being acknowledged and rewarded for her work as an art educator and for her dedication to her students.

Dr. Lauri Reidmiller, an Associate Professor of Art at WVUP is named West Virginia Art Educator of the year. The award comes from the West Virginia Art Educator Association.

Reidmiller said she started out as a graphic designer and illustrator but said when she became a teacher, she never looked back. She said she is always excited to go to work and be with her students...more now than ever since classes are now back in person.

"I got a plaque and I'm super excited about my little plaque. I already shared it with my students. Even when I got interviewed before I told my students I dedicate it to them because they're the reason why I'm here, they're the reason why I won. I love teaching. I love sharing my information, I love my students," Reidmiller said.

Reidmiller said many of her students said seeing art or any kind of performance has been a big thing they missed during the pandemic. She said she along with her many students have come to really appreciate the importance of art since the onset of the pandemic.

WVUP board approved \$1M to upgrade facilities

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2022/01/wwup-board-approves-1m-to-upgrade-facilities/>



West Virginia University at Parkersburg President Chris Gilmer asked the WVUP Board of Governors for \$1 million from the university's reserve fund to help fund upgrades to the university's farm, business office and other university functions. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

PARKERSBURG — The West Virginia University at Parkersburg Board of Governors approved taking \$1 million out of its reserve fund to carry out upgrades to university facilities.

The money will go toward work that is needed to be done in the university's business office and the Riverhawk Farm as well as to fund a planned integration of marketing with enrollment management, according to University President Chris Gilmer.

Almost the entire board approved the request, with board member Kim McFee voting against it.

Gilmer said the school is expecting to receive a community-directed grant of more than \$500,000 as part of federal money to be approved by Congress and supported by West Virginia's Congressional delegation. The grant is for updating the Riverhawk farm to allow more opportunities in developing agriculture-related programs. The money is expected to be approved no later than February.

"It is everyone's expectation, including staff of our Congressional delegation, that this grant will be funded as part of these bills when passed, but it has been delayed due to the current climate of gridlock in Congress," Gilmer said. "We propose reserve funds to match a portion of the Riverhawk farm grant as needed and to significantly renovate and expand the business office, which is not a physical space conducive to student service and employee productivity, although our team has certainly made the best of it.

"Finally, if approved, a portion of these funds will be used to enhance functions of the one-stop shop and to stimulate enrollment. We are researching the likelihood of using some of our remaining COVID stimulus funds to cover some of the physical plant upgrades. If this turns out to be possible, we would not spend all of the requested reserve transfer."

Since bringing the farm back into operation a couple of years ago, WVUP has entered into a partnership with Mister Bee Potato Chips to grow potatoes. Gilmer said they began growing potatoes before they were fully ready and did not fully abate all of the Johnson grass, considered to be a weed, that has overtaken parts of the farm. Work is needed to be done to deal with that as well as upgrade water systems and other things to handle that situation better.

Gilmer spoke of a potential donation that might be in the works for the farm, but improvements will need to be made on the operation.

"We are going to have to get it up to a certain level of productivity and demonstrate that to the community," he said. *"We need the funds to be able to bring it up to the next level."*

The business office upgrades will help make it more student-friendly to use and access, the president said.

The university has more than \$450,000 of remaining COVID relief funds to use toward the business office upgrades. However, they don't know how much the project will end up costing and want to use part of the money from the reserves to make up any difference.

"We will probably not spend all of the money we are asking for," Gilmer said. *"We don't know how much these open-end projects will cost until we get into them."*

McFee asked if a feasibility study has been done on the farm. She said it has not done very well in the couple years of its operation.

Gilmer countered that they obtained proof of concept in being able to grow potatoes out there.

It did not succeed as well in its second year, because of the Johnson grass infestation and other logistical aspects of running a farming operation, he said. Gilmer took responsibility for the “*get-it-done-now*” approach the farm started with because he didn’t want to lose the partnership with Mister Bee. He said the company has made investments in the farm’s operations for equipment and pays fair market value for the potatoes grown there.

They are trying to back up a little and build a foundation for operations in a strategic approach, Gilmer said.

McFee asked if Gilmer thought the farm would eventually make money and if not, how long the school would carry it.

Gilmer said it may not make money for several years.

“I do believe it has the capacity to generate revenue in the long term,” he said.

Gilmer said McFee’s question could apply to any program at the college, many of which are not self-sustaining and rely on tuition and grant funds to help them.

The farm has the potential to make WVUP a leader in agriculture education in the state if they take the time to grow it properly, he said.

“I can say I believe it will produce income in time,” Gilmer said.

Coats4Kids: Make a difference and help keep a child warm

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/opinion/editorials/2022/01/coats4kids-make-a-difference-and-help-keep-a-child-warm/>

During the recent cold snap, most of us were perhaps a bit uncomfortable, but knew we had enough layers available to us to bundle up properly against the elements. Imagine having faced that harsh cold and snow without a warm coat to protect you from the elements.

Too many kids in our communities do not have to imagine. But, through Jan. 17, you can do something about that.

Education Alliance AmeriCorps is holding its Coats4Kids drive in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service this year. Winter gear of all kinds (not just coats) can be dropped off at various locations; or financial donations can be made at educationalliance.org/coats4kids. Both new and gently used items are accepted.

Financial donation suggestions include \$1 for hand warmers, \$5 for gloves, \$10 for scarves, \$15 for hats and \$25 for coats.

In Wood County, drop-off locations are: Rural King in Parkersburg, WVU Parkersburg, Williamstown Elementary School, and Lemon and Barretts in Mineral Wells. In Pleasants County: Dollar General locations in Belmont and St. Marys, Family Dollar in St. Marys, Galaxy Food Center in St. Marys and Neighborhood Network in St. Marys. In Washington County, donations can be made at Law Heating and Cooling in Belpre.

It doesn't take much to help keep a child warmer this season.

If you thought the giving season was over simply because Christmas lights are coming down, think again. Vulnerable people in our area need our help all year long.

WVU-Parkersburg approves \$1 million in funds for upgrades to agriculture program

WTAP-TV [video]

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<https://www.wtap.com/2022/01/13/wvu-parkersburg-approves-1-million-funds-upgrades-agriculture-program/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - For a long time, the farm next to West Virginia University at Parkersburg went unused. But that changed two years ago when college president, Dr. Chris Gilmer, found a way to create a program around it.

“I grew up on a small farm in Mississippi and have always loved and honored agriculture,” says Gilmer. “And I’ve never been one that liked to have resources underused.”

And so, the Riverhawk farm is giving students an opportunity to learn more about farming and other industries.

“So, we’re hoping to combine traditional agricultural education with business in what’s called ‘agro-business.’ So that our business students have an opportunity to do business plans. Our marketing students have an opportunity to do marketing plans. Our science students have opportunity to run scientific experiments on the farm,” says Gilmer. “And we hope to create a new generation of farmer who is a businessperson and an entrepreneur at the same time.”

The program is already getting the attention of students, including the veterans that go to WVU-Parkersburg.

One official says it's an especially good program for those students, as it's a great way to help them re-adjust after combat, and to have a career after service.

"As they're getting back to civilian life. Their civilian life is focusing on life. Focusing on actually seeing things grow; seeing things nurtured; seeing projects grow from seed to plant to crop to market," says veteran advocate, Darren Shearlock. "So, it's just a great fit for veterans after their military service."

Because of the appeal of this program, Gilmer is looking to expand it further.

And the school will be able to do that now that it has \$1 million in federal grants and the help of area partners.

One such partner is Mr. Bee potato chips, who receive potatoes from the program.

"We listen to our employers, like Mister Bee and others. And we try to create for them the educational pathways that they want their future employees to have," says Gilmer.

Gilmer says that school officials are looking to use their partnerships and funding to upgrade equipment and facilities at the farm. As well as a full renovation to the business office.

"I think universities must either grow and innovate and change with the times or we run the risk of becoming irrelevant. Because our students are changing, the needs of our employers are changing, the world in which we live is changing. So, we can't stand still," says Gilmer.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg president talks reserve fund, enrollment

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2022/01/west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg-president-talks-reserve-fund-enrollment/>

PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg has increased its reserve fund while dealing with fluctuating enrollment numbers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the university president said earlier this week.

President Chris Gilmer told the Board of Governors on Tuesday the university has nearly \$20 million in its reserve fund, an increase of 54% since 2018. Gilmer asked for and got approval to take \$1 million from the reserve fund to cover a number of upgrades to the Riverhawk Farm, the university's business office and more with the understanding that grants, COVID relief money and other funding would pay for majority of the work.

"(The reserve was built up) through responsible and conservative budgeting and spending while still managing to provide everything that our community has needed to carry out our educational mission and much of what it has wanted to enhance that mission," Gilmer said. "Not one employee has missed payroll during the entirety of this pandemic due to layoff, furlough or COVID-based loss of employment as we found creative solutions to keep everyone employed even when we moved to remote work assignments, and we have judiciously spent reserve funds as needed even while building this unprecedented surplus."

Throughout the course of the pandemic, the university has seen a decline in enrollment. At times, early numbers indicated numbers keeping steady or improving over previous years. However, as the pandemic has continued, the university saw some students deciding not to pursue their education at this time.

Gilmer said WVUP's fall 2021 enrollment saw a significant decline, but comparing it to the last three academic years with the three academic years prior to that, the university saw an increase in overall enrollment across all categories of 5.009%. Student retention, a statistic Gilmer said is often overlooked, is up 9% over the past three years and stands at about 17% above the national average for colleges similar to WVUP.

Regarding spring enrollment projections, on Friday, Jan. 7, the university reached 100% percent of projections for overall head count enrollment and 96% in full-time-equivalent enrollment compared to the same day in the spring 2021 enrollment cycle, Gilmer said.

On the same day, the university was well over 100% of projections for Early College students and at 100% in transfer students. Compared to final 2021 spring enrollment, the school was at 97% FTE in an overall comparison across all categories.

"I want to be clear that these numbers are likely to change significantly," Gilmer said. "Although classes have begun, we continue to accept late registration, which will

increase the numbers, and then we will see some erosion of students for non-attendance and other reasons.

"We will not have firm spring enrollment numbers for some time, but I wanted to share ... that we are making a very encouraging start to the semester."

For the spring 2022 semester, the university is offering face-to-face instruction on both campuses in Parkersburg and Jackson County.

"Our faculty and staff are highly creative and committed to student success, and we recognize that face-to-face interaction yields more productive results for our students," Gilmer said. "Our concern for health and safety has not diminished, and we will be updating our COVID-19 protocols this week after meeting with the COVID-19 task force.

"We are providing significant opportunity for choice to our students while attempting to balance with the need for faculty autonomy. Many if not most of our courses for spring can be accessed either face-to-face or through virtual learning options, including live broadcasts in which some students are in class with faculty and some are learning remotely, the modality of learning chosen by each student."

College News

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WVU-Parkersburg

West Virginia University at Parkersburg has announced its President's and Dean's scholars for the Fall 2021 semester. It has also awarded certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees to the graduates.

Graduates 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 WVU Parkersburg graduates include: Calhoun County: Kinley Hosey, AAS, Nursing, Arnoldsburg; Nicholas Bush, CAS, Welding Technology, Summa Cum Laude, Grantsville.

WVU-Parkersburg has also announced its President's and Dean's scholars for the Fall 2021 semester.

President's List students maintained a 4.0 grade point average, while earning 12 or more hours of college credit: Hannah Stephens, Creston.

Dean's List students maintained a 3.5 grade point average, while earning six or more hours of college credit: Mackenzie Holbert, Cheri White, Arnoldsburg; Nicholas Bush, Alexander Petrovsky, Grantsville.

WVU Parkersburg announces Fall 2021 President's and Dean's scholars

The Register-Herald

January 14, 2022

https://www.register-herald.com/news/wvu-parkersburg-announces-fall-2021-presidents-and-deans-scholars/article_827ad82e-a23c-5a56-a294-42aa09b7a90a.html

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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 scholar from The Register-Herald's primary market is:

FAYETTE COUNTY – Ansted: Victoria Boggs

Dean's Scholars

Students named to the Dean's List maintained a 3.5 grade point average while earning six or more hours of college credit. The scholar from The Register-Herald's primary market is:

RALEIGH COUNTY – Beaver: Kailea Sawyers

Established in 1961, West Virginia University at Parkersburg is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Academic credits earned at WVU Parkersburg are transferable to any institution in the West Virginia higher education state system as well as other accredited institutions throughout the country. WVU Parkersburg is the only public community college in West Virginia accredited to offer baccalaureate degrees.

WVU-P Graduates

The Marietta Times

January 14, 2022

<https://www.mariettatimes.com/news/neighborhood-news/2022/01/wvu-p-graduates/>

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BRAXTON COUNTY – Flatwoods: Sydney Skidmore, AAS, Nursing.

CABELL COUNTY – Huntington: McKenna Meadows, CAS, Child Development, Magna Cum Laude; Hannah Workman, CAS, AAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Karen Workman, CAS, Child Development, Magna Cum Laude.

CALHOUN COUNTY – Arnoldsburg: Kinley Hosey, AAS, Nursing. Grantsville: Nicholas Bush, CAS, Welding Technology, Summa Cum Laude.

DODDRIDGE COUNTY – Salem: Natalie James, AAS, Surgical Technology.

GILMER COUNTY – Coxs Mills: Autumn Frymier, AAS, Nursing.

JACKSON COUNTY – Cottageville: Justin Fields, AAS, Nursing. Evans: Lucas Smith, AAS, Nursing, Magna Cum Laude. Ravenswood: Leanna Amos, CAS, BAS, Business Administration; Max Berle, AS, General Education, Magna Cum Laude; Amanda Casto, CAS, AAS, Business Technology; Victoria Hudson, CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Aubrey Nichols, RBA, Cum Laude; Jillian Smith, AAS, Nursing; Hunter Vankirk, AAS, Surgical Technology, Cum Laude; Ripley: Clayton Blankenship, CAS, Welding Technology; Nisha Holley, AA, General Education, BA, Elementary Education, Cum Laude; Michael Holmes, CAS, Chemical and Polymer Operator Technology; Felicia Letart, AAS, BOG; Isaiah Riffe, CAS, Electricity and Instrumentation, CAS, Industrial Maintenance, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, AAS, Multi-Craft Technology, Cum Laude; Olivia Sharp, RBA, Cum Laude; Thomas Stewart, CAS, Criminal Justice; Madison Tanner, CAS, AAS, Legal Studies, Cum Laude. Sandyville: Sara Almashy, CAS, AAS, AS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Julia Holbert, AAS, BOG; Emily Riggs, AAS, Surgical Technology.

KANAWHA COUNTY – Charleston: Stephen Worledge, AAS, Drafting; Dry Branch: Heather Williamson, RBA. Elkview: Hunter Sweeney, AS, General Education, Cum Laude. St. Albans: Lindsey Brewer, AAS, Child Development, Cum Laude.

LOGAN COUNTY – Logan: Ciara Noe, AAS, Child Development.

MARION COUNTY – Fairmont: Michelle Anderson Sawyer, BAS, Child Development.

MARSHALL COUNTY – Glen Easton: Walter Doyle, AAS, Occupational Development, Summa Cum Laude.

MASON COUNTY – Point Pleasant: Marlee Harper, CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Melissa Martin, AAS, Nursing; Carla Stover, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice.

NICHOLAS COUNTY – Craigsville: Taylor Brown, AAS, Child Development.

OHIO COUNTY – Wheeling: Kara Reasbeck, BAS, Child Development.

PLEASANTS COUNTY – St. Marys: Ciara Bennett, BAS, Legal Studies; Jeffrey Bennett, RBA, Cum Laude; Nealy Locke, AAS, Nursing; Trevor Scadden, CAS, Electricity and Instrumentation, CAS, Industrial Maintenance, AAS, Multi-Craft Technology. Waverly: Melissa Parsons, RBA.

PUTNAM COUNTY – Poca: Tammy Naylor, CAS, Business Administration, AAS, Business Technology.

RALEIGH COUNTY – Crab Orchard: Shawna Hopkins, BAS, Child Development, Magna Cum Laude.

RITCHIE COUNTY – Ellenboro: Kristie Campbell, CAS, AAS, BAS, Criminal Justice, Cum Laude. Harrisville: Zachary Knight, AAS, Drafting.

TYLER COUNTY – Middlebourne: Shayla Griffey, BA, Elementary Education, Cum Laude.

WETZEL COUNTY – New Martinsville: Khloe Adkins, CAS, Child Development, Magna Cum Laude; Breanne Carr, AA, General Education.

WIRT COUNTY – Elizabeth: Deborah Darling, BAS, Legal Studies, Magna Cum Laude; LeRoy: Aarin Cale, AAS, Welding Technology, Summa Cum Laude. Palestine: Melody Shearlock, AAS, BOG, Magna Cum Laude; Dakota White, CAS, Residential and Commercial Electricity, Cum Laude.

WOOD COUNTY – Davisville: Johnathan Hitt, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Summa Cum Laude. Mineral Wells: Caroline Affolter, AAS, Nursing; Nicole Carsner, AAS, Surgical Technology; Alexis Feick, CAS, Child Development; Ashtyn Gault, AAS, Nursing; Kaytlyn Harper, CAS, Business Administration; Robert Jarvis, AAS, Welding Technology, Magna Cum Laude; Joshua Mitchell, AAS, Drafting; Kristen Morgan, AAS, Nursing, Cum Laude; Melissa Richards, CAS, Chemical and Polymer Operator Technology; Megan Swearingen, CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Jennifer Ward, RBA. Parkersburg: Lorrie Allman, RBA, Cum Laude; Leea Armstrong, BAS, Child Development, Cum Laude; Brett Barton, CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Justin Blevins, CAS, AAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Sydney Bohn, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice, Cum Laude; Katelyn Carroll, BA, Elementary Education; Karl Church III, AAS, BOG; Jamicha Davis, CAS, AAS, BS, Business Administration; Loki Drummond, AAS, Nursing; David Evans, AAS, Drafting; James Evans, BAS, Supervisory Management; Rodney Ferrell, CAS, Electricity and Instrumentation, CAS, Industrial Maintenance, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, AAS, Multi-Craft Technology, Cum Laude; Laura Gant, AAS, BOG; Rachael Green, AAS, BOG; Joshua Hammer, CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Britney Hersman, BA, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude; John Hickman III, RBA, Cum Laude; Lindsey Hinkle, AAS, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude; Jensen-Diana Hoover, AAS, Business Administration; Olivia Hornbeck, AAS, Business Administration; Kelly Jones, BA, Elementary Education, Cum Laude; Glenna Kaltenecker, RBA; Nina Kwok, AAS, Surgical Technology; James Malson, CAS, AAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Megan McCoy, CAS, Child Development; Randy Merced, CAS, Business Administration; Kris Miller, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology; Savannah Miller, AAS, BS, Business Administration; Alexis Moore, AAS, Nursing; Jessica Morales, CAS, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude; Megan Morgan, AAS, Nursing; Sarina Mullen, RBA, Magna Cum Laude; Coleen Nicoles, AAS, BOG, Magna Cum Laude; Kaylyn Parsons, CAS, Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude; Jacob Pickens, AAS, Nursing; Rachael Pierce, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice; Victoria Poellot-Tauber, CAS, AAS, BAS, BS, Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude; Abram Poling, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice, Cum Laude; Jeffery Rawson, AAS, Welding Technology, Cum Laude; Hanna Richards, BAS, Criminal Justice, Cum Laude; Savannah Ruble, AAS, Welding Technology; Matthew Rush, CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Gregory Sams, CAS, Business Administration, AAS, Strategic Communication, Cum Laude; Linda Sartor, RBA; Hueston Sheppard, CAS, Residential and Commercial Electricity; Turner Shuman, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice; Ashley Smith,

CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Braden Starcher, BAS, Supervisory Management; Anna Sturm, CAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Ean Tustin, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology; Dalton Waits, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Cum Laude; Emerald Workman, AAS, Computer Information Technology; Rockport: Bentley Singleton, AAS, Surgical Technology; Robert Wilson, AAS, BOG; Vienna: Edith Hart, AAS, Surgical Technology, Kathryn Jeffrey, AAS, Surgical Technology; Kaeden King, CAS, Electricity and Instrumentation, CAS, Industrial Maintenance, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, AAS, Multi-Craft Technology; Reagan Layfield, CAS, AAS, Business Administration; Mariah Sands, AA, General Education; Christopher Seebaugh, AAS, Computer Information Technology; Cleo Spader, AAS, Business Administration; Bryan Van Norman, CAS, AAS, AS, BS, Business Administration; Heather Whaley, AAS, Nursing. Walker: Luke Myers, CAS, BAS, Criminal Justice; Washington: Shaun Belcher, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Cum Laude; Kinley Caudle, RBA; Brandon Echard, AS, BAS, Business Administration; Rebecca Eicher, AAS, Nursing; Leah Hitt, AAS, Nursing; Daniel Kelley, AAS, BOG; Kayla Ross, AAS, Nursing. Williamstown: Kathy Dober, CAS, Child Development, Magna Cum Laude; Codie Goots, AAS, Nursing; Brooke Overton, AAS, AS, Business Administration; Ethan Tawney, CAS, Residential and Commercial Electricity, Summa Cum Laude.

FLORIDA – Port St. Lucie: Jessica Catter-Gomez, AAS, Surgical Technology.

GEORGIA – Brooklet: Justin Miller, AAS, Surgical Technology. Macon: Alweera Memon, AAS, Child Development, Cum Laude.

KENTUCKY – Whitesburg: Johnny Collins, AAS, Occupational Development, Magna Cum Laude.

LOUISIANA – Evans: Diana Slusher, RBA.

NORTH CAROLINA – Wake Forest: Christopher Robertson, AAS, BOG, Summa Cum Laude.

OHIO – Belpre: Rebecca Garrett, AAS, Surgical Technology, Cum Laude; Dariyan Jones, AAS, Nursing; James Perkins Jr., AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Magna Cum Laude; Ashley Potter, AAS, BOG; Jeremy Rake, AAS, Nursing; Clarington: Anna Reusser, BAS, Child Development, Cum Laude. Columbus: Heather Cronin, AA, General Education. Gahanna: Leighanne Brown, RBA; Galena: James Taylor, AAS, Occupational Development. Gallipolis: Tiffany Marcum, AAS, Child Development. Little Hocking: Joshua Schwendeman, AAS, Multi-Craft Technology. Marietta: Courtney

Griffiths, CAS, AAS, AS, Business Administration; Katlyn Holsinger, BAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Amanda Page, AAS, BOG; Amanda Snyder, AAS, Legal Studies; Joseph Taranto, AAS, Advanced Manufacturing Technology; Erica Westbrook, AAS, Nursing. Somerset: Aaron Slatzer, AAS, Technical Studies, Summa Cum Laude; Strongsville: Eric Netroe, AAS, Surgical Technology, Cum Laude. Waterford: Katelyn Huck, AAS, Surgical Technology, Cum Laude.

OKLAHOMA – Apache: James Barber IV, AAS, Occupational Development, Magna Cum Laude. Chickasha: Chanda Lewis, AAS, Surgical Technology.

OREGON – Canby: Leigh Brocki, AAS, Technical Studies, Cum Laude.

TEXAS – Ballinger: Daniel Lester, AAS, Occupational Development; Killeen: Christina Shaw, AAS, Surgical Technology.

VIRGINIA – Coeburn: Mark Caldwell, AAS, Occupational Development, Magna Cum Laude; Goode: Kevin Smith, RBA, Cum Laude.

UNITED KINGDOM – Henley on Thames: Berthiaume Betty, AAS, Surgical Technology, Magna Cum Laude.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/opinion/editorials/2022/01/thumbs-up-thumbs-down-265/>

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UP: To word that economic development announcements at the start of the 2022 West Virginia Regular Legislative Session have sparked inquiries from other businesses who are taking a fresh look at the state — including the Mid-Ohio Valley. Employers do not usually operate in isolation. Those who have already chosen to bring jobs to the

Mountain State likely have partners who will now give us a look. The prospect is certainly encouraging.

UP: To those who continue to work to both preserve Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and fulfill his mission. Today we remember a man who knew he would not get to "*the promised land*" with those he encouraged to press on. We must ask ourselves what he would say if he looked at us today and realized just how very far we still have to go.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg Honor Roll

The Marietta Times

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PARKERBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg has announced its President's and Dean's scholars for the Fall 2021 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:

CABELL COUNTY – Lesage: John Legg.

CALHOUN COUNTY – Creston: Hannah Stephens; Spencer: Caroline Northedge.

CLAY COUNTY – Clay: Timothy Crum. Clendenin: Tabitha Adkins.

DODDRIDGE COUNTY – West Union: Amanda Gist; Jared Harris.

FAYETTE COUNTY – Ansted: Victoria Boggs.

JACKSON COUNTY – Cottageville: Alexis Whited. Evans: Noah Carson; Lucas Smith. Kenna: Jahlea Bumpus. LeRoy: Alexis Knopp. Millwood: Taylor Tribett. Ravenswood: Annabelle Alfred; Heavenly Chase; Julie Coberly; Raygan Hickman; Jordan Knotts; Fiona Lane; Emily McCommack; Samantha Pittman; Ea Shanholtzer; Jacob Watson. Ripley: Maggy Criser; Joely Good; Hunter Harper; Gabriel Haynes; Michael Holmes; Skylar Rose; Brooke Shouldis; William White. Sandyville: Patrick Francis; Alexandra Miller.

KANAWHA COUNTY – Charleston: Jody Farmer. St. Albans: Lindsey Brewer.

LEWIS COUNTY – Jane Lew: Erica Anderson.

LINCOLN COUNTY – West Hamlin: Ashley Bowman.

MASON COUNTY – Leon: Jason Bechtle. Letart: Emma Gibbs; Noah Litchfield; Adrianna Stewart; Mason: Joshua Petry. Mount Alto: Conner Grady. Point Pleasant: Benjamin Halley; Hannah Halley; Ally Harper.

PLEASANTS COUNTY – Belmont: Cara Masters; Michelle Neff; Logan White. St. Marys: Erika Becker; Alexis Carder; Ethan Davis; Madison Eaton; Mariah Evans; Emily Hadley; Anondae Hesson; Brandon Lawhon; Katie Lemon; Jessica Lipscomb; Sydney Maston; Josey Moore; Teddi Northrop; Emma Powell; Madison Scott. Waverly: Bryson Shingleton.

PRESTON COUNTY – Bruceton Mills: Ashlynn Phillips.

PUTNAM COUNTY – Liberty: Taylor Myers. Scott Depot: Melissa Melton.

RITCHIE COUNTY – Cairo: Valerie Bircher; Abigail Nichols; Ellenboro: Blaine Bowie. Harrisville: Gavin Easton; Ethan Haught; Daniel McGinnis; Quentin Owens; Pennsboro: Andrew Freeland; Creed Knight.

ROANE COUNTY – Spencer: Riley White; Zachary Whitehouse.

TYLER COUNTY – Friendly: Erica Davis; Thomas Hill. Middlebourne: Zoe Lemasters. Sistersville: Millicent Kehrer.

WIRT COUNTY – Elizabeth: Mikayla Bailey; Deborah Darling; Lexis Hill; Autumn McKenna; Kaeleigh Parsons; Madison Richards; Jessika Vanmeter. LeRoy: Morgan Cale; Palestine: Melody Shearlock; Adeline Sims; Brooklyn Smith; Emma Wyer.

WOOD COUNTY – Belleville: Jenna Mathess; Olivia Smith; Zoey Smith. Davisville: Kailey Elliot; Johnathan Hitt; Eliza Lawrentz. Mineral Wells: Dylan Daley; Rhylea Graham; Robert Jarvis; Jayde Metz; Kristen Morgan; Trinity Phillips; Jennifer Ward. Parkersburg: Alec Barnett; Jaya Bell; Casie Bevins; Justin Blevins; Nicole Buck; Caden Collins; Olivia Dailey; Ashleigh December; Megan Dennis; Loki Drummond; Gage Fiore; Selina Francisco; Lloyd Frazier; Kelsey Golden; Courtney Greathouse; Kirsten Hester; Abigail Homan; Carson Huck; Michaela Hupp; Jacelyn Hyde; Kristofer Jones; Colten Luther; James Malson; Tyler Martin; Kris Miller; Megan Morgan; Sarina Mullen; Ayden Nelson; Kaylyn Parsons; Jessica Perkins; Jacob Pickens; Victoria Poellot-Tauber; Abram Poling; Hanna Richards; Laura Richardson; Harley Saxton; David Sears; Megan

Seevers; Alexander Sidwell; Kaci Sink; Elliot Smith; Angel Spangler; Tiana Tauber; Alexandra Tennant; Reganne Thomas; Nhi Tran; Ashleigh Utt; Yuan Uy; Emily Valentine; Dalton Waits; Olivia Wilson. Rockport: Kaleb Dean; Sharon McCoy; Haley Parsons; Jonathan Winkler; Vienna: James Dauphin; Emily Davis; Devon Fancher; Charles Helmick; Virginia Martin; Cyan Poling; Jaxen Ranson; Bryan Van Norman; Walker: Abigail Farnsworth. Washington: Shaun Belcher; Emily Jones; Heather Lawson; Gracie Lowers; Waverly: Dominic Cartmel; Whitney Kiger; Williamstown: Emma Berman; Devon Dalrymple; Kathy Dober; Aubrey Erwin; Collin Van Horn.

OHIO – Ashland: Jordan Hoffman. Belpre: Chase Baker; Kylee Bethel; Nicholas Hampton; James Perkins Jr.. Beverly: Jadelynne Baker. Coolville: Melissa Graham; Ashley Ward; Cutler: Bethany Steele; Fleming: Gracie Gill-Franks. Little Hocking: Tyler Kerns; Marietta: Bryce Gilbert; Joseph Taranto. New Matamoras: Nicole Haught; Racine: Domenic Nudi. Vincent: Jessica Mosier.

PENNSYLVANIA – Mather: Melissa Rychtarsky.

TENNESSEE – Murfreesboro: Tammy Barr.

Dean's Scholars

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:

BARBOUR COUNTY – Philippi: Megan Rumney.

BOONE COUNTY – Foster: Jacob Ferrell.

CABELL COUNTY – Culloden: Breanna Akers. Huntington: Donnell Reed; Hannah Workman; Karen Workman.

CALHOUN COUNTY – Arnoldsburg: Mackenzie Holbert; Cheri White. Grantsville: Nicholas Bush; Alexander Petrovsky.

CLAY COUNTY – Maysel: Heather Dawson.

DODDRIDGE COUNTY – New Milton: Emily Gola; Trent Gola. Salem: Isaiah Ash; Noah Burnside; Faith Galagar; Jack Hutson; Hailey Keith; Abby McDonough; Nora Sias. West Union: Adam Burnside; Hannah Cochran; Taylor Davis; Emmalea Glaspell; Jaydah Smith; Rylee Spurlock; Alyssa Weekley; Caleb Wekseth; Staclyn White.

GRANT COUNTY – Petersburg: Cayleigh Ketterman.

HARRISON COUNTY – Bristol: Soffi Bee.

JACKSON COUNTY – Cottageville: Kaylin Butler; Makayla Edwards; Jonathan Fields; Ada Freshour; Cortney Gandee; Adam Hoschar. Evans: Jason Barr; Haley Carson; Caden Harpold; Benjamin Smith; Tucker Williams. Gay: Christopher Holcomb; Trevor Price. Given: Hannah White. Kenna: Madison Coon; Sydni Cunningham; Megan Pauley; Samuel Richards; Savanna Stolper; Joseph Wortham. Millwood: Molly McCutcheon; Andrew McDowell; Kayla Scritchfield; Jayme Shaver. Ravenswood: Leanna Amos; Max Berle; Rebecca Burdette; Caylee Carmichael; Amanda Casto; Samantha Eades; Joel Fisher; Jenna Hafer; Natasha Lemley; Sabrina Mills; Nathan Moore; Logan Nelson; Benjamin Queen; Megan Scarberry; Deanna Schindler; Myna Spencer; Tiffany Stepp; Kylee Williams; Kinsey Wolfe. Ripley: Mckenzie Barickman; Clayton Blankenship; Victoria Cochran; Hunter Evans; Miranda Johnson; Anna Kimble; Amanda Lee; Jasmine McClure; Hunter Miller; Micah Ranson; Isaiah Riffe; Zaya Settle; Olivia Sharp; Katelin Sinclair; Alexis Smith; Breeann Stewart; Johnathan Zuniga. Sandyville: Sara Almashy; Kasara DiSciullo; Taylor Moore; David Smith.

JEFFERSON COUNTY – Ranson: Miranda Day.

KANAWHA COUNTY – Charleston: Rebecca Fouts. Elkview: Ashley Eplin; Emma White. St. Albans: Lindsay Holbert.

LINCOLN COUNTY – Alkol: Chasty Vickers.

MARION COUNTY – Fairmont: Tammy Cole.

MARSHALL COUNTY – Glen Easton: Walter Doyle. Moundsville: Mitchel Herbold.

MASON COUNTY – Leon: Valissa Bailes. Letart: Paige Berkley. Mason: Joshua Frye; Payton McFarland. New Haven: Tyler Bumgarner; Trayner Howard. Point Pleasant: Madison Gritt; Grace Haddox; Melissa Martin. West Columbia: Elijah Smith.

OHIO COUNTY – Wheeling: Marlena Jasper.

PLEASANTS COUNTY – Belmont: Kamryn Armstrong; Kyle Jones. Friendly: Hannah Dearth; James Heflin. St. Marys: Allison Amos; Brianna Barker; Edgar Barker; Grant Barnhart; Jenna Barnhart; Summer Bayless; Jeffrey Bennett; Olivia Birkhimer; Riley Boley; Sarah Bowie; Isabella Davis; Mara Eisenbarth; Haley Farson; Rachael Flanagan; Jonathan Goodfellow; Paul Gordon; Charity Hannah; Macy Hilvers; Garrytt Horner; Dillon Johnson; Caraline Lancaster; Natalie Malone; Adriana Matson; Ashley Rankin;

Tacia Rodriguez; Stephanie Satterfield; Luke Webb; Ethan Weikart; Elyssa West; Hailey West; Brayden Whited. Waverly: Kaitlyn Cain; Patricia Miller; Melissa Parsons.

PUTNAM COUNTY – Eleanor: Phaedra Higgs. Poca: Tammy Naylor. Red House: Amanda Blackshire. Scott Depot: Adrien Gibbs; Erica Rhodes. Winfield: Andrew Gillispie.

RALEIGH COUNTY – Beaver: Kailea Sawyers.

RITCHIE COUNTY – Cairo: Bryar Lamp; Andrea Lancaster; Lance Nutter; Jordan Pifer; William Windom. Ellenboro: Zoe Butcher; Brie Butta; Kristie Campbell; Olivia Cress; Trinity Dawe; Madison Hall; Shannon Reilly. Harrisville: Lily Butcher; Emily Griffin; Hannah Kell; Haley Martin; Larissa McDonald; Taylor Osborne; Jillian Schimmel; Mary Spencer. Pennsboro: Sharin Echard; Presley Johnson; Madison Lovejoy; Vanessa Patton; Hannah Ray; Autumn Shepherd; Angelina Starkey; Karissa Weekley; Kiarra Weekley. Pullman: Sarah Kell; Leewood Molessa. Smithville: Katie Rollins.

ROANE COUNTY – Looneyville: Tiffany Pokrandt; Ellie Sayre; Kaydence Steele. Reedy: Julia Emery; Alyvia Freeland; Madison Marshall; Holly Terrell. Spencer: Cody Bartlett; Kolleen Bradley; Emily Chandler; Kaitlyn Clarkson; Mikalah Clarkson; Bethany O'Brien; Madison Rhodes; Kaley Sisk; Emily Stotts; Marleigh Unger; Savannah Unger; Dylan Whiting. Walton: Jamie Huffman.

TYLER COUNTY – Alma: Lea Ahouse; Havannah Lemasters; Shelby Thomas. Friendly: Kashia Brown; Madeline Cecil; Jordan Ebert. Middlebourne: Leah Cathers; Emily Ebert; Walker Hoover; Trinity Kanz; Jacklyn Seagrave; Mallory Westbrook. New Martinsville: Zachary Morris. Paden City: Justin Barker; Alec Chaplin; Jamie Daughtery; Carlee Dye; Carson Gorby; Hannah Shreves. Shirley: Ezra Reed. Sistersville: Garrett Ammons; Nathan Baker; Charles Brown; Audrey Dennis; Emily Gorby; Jesse Griffith; Caitlyn Hayes; Jayden Helmick; Grace Howell; Avery Kemp; Shayli Kocher; Leah Loudin; Mason Nichols; Kaci Shanabarger.

WAYNE COUNTY – Genoa: Michelle Wilkinson. Huntington: Norma Harbolt. Kenova: Tasha Curnutte.

WETZEL COUNTY – New Martinsville: Khloe Adkins; Debra Glendenning; Telah King; Paxton Pierce; Hannah-Renee Riggs.

WIRT COUNTY – Creston: Alexis Starcher; Matthew White. Elizabeth: Nicholas Bain; Madelynn Cogar; Meredith Cottrell; Kylie Cox; Jonathan Daggett; Christian Duskey;

Jordan Hickman; Jody Hill; Ryan Lautar; Haley Moore; Kelsey Moore; Ethan Phillips; Brooklyn Rood; Sierra Runner; Hailey Sams; Cheyann Seevers; Clayton Wooten; Noah Yoak; Emily Young. LeRoy: Grace Wigal. Palestine: Jeremy Davis; Madison Devaughn; Dana Gupton; Riley Nutter; Emmeline Pethtel; Malane Smith; Charles Wells. Walker: Morgan Burks.

WOOD COUNTY – Belleville: Jordan Flinn; Allie Perkins. Davisville: Victoria Delancey. Mineral Wells: Ashley Beall; Natalie Donohew; Mikayla Gessel; Haleigh Kent; Braxton Leisure; Brady McMullen; Michael Navarro; Colton Parsons; Kolton Parsons; Olivia Smedley; Megan Swearingen; Alyssa Tennant; Elizabeth Weaver; Margaret Womack; Chelsey Yates. Parkersburg: Samuel Abels; Lorrie Allman; Chase Anderson; Franklin Angelos; Leea Armstrong; Katelyn Baker; Rikki Barre; Brett Barton; Gideon Barton; Kali Bell; Devon Bertus; Brittany Blevins; Mary Blevins; Sydney Bohn; Dylan Bowers; Kristen Brandjes; Connor Branham; James Braswell; Joseph Bredon-McFarland III; Abigail Broadwater; April Brooks; Hailey Brown; William Burge; Makayla Burns; Tyler Byars; Toni Cain; Sean Carpenter; Amy Cass; Carson Chambers; Alexis Coleman; Garrett Colvin; Hunter Coull; Evan Cowan; Alexis Dailey; Allison Davis; Jonathan Defibaugh; Kira Dowler; Haley Drake; Halley Durkin; Brandy Edgar; Rory Essenmacher; James Evans; Allison Felker; Rodney Ferrell; Shaleigh Ferrell; Tiffany Flinn; Stacey Fordyce; Ashley Fornash; Brianna Francisco; Madison Gainer; Leah Gant; Jaden Garner; Amelia Gesell; Serena Graham; Rachael Green; Kensley Hager; Joshua Hammer; Alexandra Hamric; Cameron Hanshaw; Emily Hastings; Brayden Hatfield; Riley Hilling; Lindsey Hinkle; Shaley Hughes; Marlee Hunt; Amy Hupp; Adrienne Isaacs; Taylor Isaly; Rylee Jones; Karen Kemmerer; Joshua Kopec; Amanda Lan; Blake Lewis; Alexander Life; Christina Longfellow; Michele Looney; Jalissa Mahaney; Brittany Marrone; Steven Marshall; Brittany Martin; Elizabeth Martin; Kimberly Matheny; Travis McDonald; Lauren McDonnell; Alexis McEldowney; Kasey McKinney; Riley McLaughlin; Randy Merced; Chloe Meredith; Hailee Merritt; Kaylee Miller; Robert Miller II; Colin Minear; Toria Moore; Clay Morgan; Melissa Morris; Jessica Morrison; Madison Newbanks; Coleen Nicoles; Sydney Nuckolls; Sharon O'Neill; Andrew Parsons; Lacy Parsons; Rachael Pierce; Lyndsie Pinkston; Tallon Plum; Haylie Polan; Ryann Province; Jeffery Rawson; Noah Ray; Heather Reid; Isabella Reidmiller; Nevada Richards; Ryan Richardson; Kelly Rockhold; Savannah Ruble; Matthew Rush; Gregory Sams; Jadon Sandy; Alyssa Santana; Parker Schartiger; Abrielle Schmitt; Andrea Sears; Timothy Sharp; Makayla Sirk; Amariah Sprouse; Serenity Sprouse; Audrey Sprout; Braden Starcher; Katrina Steelsmith; Anna Sturm; Michelle Sturm; Katherine Taylor; Paul Teltscher; Remy

Toncray; Sherree Townsend; Ean Tustin; Jordan Vannoy; Nicholas Vanway; Jackson Vickers; Devin Vincent; James Voutour; William Watson; Lily Wharton; James White; Guinevere Wigal; Hollie Williamson; Phillip Wilson; Hannah Wingrove; Andrew Woofter; Nelson Woofter; Isaiah Yoak; Bastet Zyla. Rockport: Abigail Lathem. Vienna: Allison Akers; Abigail Anderson; Macey Anderson; Shelby Anderson; Aliana Bennett; Chelsey Betts; Emily Bond; Olivia Casto; Savanna Channell; Katelyn Collins; Grace Curry; Austin Cutlip; Dawson Cyran; Sarah Davis; Kendal Domenick; Anna Earl; Aliyah Fields; Lillian Floyd; Echo Full; Taylor Garner; Chelsea Haught; Emily Higginbotham; Abigail Hines; Carley Holbert; Quentin Kennedy; Dylan Khoury; Kaeden King; Maxwell Lauer; Anna Martin; Hayley McCale; Molly McLean; Ethan Metz; Annette Mildren; Clay Morris; Sofia Olson; Talia Patterson; Beyonce Pierce; Jade Poling; Courtney Rather; Philip Richmond; Mariah Sands; Christopher Seebaugh; Chandler Seita; Riley Smith; Rachel Somerville; Kylie Spencer; Simon Strobl; Cameron Tracewell; Audrey Ungar; David Vanfossen; Jonah Varner; Tyler Walker; Ethan Wanchick; Megan West; Logan Wigal; Rylee Wise. Walker: Devin Cooper; Ivy Hogue. Washington: Priscilla Brady; Chelsea Bunner; Madison Dye; Avery Goldsmith; Hannah Habeb; Taylor Harrison; Cory Hughes; Jackie Hunt; John Johnson; Chasity Kerns; Javier Santelices; Sarah Smith. Waverly: Issac Cutright; Meredith Davis; Zoey Davis; London Flores; Sara Hall; Brianna Winsett. Williamstown: Kaci Adkins; Rickie Allen; Madelyn Anderson; Vanessa Baughan; Chloe Blatt; Gavin Bosgraf; Sarah Brooker; Natalie Chambers; Skyler Chancellor; Alexander Cockerham; Audrey Coiner; Lydia Conner; Connor Elliott; Audrey Fenton; James Fenton; Andrew Florence; Alison Gates; Julian Guckert; Wyatt Hall; Harbor Haught; Kamryn Haynes; Michael Hendrickson; Rainer Holl; Georgie Inman; Alexander Irvin; Shawntel James; Lakyn Joy; Lindsey Keller; Halley Landis; Chloe Lightfritz; Ivy Linger; Ethan McIntyre; Ella McMullen; Macy Morgan; Riley Oblisk; Landon Richards; Maybree Rinard; Jaina Rinehart; Alexis Sivard; Avery Smith; Willow Somerville; Kaden Spencer; Karly Startcher; Alyssa Stump; Ethan Tawney; Kevin Townsend; Katelynn Tucker; Conner Walker; Gabrielle West; Mason Westfall; Logan White; Payton Woodard.

FLORIDA – Ocala: Danielle Mann. Tamarac: Sarah Quick.

GEORGIA – Macon: Alweera Memon. Dawsonville: Amy Brookins.

KENTUCKY – Ashland: Cody Wood. Prestonburg: Daniel Music. Rush: Jamessa Reese. Salyersville: Ryan Newsome.

OHIO – Belpre: Kelly Byrne; Sydney Coler; Megan Gorham; Sabrina Lincoln; Jasin Plaucher; Carla Rasmussen; Whitley Uppole; Kimberly Weiner. Carroll: Wesley Yors. Chillicothe: Benjamin Jones. Clarington: Anna Reusser. Cutler: Christy Barton; Alexander Eckhart. Delta: Brian Bick. East Sparta: Abigail Martin. Fleming: Rebecca Gilliland; Jessica Knadler; Hunter Schrader; Matthew Stuckert. Galena: James Taylor. Hamden: Yvonne Coleman. Lower Salem: Kelly Casto. Malta: Tori Gormley. Marietta: Julie Elliot; Madeline Hawkins; Emily Hinton; Katlyn Holsinger; Casey Miller-Witham; Anna Moening; Amanda Page; Chante Rake; Jared Smith. Powell: Andrew Matson. Reedsville: Brandi Durst; Melissa Cowdery. Rutland: Shalynn Mitchell. Somerset: Aaron Slatzer. Vincent: Shirley Clatworthy; Brayden Hanes; Ethan Lang. Waterford: Hannah Guiler.

OKLAHOMA – Apache: James Barber IV.

OREGON – Canby: Leigh Brocki.

TEXAS – Donna: Julio De Leon. Killeen: Christina Shaw. Lyford: Eleazar Rangel.

VIRGINIA – Coeburn: Mark Caldwell. Goode: Kevin Smith.

UNITED KINGDOM – Henley on Thames: Berthiaume Betty.

41 Ritchie County students on honor lists at WVUP

The Pennsboro News

January 19, 2022

Forty-one students from Ritchie County earned academic honors for the fall semester at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Students on the president's list maintained 4.0 averages while earning 12 or more hours of college credit. The scholars included:

Cairo: Valerie Bircher and Abigail Nichols.

Ellenboro: Blaine Bowie.

Harrisville: Gavin Easton, Ethan Hought, Daniel McGinnis and Quentin Owens.

Pennsboro: Andrew Freeland and Creed Knight.

Dean's list honorees with averages from 3.5-3.99 included:

Cairo: Bryar Lamp, Andrea Lancaster, Lance Nutter, Jordan Pifer and William Windom.

Ellenboro: Zoe Butcher, Brie Butta, Kristie Campbell, Olivia Cress, Trinity Dawe, Madison Hall and Shannon Reilly.

Harrisville: Lily Butcher, Emily Griffin, Hannah Kell, Haley Martin, Larissa McDonald, Taylor Osborne, Jillian Schimmel and Mary Spencer.

Pennsboro: Sharin Echard, Presley Johnson, Madison Lovejoy, Vanessa Patton, Hannah Ray, Autumn Shepherd, Angelina Starkey, Karissa Weekley and Kiarra Weekley.

Pullman: Sarah Kell and Leewood Molessa. Smithville: Katie Rollins.

2 earn degrees from WVUP

The Pennsboro News

January 19, 2022

Two students from Ritchie County were among those awarded certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees at West Virginia University at Parkersburg in December.

Graduates who attained 3.5-4.0 averages 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: Kristie Campbell of Ellenboro, CAS, AAS, BAS, Criminal Justice, Cum Laude, and Zachary Knight of Harrisville, AAS, Drafting.

68 Earn Academic Honors at WVU-P

The St. Marys Oracle

January 19, 2022

Sixty-eight local students earned academic honors for the fall semester at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Students on the president's list maintained 4.0 averages while earning 12 or more hours of college credit. The scholars included:

Belmont: Cara Masters, Michelle Neff and Logan White.

St. Marys: Erika Becker, Alexis Carder, Ethan Davis, Madison Eaton, Mariah Evans, Emily Hadley, Anondae Hesson, Brandon Lawhon, Katie Lemon, Jessica Lipscomb,

Sydney Maston, Josey Moore, Teddi Northrop, Emma Powell and Madison Scott.
Waverly: Bryson Shingleton, Dominic Cartmel and Whitney Kiger.

Friendly: Erica Davis and Thomas Hill.

New Matamoras: Nicole Haught.

Dean's list honorees with averages from 3.5-3.99 included:

Belmont: Kamryn Armstrong and Kyle Jones.

Friendly: Hannah Dearth and James Heflin.

St. Marys: Allison Amos, Brianna Barker, Edgar Barker, Grant Barnhart, Jenna Barnhart, Summer Bayless, Jeffrey Bennett, Olivia Birkhimer, Riley Boley, Sarah Bowie, Isabella Davis, Mara Eisenbarth, Haley Farson, Rachael Flanagan, Jonathan Goodfellow, Paul Gordon, Charity Hannah, Macy Hilvers, Garrytt Horner, Dillon Johnson, Caraline Lancaster, Natalie Malone, Adriana Matson, Ashley Rankin, Tacia Rodriguez, Stephanie Satterfield, Luke Webb, Ethan Weikart, Elyssa West, Hailey West and Brayden Whited.

Waverly: Kaitlyn Cain, Patricia Miller and Melissa Parsons.

Friendly: Kashia Brown, Madeline Cecil and Jordan Ebert.

Waverly: Issac Cutright, Meredith Davis, Zoey Davis, London Flores, Sara Hall and Brianna Winsett.

5 Receive Degrees from WWU-P

The St. Marys Oracle

January 19, 2022

Five local students were awarded certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees at West Virginia University at Parkersburg in December.

Graduates who attained 3.5-4.0 averages 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:

St. Marys: Ciara Bennett, BAS, Legal Studies; Jeffrey Bennett, RBA, Cum Laude; Nealy Locke, AAS, Nursing; Trevor Scadden, CAS, Electricity and Instrumentation, CAS, Industrial Maintenance, AAS, Multi-Craft Technology.

Waverly: Melissa Parsons, RBA

58 earn honors at WVU-P

The Wirt County Journal
January 19, 2022

Fifty-eight local students earned academic honors for the fall semester at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Students on the president's list maintained 4.0 averages while earning 12 or more hours of college credit. The scholars included:

Creston: Hannah Stephens.

Elizabeth: Mikayla Bailey, Deborah Darling, Lexis Hill, Autumn McKenna, Kaeleigh Parsons, Madison Richards and Jessika Vanmeter.

Leroy: Morgan Cale. Palestine: Melody Shearlock, Adeline Sims, Brooklyn Smith and Emma Wyer.

Sandyville: Sara Almashy, Kasara DiSciullo, Taylor Moore, David Smith, Patrick Francis and Alexandra Miller.

Leroy: Alexis Knopp.

Dean's list honorees with averages from 3.5-3.99 included:

Creston: Alexis Starcher and Matthew White. Elizabeth: Nicholas Bain, Madelynn Cogar, Meredith Cottrell, Kylie Cox, Jonathan Daggett, Christian Duskey, Jordan Hickman, Jody Hill, Ryan Lautar, Haley Moore, Kelsey Moore, Ethan Phillips, Brooklyn Rood, Sierra Runner, Hailey Sams, Cheyann SeEVERS, Clayton Wooten, Noah Yoak and Emily Young.

Leroy: Grace Wigal.

Palestine: Jeremy Davis, Madison Devaughn, Dana Gupton, Riley Nutter, Emmeline Pethel, Malane Smith and Charles Wells. Walker: Morgan Burks.

Sandyville: Sara Almashy, Kasara DiSciullo, Taylor Moore and David Smith.

Reedy: Julia Emery, Alyvia Freeland, Madison Marshall and Holly Terrell.

6 graduate from WVU-P

The Wirt County Journal

January 19, 2022

Six local students were awarded certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees at West Virginia University at Parkersburg in December.

Graduates who attained 3.5-4.0 averages 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: Deborah Darling of Elizabeth, BAS, Legal Studies, Magna Cum Laude.

Aarin Cale of Leroy, AAS, Welding Technology, Summa Cum Laude.

Melody Shearlock of Palestine AAS, BOG, Magna Cum Laude.

Dakota White of Palestine, CAS, Residential and Commercial Electricity, Cum Laude.

Sara Almashy of Sandyville, CAS, AAS, AS, Business Administration, Cum Laude.

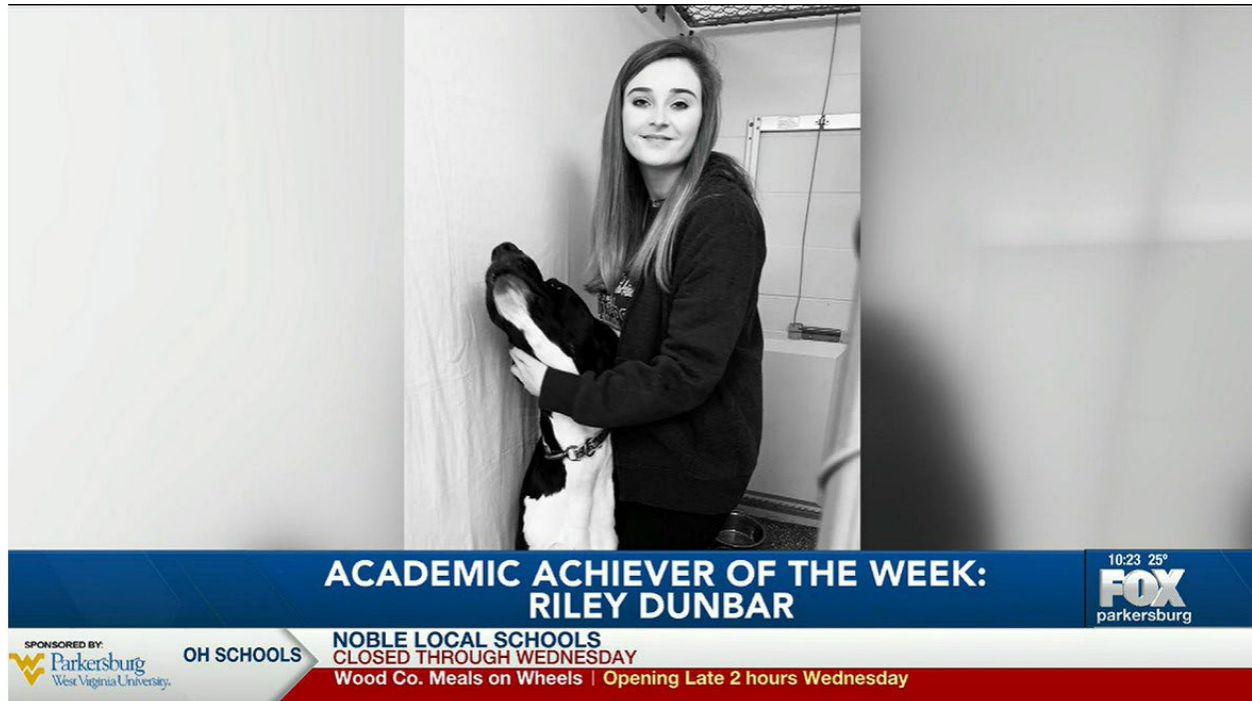
Julia Holbert of Sandyville, AAS, BOG; Emily Riggs, AAS, Surgical Technology.

Academic Achiever of the Week: Riley Dunbar

WTAP-TV [video]

January 21, 2022

<https://www.wtap.com/2022/01/21/academic-achiever-week-riley-dunbar/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - Riley Dunbar of Parkersburg South High School currently holds a 4.2 GPA.

But the most impressive thing about her is her giving nature. Dunbar volunteers at the Humane Society, participated in a trunk or treat and gave gifts to a family who was in need.

“We sponsored a family during Christmas just to make sure they got the Christmas they deserved,” said Dunbar.

For Riley she says that giving back is just something that she feels she is privileged to do so she makes sure she gives back in some way.

“I feel very fortunate, I’ve always been very fortunate. I’ve been blessed and I feel like I should be giving that back,” Dunbar said.

She is hoping to pass on her giving ways and kind heart to the youth when she eventually starts her career as a elementary school teacher after she attends WVUP.

WVU Parkersburg names fall graduates, honors list

The Herald-Dispatch

January 23, 2022

https://www.herald-dispatch.com/features_entertainment/wvu-parkersburg-names-fall-graduates-honor-lists/article_bebb7452-8dcd-5d4f-a2b0-6c5b5db6ede6.html

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. – West Virginia University at Parkersburg awarded certificate, associate and bachelor’s degrees to December 2021 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 include:

CABELL COUNTY

Huntington: McKenna Meadows, CAS, Child Development, Magna Cum Laude; Hannah Workman, CAS, AAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Karen Workman, CAS, Child Development, Magna Cum Laude.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Poca: Tammy Naylor, CAS, Business Administration, AAS, Business Technology.

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:

CABELL COUNTY

Lesage: John Legg.

LINCOLN COUNTY

West Hamlin: Ashley Bowman.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Liberty: Taylor Myers.

Scott Depot: Melissa Melton.

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:

CABELL COUNTY

Culloden: Breanna Akers.

Huntington: Donnell Reed, Hannah Workman, Karen Workman.

WAYNE COUNTY

Genoa: Michelle Workman.

Kenova: Tasha Curnutte.

KENTUCKY

Ashland: Cody Wood.

Remember when...From the pages of The Journal

The Wirt County Journal

January 26, 2022

WVU-P offers training for substitute teachers

Training for people with a bachelor's degree in any field who would like to become substitute teachers will begin Feb. 11. Interested persons must have at least a bachelor's degree with a 2.0 average. After 18 hours of training from WVU-P they could qualify for substitute teachers' permits.

Very Spectacular Arts Festival to be virtual program this year

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

January 26, 2022

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2022/01/very-spectacular-arts-festival-to-be-virtual-program-this-year/>

PARKERSBURG — Artsbridge will be presenting its 23rd annual Very Spectacular Arts Festival at the beginning of March, continuing in a virtual program similarly to last year.

This year's theme is a Mardi Gras celebration, and while the program will be virtual, a video of the participating students will be available following the program's conclusion on social media.

In a typical year, the 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 we are unable to hold the festival in this manner due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are so glad to be able to continue to offer a version of the festival to these students in their schools,” said Artsbridge’s executive director Megan Newbanks.

Art supplies are being delivered directly to the classroom door for students to create masquerade masks, noise-makers, and beaded necklaces with medallions. Students are also being invited to participate in karaoke and New Orleans-style parades through their school with their Mardi Gras garb and jazz music, she said.

“We do hope the festival can return to its in-person format next year, and we are hoping to incorporate the most fun and successful strategies of both the in-person and virtual formats moving forward. The Very Spectacular Arts Festival committee meets throughout the year to continue planning and improving for the next event,” Newbanks said.

The festival and all of its activities are organized by Artsbridge and a large community of volunteers. Event committee chairs for 2022 are Newbanks and Diane McDonald. This year’s event funding partners include 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, the Bernard McDonough Foundation, and Artsbridge.

Kindness is like snow

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

January 29, 2022

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/opinion/local-columns/2022/01/kindness-is-like-snow/>

Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers

I do not want to sound like a philosopher, but right now almost everyone can use more kindness in their lives.

It should not be difficult for each of us to spread kindness to each other which should make us feel good inside.

We in God's creation should set a positive attitude toward each other and get along. Everyone has faults and no one is perfect, but we still need to love and help each other.

The point I am trying to make is that kindness goes a long way if we all would just take the time and effort to spread it around and share it.

It is like the snow. When it first falls it covers everything that is already pretty, but also things that are not so pretty covering them up and making them nice to look at. This is also how we each should spread our kindness in every aspect. We may not be able to help everyone but you will end up helping many make a difference.

Talking bad or negative about people or things is something we should and all need to avoid. The impression you give and leave with others is very important and they are likely to be remembered. Many people will see our kindness and hopefully it is something that will also help them develop and follow your path. I am not sure what makes people mean, negative or not practice kindness but it does not make good sense to me so be like snow and cover people with kindness.

The snow has given me a few days to stay home and catch up with things I had to take care of, plus a chance to relax after the busy holidays.

It is predicted that as you are reading this article this week we may have snow and if so be careful and stay safe.

SAVE THE DATE. Don't forget "*the taste of home*" on Feb. 6 at Oakland Estate, 1131 Seventh St., Parkersburg, where settings are at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. I'm excited that WVU

-P President Dr. Chris Gilmer and I will prepare heavy hors d'oeuvres with Southern and Greek infusion. Don't miss the fun evening. Call Olivia at 304-424-8000 extension 471 you will have unforgettable night.

Also don't forget the 12th Annual Mid Ohio Valley Easter Parade 2 p.m. April 9 in downtown Parkersburg. Go to our new Facebook page Facebook.com/midohiovalleyeasterparade to get your application to participate. There's a mailing address available.

The Easter parade theme this year is "Easter in July." We would love to see religious floats according to the theme. More details to come. Have a great weekend.

Till next week.

Black History Month events for West Virginia University-Parkersburg

WTAP-TV [video]

February 7, 2022

<https://www.wtap.com/2022/02/07/black-history-month-events-west-virginia-university-parkersburg/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Schools are honoring Black History Month.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg's task force for diversity and equity will give students a look at Sumner School in Parkersburg.

The first school was created by seven Black American men to provide education to their children and community.

Officials say that education on lesser-known historic points is important during this month.

"Reading about it has been fascinating. With it being the first school black or white that was started by a private group. And so, it was created in a one-room building and then it grew. And it started to serve students from first grade to 12th grade. And some of the most noted people to graduate with a high school degree in Parkersburg, African Americans, went on to do incredible things that graduated from that school," says enrollment executive vice president, Steven Smith.

The school will also have the president of the NAACP Derrick Johnson join students for a Facebook live on February 23rd.

WVU-Parkersburg finalizes plans for Teen CSI Academy

The Pennsboro News

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Elks name Teens of the Month

The Tyler Star News

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Aleah Fletcher



Justin Fluharty



Kate Gorrell



Ezra Reed

Sistersville Elks Lodge named Aleah Fletcher and Justin Fluharty as the month of November Teenager's of the Month.

Aleah Fletcher is the daughter of Brandy & Shane Murray and Scott Fletcher. She is a 4.04 GPA student at Tyler Consolidated High School. Her activities include being a waitress at Boggs Pizza and Grill as well as being an employee of the Barn at Woodridge. Aleah's Honors and Awards consist of honor roll, early college program student at WVUP (West Virginia University Parkersburg), faithful attendance, lettered in Academics, Peoples Bank Top 15% Banquet, state finalist for FBLA competition, Deans List at WVUP, Senior Homecoming Court. She is a member of SADD, FBLA, NHS, STARS and holds the office of President in SADD, and STARS. She is Vice President in FBLA. She volunteers her time and has completed community service at Saturday Recess, Trunk or Treat, Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church VBS, Middlebourne Youth League Concessions, and is a TCMS Tutor. Aleah Fletcher plans to attend WVUP to become a Special Education Teacher.

Justin Fluharty, son of Ginger Fluharty is a 4.0 GPA student at Tyler Consolidated High School. Justin's activities include We The People. He is a member of NHS, FBLA, and SADD. His honors include Lettering in Academics, We The People District I Champions, and Unit six Champion. He holds the office of Vice President in the NHS-National Honor Society, office of Secretary in SADD- Students Against Drunk Driving, and is a We The People Team Member.

The Sistersville Elks Lodge #333 Teenager's for the month of December were Kate Gorrell and Ezra Reed.

Kate Gorrell, the daughter of Carrie & Steve Gorrell is a 4.5GPA student attending Tyler Consolidated High School. Her activities include Cross Country. Her honors and awards include Governor's honor Academy, WVUP Dean's List, Top 15% Academic Banquet, Letter in Academics, Letter in Cross Country, and Honor Roll. She holds organizational memberships in NHS, NAHS, 4-H, and Sistersville United Methodist Church. Gorell holds the offices of Treasure of NAHS, Chaplain of NHS, 4-H Health Ambassador, and is the Team Captain in Cross Country. She volunteers her time and has completed community service in the areas of donations to clubs, through the Sistersville First United Methodist Church she is a willing worker of projects, faith hands, Breakfast and Closet, the Backpack Program, Shoebox Operation Christmas Child, and service projects through 4-H.

Ezra Reed, son of Steve and Ramie Reed is a 4.0 GPA student attending Tyler Consolidated High School. His activities include TCHS Gold team, piano student, pottery/ art student, honors college advanced placement coursework, the use of Adobe Photoshop, Dreamweaver, and After Effects. His most recent activities include visits to colleges and trade schools. He is looking forward to an upcoming visit to Fairmont State Aviation Center of Excellence. Reed's honors and awards are honor roll, State and National competition in Washington, D.C for Engineering with TSA, TCHS We The People: The Citizen and Constitution team- Congressional District I hearings champion, WV State hearings competitor; featured in CIVIL (docuseries on the We The People program), Sistersville Elks Lodge #333 Sr. Teenager of December 2021, position of Mature Leadership via the responsibility required for Management of Personal Online Marketing/ Sales and Maintenance of personal Finances, also he is currently exploring setting up his own LLC. His organizational memberships include TSA, TCHS Excalibur Yearbook, SADD, FBLA. His volunteer work and Community services works consist of cemetery maintenance and clean up, roadside garbage clean up, diabetes Awareness, TCHS soccer event, trunk or treat community events, Tyler County Fair and Regatta concessions, Events sign design, set up, sales, clean up, and various church activities. Reed is a christian and active member at the Shirley United Methodist Church, he likes studying history of the world and foreign cultures, computer technology, movies, and music. He also enjoys learning new things.

Pleasants County girl finds ways to boost community spirits

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

February 15, 2022

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2022/02/pleasants-county-girl-finds-ways-to-boost-community-spirits/>



Mariah Evans is shown with a trophy from the 2019 Middle Island Harvest Festival Cattle Show in Tyler County. (Photo Provided)

ST. MARYS — A West Virginia University at Parkersburg early college student has been working to make a difference in the lives of seniors through her work with the Pleasants County 4-H.

Mariah Evans, a member of the Pleasants County Leaders 4-H Club, has been involved in a Case for Friendship project and led her fellow members in making pillowcases for residents in assisted living facilities.

"It is important to give back to the community because it does so much for our members and students," Evans said. "The Case for Friendship helped us 'learn by doing,' gain a new life skill and help our community. Our goal is to 'make the best, better!'"

The project has been funded by the West Virginia 4-H All-Stars mini-grant.

In addition, Evans has been involved with the Middle Island Ramblers, currently working to ensure seniors have a happy Valentine's Day. Members were collecting

donations of pre-packaged candies and baked goods along with homemade cards for residents to enjoy.

Evans has also raised livestock as a part of the 4-H Animal Program. In 2019, Evans showed and sold a feeder calf at the Pleasants County Agricultural Youth Fair and was the lightweight class champion, receiving third place overall.

In 2021, Evans had a calf that won the Grand Champion Feeder Calf of the Pleasants County Agricultural Youth Fair, Grand Champion of the Ritchie County Fair's Open Cattle Show and Grand Champion of the Peasants County Open Cattle Show.

Evans is looking to continue her education as a full-time student at WVU-P, studying agriculture with the hopes of pursuing agricultural business.

The WVU-P early education program helps high school students gain college credits while finishing up their high school education.

To learn more about WVU-P's Early College program, visit the website at wvup.edu/earlycollege.

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Mariah Evans, a WVUParkesburg Early College student and a senior at St. Marys High School, is using her involvement in 4-H to make a positive impact on senior residents in Pleasants County.

Her efforts are in keeping with the mission of 4-H to provide meaningful opportunities for youth to create sustainable community change.

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Student Athlete of the Week: Stella Dunn

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February 15, 2022

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WILLIAMSTOWN, W.Va. (WTAP) - Stella Dunn, a junior at Wood County Christian high school is our Jan Dils Student Athlete of the Week.

She has been a basketball and volleyball player for the Wildcats for the last three years.

Stella has a 3.3 GPA and knows that she wants to study nursing after college, and has looked at West Virginia University at Parkersburg as well as Fairmont State.

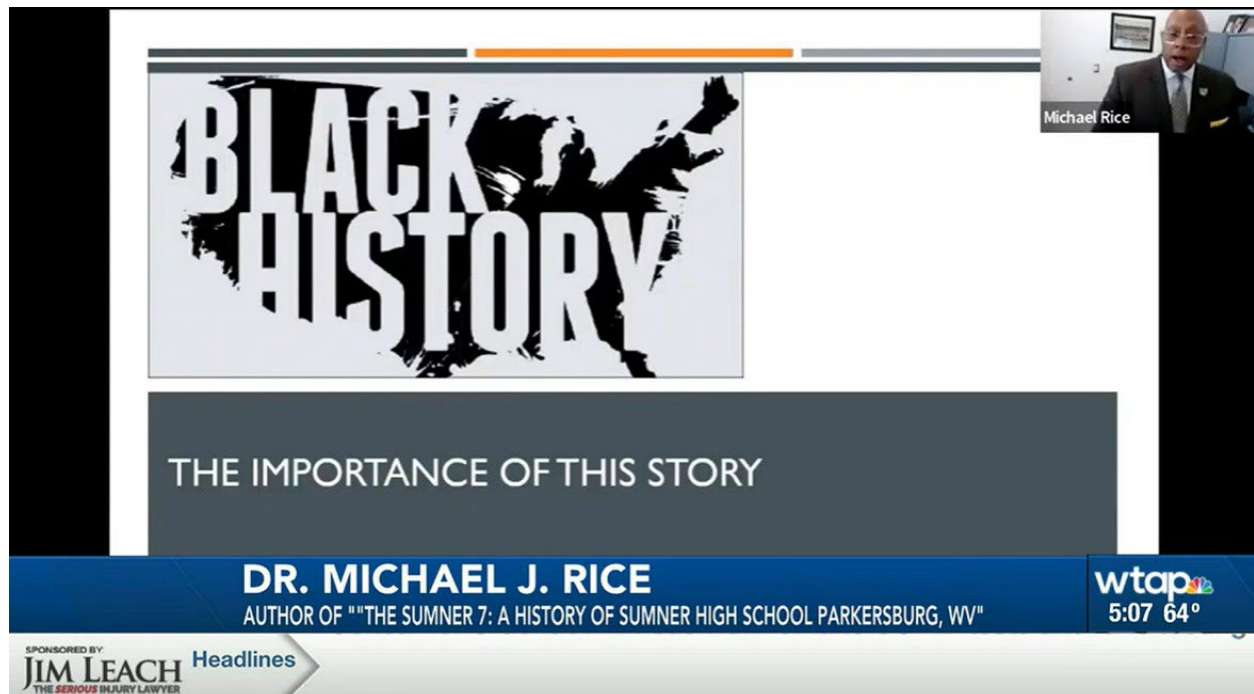
Currently, she plans on her senior year season being her final year playing sports and wants to focus on academics in college.

Dr. Michael J. Rice talks history of Sumner School with West Virginia University at Parkersburg

WTAP-TV [video]

February 16, 2022

<https://www.wtap.com/2022/02/16/dr-michael-j-rice-talks-history-sumner-school-with-west-virginia-university-parkersburg/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) -As a part of its Black History Month events, West Virginia University at Parkersburg had a local historian break down the importance of the historic Sumner School Wednesday afternoon.

[Dr. Micheal J. Rice](#) gave a virtual presentation about Sumner School. Rice is the associate director of admissions and recruitment for Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also wrote "The Sumner 7: A History of Sumner High School Parkersburg, WV."

Rice, who is a Parkersburg native said he had several family members who attended Sumner School. He gave a brief history about African American education in West Virginia before the Civil War, how the school was formed by the Sumner 7, and why it's important to pass on the story of the school to future generations.

"If we don't remember we will forget," Rice said.

“This part of American history reminds us of the papal struggles blacks had to overcome to gain full rights as citizens. We all must ensure that racial injustices of the past are not allowed to take root in the present and grow wildly in the future. This part of history should be celebrated as a rich part of West Virginia heritage and should be seen as a victory for all West Virginian’s-black or white.”

Rice said the Sumner School opened in 1862 and was the first African American school in West Virginia. It was first called the Parkersburg Colored School and later was changed to Sumner High School. WVU Parkersburg has more pictures and information about the Sumner School and Dr. Rice in its library.

MOV Parent: Kids need to watch the Olympic Games

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

February 18, 2022

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/opinion/local-columns/2022/02/mov-parent-kids-need-to-watch-the-olympic-games/>

Since the winter Olympic Games started, I have personally been glued to the television watching all the very talented athletes from all over the world eager to end up on the podium receiving a medal and represent their country and their favorite sport.

I am sure many children are watching the games and many do not really understand the background and true meaning of the Olympic Game. Therefore, it is up to us as parents to educate and teach them the history of them and why they are held every four years in different countries.

The Olympic Games creates a major task and expense for the country selected to hold the games. They must first build an entire village to host all the thousands of athletes and personnel that will be attending the games. This also consists of building many new roads, hotels, restaurants and all the various arenas, stadiums and buildings to host the event, plus many unnamed things that must be taken care of..

It is a great honor to the country that is chosen to host the Winter and Summer games, but also requires billions of dollars in expenses and planning.

Unfortunately this year due to the COVID-19 virus and politics kept many spectators and visitors from attending the games and touring China.

Athletes had to compete without their families in the audience to cheer them on and in almost empty arenas. It would be very difficult on the competing athletes without your loved ones to help them celebrate their achievements and honor of taking part in the Olympic Games.

Can you also imagine how difficult it is on the parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of the participating personal sitting 6,000 miles away watching all the events on television.

It is a very difficult road to be chosen to attend the Olympic Games. These games are reserved for the very best and talented athletes in the world.

You must be extremely talented plus spend years of hard work, practice and dedication where your life is centered 100% around the goal of one day qualifying for the Olympics. Athletes must also watch what they eat and practice good health habits at all times and also there is the fear of an unexpected accident or miscalculation like took place so many times watching the games this week. (Example was Mikaela Shiffrin who was favored to win Gold, had two unexpected falls and a big disappointment for her family and herself.)

Naturally, we are all hoping and wanted for the USA to bring Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, but it also a tremendous honor and achievement for all the competing athletes just to have been chosen and take part in the Olympic games.

To me, I love watching the couples free skating events. It is just unbelievable how many hours and time they have spent practicing for such perfection as they display.

We were fortunate enough to have been in Athens, Greece during the 2004 Olympics in Athens. The games were held two subway stops from our home, but we did not attend the opening ceremony, but other events. It was a great experience seeing and being in Greece during the games.

Keep encouraging your children *"The race for excellence has no finish line"* and who knows one day we may have someone from our area to cheer on.

Congratulations to Becky McGrady, the winner of the 2.5 carat three stone diamond ring worth \$10,995, donated by Dallas Wingrove, owner of Wingrove Jewelers, to help celebrate the WVU-P 60th year anniversary!

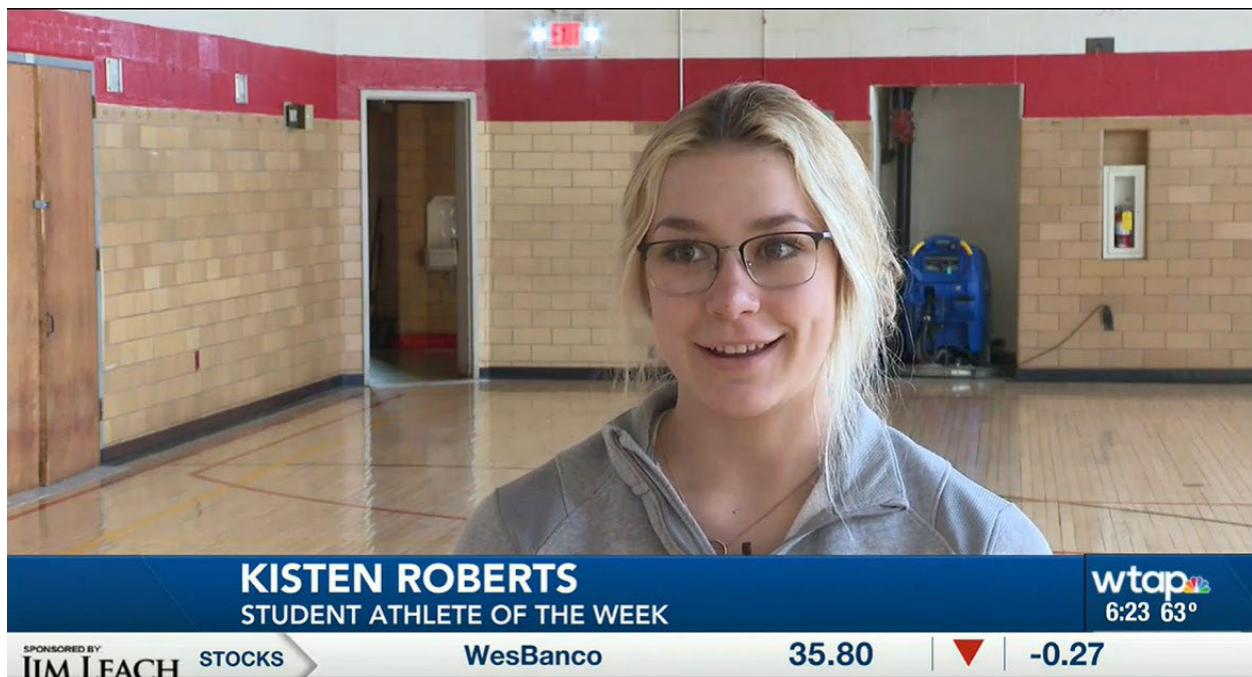
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Student Athlete of the Week: Kisten Roberts

WTAP-TV [video]

February 22, 2022

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) -

Kisten Roberts, a senior from Parkersburg high school is our Jan Dils Student Athlete of the Week.

She is a three sport athlete: playing volleyball, basketball and softball, along with a job and maintaining a 3.8 GPA at Parkersburg.

Her team is beginning to play their sectional playoff game this upcoming week, and she has been a big factor to why their season has turned around.

As the basketball season comes to end, Kisten looks forward to softball season and is eager for college. She has her eyes set on Florida Gulf University.

Roberts is a WVU Parkersburg Early College student.

Top of the Class: Big Reds Angelos, Domenick receive All-MSAC academic honors

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Parkersburg High School seniors Franklin Angelos, left, and Kendal Domenick were recognized as members of the Mountain State Athletic Conference All-Academic Team Saturday night in Charleston. (Photo courtesy of J.B. Domenick)

PARKERSBURG — The male and female recipients representing Parkersburg High School on the Mountain State Athletic Conference All-Academic Team brought two unique perspectives into the equation during Saturday’s event in Charleston.

Three-sport athlete Kendal Domenick overcame an ACL tear during her sophomore year and emerged as one of the Big Reds’ most dependable goal scorers in the soccer and enjoyed additional success in track and field. The senior, who is also a member of the cheerleading squad, becomes the second sibling to receive the honor.

Ian Domenick, who is a member of the men’s cross country team at Marshall University, was named to the MSAC All-Academic Team during Kendal’s eighth grade year.

“Watching my brother go through four years of high school sports and what he did academically, he is a big role model for me,” said Kendal Domenick, who carries a 4.25 grade-point average and remains undecided whether she is pursuing soccer or track in college. *“I remember being at Ian’s signing ceremony – I knew even then I wanted to do college sports. I knew it would take hard work to keep my grades up and hard work with my athletics to accomplish that.”*

For Angelos, when he was first informed about the All-Academic news several weeks prior to Saturday’s event, his initial reaction was thinking about all the student-athletes throughout the halls at PHS who were just as deserving.

“It’s nice to be recognized for all the hard work in the classroom and in practice,” said Angelos, who maintains a 4.3 GPA. *“There are probably a bunch of students at PHS who deserve an honor like this. I think more than anything, Kendal and I are representing every student-athlete in the school because they could have picked anybody.”*

Angelos, who was a member of the PHS boys track and field team which won a state title last season, also run cross country. He experienced a smooth transition switching from Wood County Christian after his eighth grade year.

“Wood County Christian set me up well for PHS because I was kind of ahead in a lot of my subjects,” Angelos said. *“Once I got to my junior year at PHS, I had to make an adjustment to some difficult topics and subjects. That year was definitely tough because of my school load.”*

“You get used to balancing school and athletics. It’s a matter of time management and making sure you set aside time for your studies at night.”

Angelos, who is the current record holder at PHS in the 5K and the first Big Red to earn All-State honors in cross country three times, is possibly looking at attending Ohio University. However, nothing is set in stone just yet. He plans to major in biology and perhaps continue into pre-med at whichever school he pursues.

As for Domenick and her athletic endeavors, she also has one season remaining in track and field. She competes in the 100 high hurdles, shuttle hurdle relay and plans to add the 300 hurdles to her repertoire.

She has made tremendous strides since losing out on nearly a full season of sports due to the ACL injury.

“The injury itself and the rehab was definitely a struggle physically – maybe more emotionally because I was out of sports for the rest of the year,” said Domenick, who plans to major in physical therapy in college.

In just three full seasons as a member of the PHS girls soccer team, the three-time all-state selection finished with 46 goals – which ranks seventh on the school’s all-time list.

“I remember starting soccer at age 2 – I just loved it as soon as I started playing it. It’s one of my biggest passions along with track.”

The MSAC All-Academic Award was extra special because it brought together two families from the PHS circle who friends with one another.

“Franklin and I have been friends for a long time,” Domenick said. *“Being chosen for this honor is one accomplishment I will always remember.”*

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St. Marys FFA Stages Annual Ham, Bacon Egg Sale Sunday

The St. Marys Oracle

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St. Marys students Hannah Dearth and Jean Michel are a part of the WVU Parkersburg Early College program.



Reserve Champion Ham Winner: Jake Delancey

**Champions, Reserve Champions
At Annual FFA
Ham, Bacon, Egg Sale**

Additional photos on page 1



Grand Champion Ham: Hanna Dearth, Buyer Sistersville Tank Works



Reserve Champion Egg Winner: Garrett Horner



Reserve Champion Bacon Winner: Alyssa Brooker



Reserve Champion Eggs: Garrett Horner, Buyer William Rea



Reserve Champion Bacon: Alyssa Brooker, Buyer Ron's Porta Johns

Garrytt Horner is a WVU Parkersburg Early College student.

The NAACP president highlights the campaign for equality at West Virginia University in the Parkersburg discussion

Mississippi News

February 23, 2022

<https://darik.news/mississippi/the-naacp-president-highlights-the-campaign-for-equality-at-west-virginia-university-in-the-parkersburg-discussion-news-sports-jobs/202202515179.html>



A gathering was held at WVU-Parkersburg's Center for Civic Engagement and Innovation on Market Street in downtown Parkersburg on Wednesday with Derrick Johnson, chief executive officer and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Saw a Facebook Live discussion. Johnson discussed the importance of equality and inclusion, voting rights and other issues facing minority populations. (Photo by Brett Dunlop)

PARKERSBURG – The president of the NAACP talks about people’s desire to live in a more equal society during a discussion with an official at West Virginia University in Parkersburg.

Derrick Johnson, Chief Executive Officer and President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, participated in a Facebook Live discussion with Steven Smith, WVU-P Opening Pathways to Equity Now (Open) Project Chair.

Smith and Johnson virtually took to Facebook to discuss historical perspectives and what the NAACP does. They also discussed the importance of equality and inclusion, voting rights and other issues facing the minority population.

A group of about eight people watched a discussion at WVU-P’s Center for Civic Engagement and Innovation on Market Street in downtown Parkersburg, and others from the university watched and watched a discussion organized as part of Black History Month.

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President Derrick Johnson speaks to WVU-Parkersburg community

WTAP-TV [video]

February 23, 2022

<https://www.wtap.com/2022/02/23/president-derrick-johnson-speaks-wvu-parkersburg-community/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - West Virginia University at Parkersburg has the pleasure of the NAACP President speak to students and the commuter college community.

NAACP president, Derrick Johnson, spoke to the community college and all those who joined the Facebook live he was on.

Johnson spoke about where he came from, ways of reaching equity and equality, and the NAACP.

Johnson also made an emphasis to talk about the importance of commuter colleges and how his time in Tougaloo College gave him the chance to learn and for inspiration.

“Things may not work out as you had originally planned. But there’s always an opportunity to begin again. And that’s what Derrick did,” says enrollment management and inclusion excellence vice president, Dr. Steven Smith. “He was in a situation where he needed a place of solace, a place to help him rebound from some of the failures he

had. And that's what WVU-P offers to a lot of our students. That it doesn't matter where you are now. What matters is where you have the opportunity to go and how you plan to get there."

Johnson emphasized to people that it is important for people to come together on issues and not allow skin color and race to come in between them.

NAACP president highlights drive for equality in West Virginia University at Parkersburg discussion

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

February 24, 2022

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2022/02/naACP-president-highlights-drive-for-equality-in-west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg-discussion/>



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WVU-P offers Teen CSI Academy

The Pennsboro News

March 2, 2022

Teens interested in forensic science can step into the shoes of a law enforcement officer and criminal investigator during WVU-Parkersburg’s Teen CSI Academy.

The college’s criminal justice professors and leading area experts will guide students through hands-on experience in crime scene reconstruction, evidence processing, criminal profiling, preparing case trials and more during this summer program.

“The CSI Academy will set up a classic ‘who-done-it’ scenario for students to work through a real crime case,” said instructor Andrew Walker.

“By providing real-world experience, we are preparing those interested in the field for their college and post-college careers. Criminal justice is an emerging area of interest thanks to many CSI shows, and teens will get to experience just what exactly is fact or fiction.”

Academy activities will include:

- Photographing, mapping and report writing for a crime scene.
- Fingerprint identification.

- Identifying blood evidence.
- Collecting trace evidence and footwear impressions.
- Criminal profiling techniques.
- The court process and testifying in court.

The academy will take place Monday-Thursday, June 6-9, from 9 a.m.-3p.m.

The cost is \$150 per student with lunch provided. The academy is limited to the first 20 participants.

The deadline to register is May 31. Applications may be downloaded at wvup.edu/teen-csi.

Questions may be directed to wed@wvup.edu or 304.424.8383.



February 2022

West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Social Media Report


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Fans (number of page likes): 7,750


WVU Parkersburg gained 107 fans in February 2022.

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg

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WVU Parkersburg's Elementary Education program is one of the most highly-respected education programs in our area and state! 📖💛 Our students start out in the field on day one and can receive specializations in five content areas, including an emphasis in Special Education. Did we mention we also are the most affordable?

👉 Become an Elementary Education student today at wwup.edu/education.

📺: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kUxoxoalQE>



Tyler Satterfield
2nd Grade Teacher, St. Marys

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What It Means to Be a WVU Parkersburg Elementary Education Student

Apply Now! <http://bit.ly/wwupAPPLY> Visit us on social media! Facebook-<http://bit.ly/WVUPFBTWI...>

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Published by Hootsuite · February 7 at 1:00 PM · 🌐



WVU Parkersburg's Nursing & Health Sciences division is always up to something cool! 🤖 Check out our Surgical Technology students working on the Laparoscopic Simulator, preparing them for performing in a real operating room. Not to mention, this machine is the first of its kind in the state!

👉 Learn how to become a Surgical Technologist at <http://ow.ly/jkZO50HObpj>.



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WVU Parkersburg gained 9 followers in February 2022.

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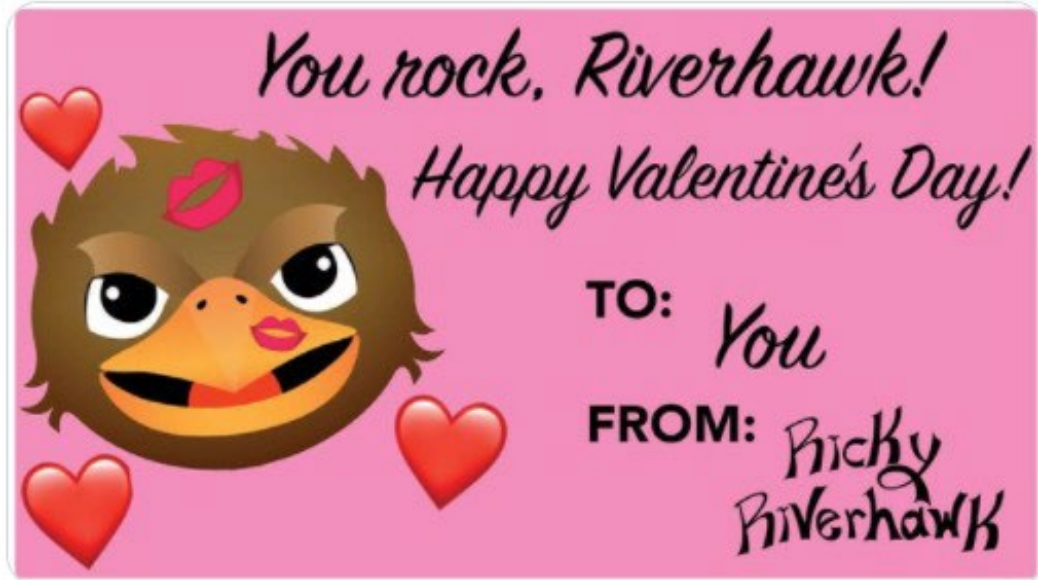
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WVU Parkersburg @WVUParkersburg · Feb 14

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Ricky made a special Valentine just for you! ❤️ We love our students, faculty and staff and hope they know how appreciated they are on this day.





WVU Parkersburg @WVUParkersburg · Feb 25



Let's give it up for Early College student and PHS senior Kisten Roberts! 🌟
Kisten balances volleyball, basketball and softball while maintaining a 3.8 GPA. Find out more about what it means to be an Early College student at wvup.edu/earlycollege.

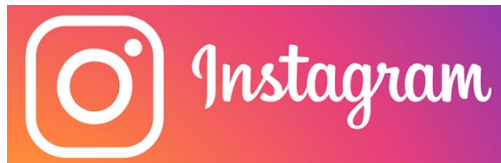


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Student Athlete of the Week: Kisten Roberts

Kisten Roberts is our Jan Dils Student Athlete of the Week





[instagram.com/wvuparkersburg](https://www.instagram.com/wvuparkersburg) (@wvuparkersburg)

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WVU Parkersburg gained 30 followers in February 2022.

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jennprice76 Prayers for her family 🙏

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wvuparkersburg Get cozy with @riverhawks_sa's DIY Blanket Day! ❤️ Your handmade blanket will make the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Join us tomorrow and Wednesday for painting and macrame in the Student Lounge, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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sarah_bowie1 i see you!!! @julie_coberly



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wvuparkersburg Our Early College students are fighters! 🏆 Franklin Angelos and Kendal Domenick were PHS representatives for the recent Mountain State Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. Kendal overcame an ACL during her sophomore year, becoming a soccer and track star. 🌟 Franklin also shines as an honors student with a 4.3 GPA!

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WVU Parkersburg gained 118 followers in February 2022.

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"Fallyn served as our Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter president prior to, and at the height of, the COVID-19 pandemic. She spent a great deal of time communicating with our officers at that time to stay engaged as a chapter. While she was going through her own challenges, she spent time encouraging others. Her passing is a shock to all of us as well as the entire Ohio Region PTK family. We will miss her contagious smile and enthusiasm.



In Memory of
Fallyn Buffington
Leader. Mentor. Friend.



 Kaitlyn Thompson and 12 others

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We want to thank our communities for making the Coats4Kids drive a success! During January, we, along with other schools and organizations across the state, collected a total of 2,386 articles of winter clothing. Donations will benefit state schools and charities to keep our youth warm this season. #WVUProud



👍 Savannah Morgan and 7 others



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WVU Parkersburg's literary magazine, "The Poorhouse Rag," is accepting prose, poetry, children's literature and artwork submissions for its Fall 2022 edition! 📄 All works will be considered for a \$50 prize in each genre.

"It was quite an honor and privilege to win the Foundation Prize last year," said WVU Parkersburg alumni Kimberly Matheny. "I was congratulated over and over by...my fellow art students. They made me feel so proud to represent the college on the behalf of The Poorhouse Rag."

👉 Submissions are open to college students, faculty, staff, alumni and their family members, and the deadline to enter is June 1. Visit wvup.edu/poorhouserag to submit!



👤 Kaitlyn Thompson and 6 others