



West Virginia University at Parkersburg
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Fall 2022 WVU Parkersburg graduates announced

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) – West Virginia University at Parkersburg awarded certificates and associate and bachelor’s degrees to Fall 2022 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 Fall WVU Parkersburg graduates from Jackson County include:

Cottageville: Makayla Edwards, CAS, BAS, Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude; Tyler Hill, RBA; Alexis Whited, AAS, Nursing, Cum Laude;

Evans: Franki Harrah, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice; Sydney Sayre, AAS, Business Administration;

Given: Megan Barnett, BAS, Legal Studies, Cum Laude; Brooke Shouldis, AA, General Education, BA, Elementary Education, Summa Cum Laude;

Kenna: Jahlea Bumpus, BA, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude;

Le Roy: Alexis Knopp, AAS, Nursing, Cum Laude;

Ravenswood: Bradley Dawson, RBA; Jenny Dixon, AS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Raygan Hickman, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice, Magna Cum Laude; Sheridin Hinzman, CAS, Criminal Justice; Fiona Lane, CAS, Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude; Lacey Postlethwait, AAS, Nursing; Autumn Pursley, CAS, Criminal Justice, AAS, CAS, Legal Studies, Cum Laude; Marissa Simmons, BAS, Business Administration; Keiah Stewart, BAS, Business Administration; Skyler Varney, AAS, Business Administration; Kylee Williams, AAS, Surgical Technology;

Ripley: Kendra Casto, AAS, Nursing; Mercedes Freshour, AAS, Nursing; Seth Gainey, CAS, Business Administration; Megan Kay, CAS, Criminal Justice; Anna Kimble, BA, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude; Amanda Lee, BAS, Business Administration, Cum Laude; Devin Mercer, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice; Caitlyn Wyant, AAS, Nursing;

Sandyville: – Alexandra Miller, BA, Elementary Education, Magna Cum Laude; Paul Porter II, BAS, Business Administration; David Smith, RBA;

WVU Parkersburg announces Fall 2022 President's and Dean's scholars

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) – West Virginia University at Parkersburg is proud to announce its President's and Dean's scholars for the Fall 2022 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 from Jackson County include:

Cottageville: Makayla Edwards; Adam Hoschar;

Evans: Maria Harrah; Madison Hatcher;

Given: Megan Barnett;

Le Roy: Alexis Knopp; Alexis Copeland;

Ravenswood: Jordan Knotts; Fiona Lane; Samantha Pittman; Benjamin Queen; Marissa Simmons; Amy Waugh;

Ripley: Kendra Casto; Maggy Criser; Hunter Harper; Miranda Johnson; Amanda Lee; Jasmine McClure; Hunter Miller; Zaya Settle; Savanna Whited; Johnathan Zuniga

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 from Jackson County include:

Cottageville: Kaylin Butler; Tahkeya Wolfe;

Evans: Jason Barr; Shannon Hill; Cole Hutton; Benjamin Smith; Lucas Smith;

Gay: Kelci Ashby; Brianna Drennen;

Kenna: Taylor Leaptrot; Taylor Myers; Megan Pauley;

Millwood: Molly McCutcheon;

Ravenswood: Damien Caldwell; Jenny Dixon; Samantha Eades; Case Fletcher; Taylor Heath; Chelsey Helmick; Raygan Hickman; Emma Jacobs; Richard Mahan; Alexia Mynes; Autumn Pursley; Jonathan Reynolds; Deanna Schindler; Riley Shockey; Alyssa Smith; Myna Spencer; Keiah Stewart; Adrien Whited; Corbin Wilkins; Kylee Williams; Kinsey Wolfe;

Ripley: Kyanah Baldwin; Cassandra Boggess; Kanyon Evans; Gabriel Haynes; Megan Higgins; Megan Kay; Gage Parsons; Lillith Parsons; Morganne Phillips; Ian Roach; Abigail Roberts; Laken Shaffer; Robin Sheppard; McKenzie Stalnaker; Marley Summers; Emily Webb; Makenzie Woodford;

Sandyville: Kasara DiSciullo; Patrick Francis; Anna Salvado; Chloe Shinn; David Smith

West Virginia University at Parkersburg names Lancaster VP for Academic Affairs

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2023/01/west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg-names-lancaster-vp-for-academic-affairs/>

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PARKERSBURG — The federal omnibus spending bill passed at the end of 2022 contains millions of dollars in earmarks for projects in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

Among those is an effort to redevelop industrial sites in Parkersburg, particularly in the areas of Depot and Jeanette streets, East Street and Camden Avenue, according to a list of earmarks provided by the office of U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va.

A release from her office said she secured spending for the projects, some of which were also advocated for by U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and/or former Rep. David McKinley, R-W.Va.

Lindsey Piersol, executive director of Wood County Economic Development, said she hopes to make it a public-private partnership where properties are acquired, cleaned up and reused or replaced.

“We’re on step one of many,” said Piersol, noting an additional \$900,000 in federal funds have also been allocated to the effort. *“Our goal is to clean up and revitalize and bring good-paying jobs back to Wood County.”*

West Virginia University at Parkersburg will receive \$596,000 to develop a program to retrain workers that will serve as a template for the other eight community and technical colleges in the state. The funding will include mobile training labs for the participating schools, said interim WVUP President Torie Jackson.

“We’re looking at creating the model for incumbent worker training,” she said. Jackson said federal officials took note of a program WVUP established with Chemours to help their employees get two-year technical degrees.

“They wanted to see more of that continuing in the Mid-Ohio Valley and throughout the state,” she said. *“We’re looking at creating the model for incumbent worker*

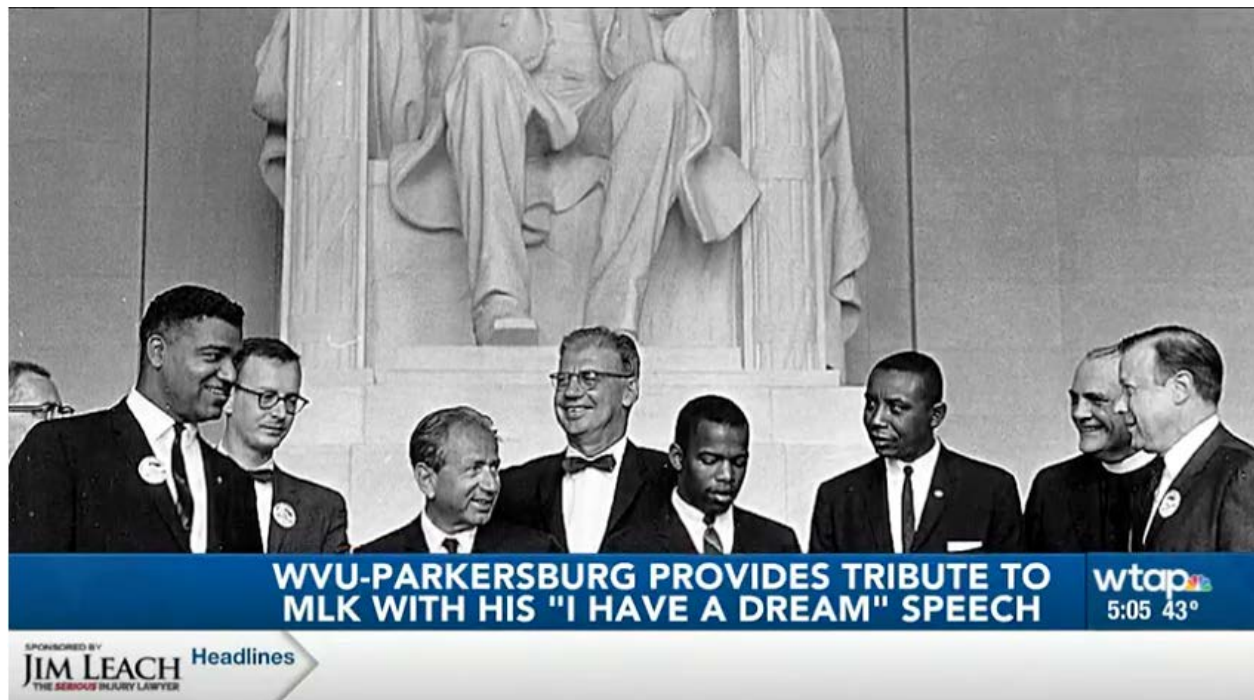
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WVU Parkersburg provides tribute to MLK with his "I Have a Dream" speech

WTAP-TV [video]

January 16, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/01/16/wvu-parkersburg-provides-tribute-mlk-with-his-i-have-dream-speech/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - West Virginia University at Parkersburg is looking to get involved in honoring Dr. King.

The college is providing a video tribute to Martin Luther King with faculty, staff and students reciting his "I Have a Dream" speech. The idea comes from Nancy Harris who serves on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

WVU-Parkersburg president, Torie Jackson says this is another step by the college to bring messages of social justice to the forefront for its community.

"So, we actually have part of our new Diversity, Equity and Inclusion mission that says that at WVU-P, we believe that diversity, equity and inclusion must be embraced,

embedded and championed. So, that we grow stronger and positively impact our students, faculty and staff,” says Jackson.

Jackson says another event by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee will be a “melting pot” event. People on campus will come together to discuss different heritages and cultures.

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'America's Got Talent' finalist coming to West Virginia

WBOY-TV

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<https://www.wboy.com/entertainment-news/americas-got-talent-finalist-coming-to-west-virginia/>

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. – According to a WVU Parkersburg release, a comedic “America’s Got Talent” finalist will be performing in Parkersburg on Jan. 27.

Hosted by the [WVU Parkersburg Backdoor Comedy Club](#), Nick Pike, a season five finalist on “America’s Got Talent,” will perform a variety show at the College Activities Center at 7 p.m., combining acrobatics, juggling and audience participation, with comedian Derrick Knopsynder opening.

Tickets can be purchased at WVU Parkersburg Business Office (Room 1112) or by calling the Business Office at 304-424-8223. It is \$5 for students, faculty and staff, and one guest, and \$10 for the general public. Seats can also be purchased at the door for \$10.

“We are excited to bring national talent to the Mid-Ohio Valley and offer it at an accessible cost for our campus and community,” said JB Skidmore, WVU Parkersburg Student Engagement Activities coordinator. “Stay local, grab a table with friends and family and join us for a fun show.”

Pike has performed worldwide, showcasing his juggling talents. He has also performed with The Swedish Royal Theater. Knopsynder, a Pittsburgh comedian, has won the Cleveland Comedy Festival and Stand Up to Cancer’s Comedy Festival.

For more information about Knopsynder, you can visit dkcomedy.com. For more on Pike, visit nickpikejuggler.com.

WVU-P Names Lancaster Vice President

The St. Marys Oracle

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58 earn honors at WVU-P

The St. Marys Oracle

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Fifty-eight local students were named West Virginia University at Parkersburg’s president’s and dean’s scholars for the fall semester.

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

Belmont: Kamryn Armstrong, Samuel Kincaid and Logan White.

Friendly: Thomas Hill. St. Marys: Allison Amos, Jenna Barnhart, Aliyah Bennett, Olivia Birkhimer, Jaela Davis, Wilvens Faucette, Ava Giovinazzo, Sophie Greenleaf, Emily Hadley, Sydney Maston, Willow Peyton and Mia Schofield.

Waverly: Layne Kincaid. Newport: Lindsey Cross.

Students named to the dean's list maintained 3.5 averages while earning six or more hours of college credit.

The scholars include:

Belmont: Emma Broce, Delaney Brookover, Andlyn Corathers, Sage Harper, Kyle Jones, Michelle Neff and Ian Niemczyk.

Friendly: James Heflin, Joleen McBrayer and Kashia Brown.

St. Marys: Isaac Anderson, Adam Bennett, Chance Cox, Cole Darnold, Ethan Davis, Zoe Davis, Josiah DeMoss, Halle Deweese, Mariah Evans, Haley Farson, Jacob Hashman, Kiera Martin, Chrissa McCoy, Adam Mercer, Mary Morrison, James Powell, Joey Ramsey, Paige Rogers, Lillian Snyder, Bella Tagliarini, Juan Timmons, Eric Wherry, Brayden Whited and Carson Wyborne.

Waverly: Sydney Cummings, Payton Bunch, Elaina Hull, Brookelyn Reynolds, Sara Smith and Brianna Winsett.

New Matamoras: Nicole Haught.

50 students from county on WVU Parkersburg's academic honors lists

The Pennsboro News

January 18, 2023

Fifty students from Ritchie County were named West Virginia University at Parkersburg's president's and dean's scholars for the fall semester.

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

The scholars include:

Cairo: Valerie Bircher.

Ellenboro: Abbie Shepler.

Harrisville: Carigan Hayes, Alexander King, Haley Martin, Haley Nutt and Kaitlyn Sullivan

Pennsboro: Andrea Davis, Chandos Hamilton, Alyssa Smith and Kiarra Weekley.

Students named to the dean's list maintained 3.5 averages while earning six or more hours of college credit.

The scholars include:

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Ellenboro: Brie Butta, Madison Hall and Chesnee Williams.

Harrisville: Hayden Bartlett, Gavin Britton, Lily Butcher, Ada Chen, Garrett Copeland, Trevor Cowan, Garrett Cunningham, Gavin Easton, Riley Gribble, Ethan Haught, Sarah Hill, Larissa McDonald, Cayden Moore, Quentin Owens, Russell Owens and Rebecca Sullivan

Pennsboro: Joshua Carmichael, Olivia Dodd, Andrew Freeland, Jayci Gray, Macy Hilvers, Heath Knight, Tanner Langmeyer, Ian Martin, Levi McKenna, Vanessa Patton, Marin Rader, Conner Shaffer, Angelina Starkey, Ryan Weekley, Rachelle White, Tanyon White, Alexia Whitehair, Madison Lovejoy and Autumn Shepherd.

Petroleum: Robert Castillo. Pullman: Maxwell Molessa.

Smithville: Lisa Tallhamer.

2 earn degrees from WVU-P

The Pennsboro News

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Two students from Ritchie County at West Virginia University at Parkersburg were awarded certificates and associate and bachelor's degrees at the end of the fall terms.

Graduates who attained 3.50-4.0 averages earned academic honors, as follows: 3.5-3.749, Cum Laude, 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude, and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

Fall graduates include:

Ellenboro: Blaine Bowie, AAS, Welding Technology, Magna Cum Laude.

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WVU-P Board of Governors discuss president search

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2023/01/wvu-p-board-of-governors-discuss-president-search/>

PARKERSBURG — The next president of West Virginia University at Parkersburg will be someone who will want the job for the next 99 years and beyond, said one of the consultants who will be looking at applicants for the position.

Jerry C. Hunter Jr., of Academic Search of Washington D.C., addressed the college's Board of Governors Tuesday during its regular board meeting.

Hunter will be meeting with people at the college today to see the qualities they are looking for in a college president, including staff, students, faculty, the administrators as well as members of the community.

"I am gathering information while I am here to confirm the profile of the college and university here which is very impressive," he said. "What everyone really wants is someone who wants the job."

“A lot of people apply for jobs. I have a list of 32 people that apply for every job that comes open. We are not really interested in those people. We look for people who want ‘this’ job. They have a passion for this place and this culture and the mission and goals and dreams of this school.”

Former University President Chris Gilmer resigned last summer to become President at West Virginia University Potomac State College in Keyser, W.Va.

Torie Jackson was named as the interim president. She has had many leadership positions at the university with the last being Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President for Institutional Advancement, President and CEO of the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation, and as an Associate Professor of Communication.

Jackson recused herself from the presentation as she has expressed interest in the permanent position.

Search Committee Chairman Joseph Oliverio said they will be getting together in the next week or so to draw up the official job description for the position. The Board of Governors will meet, via Zoom, on Jan. 31 to officially approve the job qualifications and job description.

Once that is approved, Hunter will then move forward in advertising the position all over the country. They will see if the applicants meet those requirements.

“The next president of the school needs to be a relationship builder,” Hunter said.

“The president will build relationships with everybody.

“We want to get someone who really wants this job.”

They are looking for someone who can commit to 99 years, he said with a laugh.

The process is expected to take a few months with the search committee having access to all of the applications. Through that, they will start to draw up of a potential list of semi-finalists, based on Zoom interviews, and eventually finalists who will be brought in for in-person interviews.

“We will follow a schedule and you will be proud of what you have done,” Hunter said.

"You won't have any doubts about it.

"The most important decision board members will ever make is selecting the president. You want a president you can trust."

Hunter said there could be applicants that don't meet every requirement set forth, but could have something to offer. He called such people a "*diamond in the rough*."

The person they want is the person who wants the job and wants to make the commitment, he said, adding the candidate's family also has a stake in the decision and the board has to be mindful if the applicant's family also wants to be here.

"You need to involve the family in some of these discussions," Hunter said. "The president's job is 24/7. It never stops."

Oliverio said they are looking at having a president named sometime in May so the person can be in place and ready to start July 1.

The search committee will meet March 13 to evaluate the first applicants. They will meet in April to select the semi-finalists. In the first part of May they will have a list of finalists they will bring in for in-person interviews.

"The goal is to have (the Board of Governors) meeting in May to approve the president," Oliverio said.

Tyler County Native Dr. David Lancaster named WVU Parkersburg vice president for Academic Affairs

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WVUP Backdoor Comedy Club will host a show next Friday

WTAP-TV [video]

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<https://www.wtap.com/2023/01/18/wvup-backdoor-comedy-club-will-host-show-next-friday/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - WVU Parkersburg will be full of laughter and excitement next Friday.

After a roughly 5 year break, WVUP's Backdoor Comedy Club will host a show for everyone.

The show will feature Nick Pike, who was a finalist on "America's Got Talent", and comedian Derrick Knopsynder.

Rebecca Minear with WVUP talked about why they invited Nick and Derrick. "Derrick is a comedian that really speaks to the millennial generation talking about living in the 90s and growing up. We felt like he could relate to the audiences here.

Nick as a performer, he's very high energy, and does a lot of audience participation, so we thought that would be a great. Just to get that engagement back, and again offer something for everyone here in the community," said Minear.

The show is January 27 at 7 pm; and doors will open at 6:30 pm.

Tickets are \$5 for students, faculty and staff and one guest, and \$10 for everyone else.

WVU Parkersburg Backdoor Comedy Club to feature "America's Got Talent" finalist Nick Pike

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https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/wvu-parkersburg-backdoor-comedy-club-to-feature-america-s-got-talent-finalist-nick-pike/article_3f3e9776-9752-11ed-94ff-13e14af46308.html

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Learn more about Knopsynder at dkcomedy.com and Pike at nickpikejuggler.com.

Backdoor Comedy Club to feature ‘America’s Got Talent’ finalist

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

January 20, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2023/01/backdoor-comedy-club-to-feature-americas-got-talent-finalist/>



Nick Pike, a season five finalist on “America’s Got Talent” will perform 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Backdoor Comedy Club at West Virginia University at Parkersburg. Tickets are on sale. (Photo Provided)

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WVU-P president speaks on the senate judiciary passing a campus carry bill

WTAP-TV [video]

January 23, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/01/23/wvu-p-president-speaks-senate-judiciary-passing-campus-carry-bill/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - The Senate Judiciary Committee advanced a bill to the Senate floor on Thursday, January 19 that would allow the concealed carry of handguns on the West Virginia higher education campuses.

Dr. Torie Jackson of WVU-P says she hopes to see the handgun aspect of the new bill to continue on if it is passed through the senate.

Certain areas of campus would still not allow handguns to be brought into those areas on the campus.

" They have provisions in this bill that allow for a lot of exclusions. For example, someone who has a lab that has a lot of chemicals... for someone who is receiving counseling and if someone has a sole office they can say they don't want a gun in their office," said Jackson.

With the bill passing through the senate judiciary many on campus were concerned about the learning of the students. Dr. Jackson said she does believe it will have some impact on the learning for those who are against the concealed carry.

“So we are in a learning environment where many different perspectives come together and there are some people who do support campus carry and there are some people who do not support campus carry. So it could make other people uncomfortable and yes we do expect that it could have some sort of impact on the education that occurs in that classroom,” said Jackson.

10 graduate from WVU-P

The Wirt County News
January 24, 2023

Ten students from Wirt County at West Virginia University at Parkersburg were awarded certificates and associate and bachelor’s degrees at the end of the fall term.

Graduates who attained 3.50-4.0 averages earned academic honors, as follows: 3.5-3.749, Cum Laude, 3.75-3.99, Magna Cum Laude, and 4.0, Summa Cum Laude.

Fall graduates include:

Elizabeth: Chad Crouser, AAS, BOG; Cherokee Edwards, CAS, AAS, Criminal Justice, Lynsey Munday, BAS Business Administration; Mika Parsons, BAS, Business Administration; Nathaniel Simonton, AAS, Criminal Justice; Lauren Somerville, AAS, Nursing; and Nicole Wood AAS, Business Administration.

Magna Cum Laude; Palestine: Adeline Sims, AS, Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, and Mia Sutton, AAS, Surgical Technology; Leroy: Alexis Knopp, AAS, Nursing, Cum Laude.

Medical supply kits provided to all EMS workers

The Jackson Star and Herald

January 24, 2023

https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/medical-supply-kits-provided-to-all-ems-workers/article_1bba2bd4-9a7d-11ed-b324-83b12e3daf3c.html

RIPLEY, W.Va. (WV News) — The West Virginia Army National Guard made a very important delivery to Jackson County this past Tuesday.

The guard was met at the Jackson campus of West Virginia University Parkersburg by county first responders to unload boxes of life-saving materials.

Through an initiative of Governor Jim Justice, “EMS WV: Answer the Call,” 10 million dollars from CARES Act funds has been allocated for programs, training, recruitment and materials for every emergency medical service worker in the state.

Jackson County received 71 of the large, sturdy bags containing essential supplies. Obtaining these will enable the EMTs to be better equipped to lend aid during their off-duty hours.

Each bag contains bandages, dressings, eye wash solution, forceps, gauze, mylar blankets, penlight, resuscitator, splints, tourniquets and other essential items...

Backdoor Comedy Club

WTAP-TV [Video]

January 25, 2023

<https://www.facebook.com/wtaptelevision/videos/492647163073358>



[Andrew Noll](#) had the chance to sit down with Rebecca Minear from West Virginia University at Parkersburg to talk about the Backdoor Comedy Club event happening this Friday! Comedians, Nick Pike and Derrick Knopsnyder will be performing at the show! Check out the video to hear what time it starts and how you can get tickets to go out to see the show!

WVU Parkersburg Backdoor Comedy Club to feature “America’s Got Talent” finalist Nick Pike

The Tyler Star News

January 25, 2023

<https://www.tylerstarnews.com/news/2023/01/25/wvu-parkersburg-backdoor-comedy-club-to-feature-americas-got-talent-finalist-nick-pike/>

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg, established in 1961, is a life-changing institution for the students and communities it serves. The college offers over 50 degree programs, workforce development, short-term career training programs and community education classes. WVU Parkersburg is also the only community and technical college in West Virginia to offer bachelor’s degrees, and it is home to WPKM 96.3 FM, the first community college radio station in the state.

Coming Attractions: Entertainment and more in the Mid-Ohio Valley

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

January 26, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2023/01/coming-attractions-entertainment-and-more-in-the-mid-ohio-valley-43/>**FRIDAY**

- * Felting Class, 9-11 a.m., Marietta Makery, 172 Front St., Marietta
- * Toddler Time — ages 18 months to 3 years, 10-11 a.m., Marietta Public Library
- * Free Yoga at the Library, noon-12:45 p.m., Parkersburg Library — Emerson Avenue
- * PreSchool Picasso — ages 3-5, 12:30-2 p.m., Parkersburg Art Center
- * Drop in Art — ages 5+, 3-5 p.m., Belpre Public Library
- * Gaming Hour — ages 8-18, 4-5:30 p.m., Barlow Branch Library
- * Four Course Friday, 5-9 p.m., The Cocktail Bar
- * Girls Night Cooking Class, 5-7 p.m., The Changed Plate
- * Make Your Own Tasting Flight — ages 18+, 5:30-7 p.m., BB2C Makerspace
- * Disney Kahoot Trivia, 6-7 p.m., Belpre Public Library
- * Live Jazz with Tobar, Kitchen and Carter Trio, 6-9 p.m., Marietta Wine Cellars
- * Whimsical Winter Woodland Wonderland, 6-9 p.m., Parkersburg Art Center
- * Backdoor Comedy Club, 6:30-10 p.m., WVU-P
- * Actors Guild Presents: Descendants: The Musical, 7 p.m., Actors Guild of Parkersburg
- * Marty Stuart, 8 p.m., Peoples Bank Theatre

Art and entertainment events going on January 26 – January 29

WTAP-TV [Video]

January 26, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/01/26/art-entertainment-events-going-january-26-january-29/>**FRIDAY:**

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WVU-P will open up the Historic Oakland Estate to the public January 30

WTAP-TV [video]

January 27, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/01/27/wvu-p-will-open-up-historic-oakland-estate-public-january-30/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - January 30 from 6-8 p.m. WVU-P will open up the Historic Oakland Estate located here in Parkersburg.

“It’s a historical home that is important to the Mid-Ohio Valley, as you may know Staunton Turnpike is right outside of the front door, James McNeil Stephenson, the man who built the house is responsible for bringing the turnpike to this area,” said Director, Olivia Reeder.

With the event on January 30 Reeder says she is hoping this will help educate the public on a hidden gem we have right in our backyards.

“We are very lucky to be stewards of such a historical home. There are lots of historical homes in the area but this is one that can really serve the public. We are part of an education institution and part of our goal is to educate about our community and help our community so we’re hopeful this can do both,” said Reeder.

She also believes it is a great way to make the community feel connected by the history of not only Parkersburg but the MOV as a whole.

“We are hoping to just get as many people who are interested in historic homes, history in general, preservation or people who are just curious to come out and be a part of our community,” Reeder said.

The MOV relic recovery team also will have relics on display that the team has recently excavated from the property.

For more information on the upcoming event and their ‘history loves company’ campaign you can click [here](#).

Gilmer now official president of Potomac State

WV Metro News

January 28, 2023

<https://wvmetronews.com/2023/01/28/gilmer-now-official-president-of-potomac-state/>

West Virginia University Potomac State College announced their interim President, Chris Gilmer, is now their permanent President.

Gilmer, a first-generation college graduate, spent the previous 9 months as interim President of the WVU Keyser campus. His tenure as the permanent President is effective immediately.

WVU President Gordon Gee said, “His inclusive approach and dedication to our core mission, helping students learn and succeed, make Chris the right fit at the right time as we continue to expand opportunities at WVU Potomac State College.”

In addition to his position as campus president, Gilmer will continue as a tenured professor in the Division of Liberal Arts. Previously, he served as president of West Virginia University at Parkersburg..

Commentary: From Damascus, Mississippi to Keyset, West Virginia

The Mineral News and Tribune

January 30, 2023

https://www.wvnews.com/mineralnews/commentary-from-damascus-mississippi-to-keyset-west-virginia/article_a18313f6-a03c-11ed-bd28-fb06b7ce8630.html

Long ago and far away on the road to Damascus, Mississippi, about which most of you have heard me speak with joyful reverie, my Papaw Carlton said these words to me: “Son, you are going to be the president one day, and when you are, remember what I taught you. You are good enough to do anything, and there is not anything in the world you will ever be too good to do.”

Well, Papaw, here we are again, and I am deeply humbled that my life seems to have come full circle in a place similar in so many ways to where it started. On Friday of last week, I transitioned from the role of interim campus president of WVU Potomac State College to the role of campus president and a tenured member of our wonderful faculty.

I pledge that I will be a faithful partner to all of you in serving the needs of our students and putting them first in everything we do, in meeting and exceeding the high expectations of community service that our service area rightly sets for us, in nurturing a workplace climate that feels as familial and warm as it feels professional and equitable, and in telling our stories across town, across the state, across the nation, and around the world.

You have the right to expect WVU Potomac State College to be a dedicated and focused local higher education partner working to meet the needs of the communities of our primary service area, in partnership with elected officials; education, business, industry, and nonprofit sectors; alumni; civic groups and individual citizens. We are also actively increasing and enhancing our collaborations with other higher education

providers in West Virginia, Maryland, and across the nation, and our message to them is that we want to be partners, not competitors.

My grandfather could not read or write because he quit school in the first grade to feed his family, literally and figuratively, so that I might have a moment such as this one. He poured all of his dreams for his family and for a better world into me, the first person in his family to have the honor and the responsibility of becoming educated.

Education was sacred to him, and I understand precisely how large a word that is. So did he. I thank him and the rest of my family, even the ones who died before I was born, for making the sacrifices which created my path forward. Truly, as Jewel's wonderful lyric says, "I am the accumulation of the dreams of generations."

Of course, Papaw Carlton had in mind that I would be President of the United States, which seems a bit of a stretch, but it shows the capacity to imagine a future of worldly service even by a man who seldom ventured beyond the county line of the county in which he was born. That same imagination lives on in his grandson who, truly, would rather serve as the campus president at this wonderful institution than on any other world stage.

I also thank this entire community for the warm welcome we have felt from the moment we first drove onto campus. It felt right from my first steps and my first words with this community, and it feels even more right today. I thank President Gordon Gee, Provost Maryanne Reed, Vice Provost Paul Kreider, and the entire Catamount and Mountaineer family who have lifted us up and claimed us as part of you. I must also thank my friends at WVU Parkersburg who gave me my first chance to serve as a college president and prepared me well for what will hopefully be a long and productive season here with you...

Dr. Chris Gilmer named permanent PSC president

Cumberland Times-News

January 31, 2023

https://www.times-news.com/news/local_news/chris-gilmer-named-permanent-psc-president/article_9ffe3896-a0c1-11ed-813b-cf297fd438ad.html

KEYSR, W.Va. — Chris Gilmer, a first-generation college graduate who became a leader in higher education, published author and advocate for underserved students, has been named permanent campus president of West Virginia University Potomac State College.

Gilmer was appointed to lead the WVU Keyser Campus in an interim capacity in April. “From the moment he arrived, Chris prioritized making connections with students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community,” WVU President Gordon Gee said. “His inclusive approach and dedication to our core mission — helping students learn and succeed — make Chris the right fit at the right time as we continue to expand opportunities at WVU Potomac State College.”

Gilmer will continue as a tenured professor in the Division of Liberal Arts at PSC, a role he began when he arrived in Keyser.

“It is with great humility and a sense of gratitude and collaboration that I embark on this new journey. It took me about one minute to fall in love with this place and its people, and to see both the outstanding accomplishments of the past and present and the wondrous promise of the future,” Gilmer said. “I thank President Gee, Provost Maryanne Reed and Vice Provost Paul Kreider for believing in me. I assure you that no one will work harder or with more joy than I will work with and for this college and the WVU System.”

Previously Gilmer served as president of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, an independently accredited community and technical college with its own board of governors and degree-granting authority separate from West Virginia University, although it does maintain an affiliation with WVU...

WVU Parkersburg Professional Studies Division announces Spring 2023 teacher residents and student teacher

The Jackson Star and Herald
January 31, 2023

<https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/wvu-parkersburg-professional-studies-division-announces-spring-2023-teacher-residents-and-student-teacher/>



Front row: Mikayla Gessel, Amanda Gist, Jordan Flinn, and Kailey Elliott
Back row: Cody Moore, Abigail Homan, Johnathan Zuniga, and Anthony Perry. (Student teacher Abby Anderson is not pictured.)

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) – West Virginia University at Parkersburg is proud to announce its Spring 2023 teacher residents and student teacher candidates.

The WVU Parkersburg Elementary Education program provides field experience in the classroom as early as the freshman year. With the traditional student teaching model, teacher candidates spend a semester in two classrooms and quickly assume teaching responsibilities under the mentorship of an experienced teacher until they are teaching full-time. The new residency model places teacher candidates in one classroom for their entire senior year, and they assume responsibilities more gradually.

“We are extremely proud of our student teacher and Residency I and II candidates. Our teacher candidates have spent countless hours preparing for this semester,” said Dr. Bobbi Marshall, dean of Professional Studies. “Coursework is completed, national exams have been passed and numerous lesson plans have been written. They are now prepared to take on the responsibility of educating our state’s most important resource – our children.”



Front row: Emily Hatfield, Lexis Hill, Heather Lawson, Ashley Ward and Sierra Runner. Back row: Madi Ball, Sierra Backus, Olivia Dailey, Megan Dennis and Staclyn White. (Jessica Perkins is not pictured.)

The Spring 2023 class of students in Residency 1 includes:

Kailey Elliott, Jordan Flinn, Mikayla Gassiel, Amanda Gist, Amy Human, Cody Moore, Anthony Perry and Jonathan Zuniga

The Spring 2023 class of students in Residency 2 includes:

Emily Hatfield, Sierra Backus, Madi Ball, Olivia Dailey, Lexis Hill, Heather Lawson, Sierra Runner, Ashley Ward, Staclyn White and Jessica Perkins

The Spring 2023 student teacher candidates include:

Megan Dennis

To learn more about the Elementary Education program, please visit wvup.edu/education.

Contact Roberta Marshall at rmarsha7@wvup.edu or 304-424-8000 ext. 442 to start a career in Elementary Education or Child Development.

Historic Oakland Estate reopens to the public

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

January 31, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2023/01/historic-oakland-estate-reopens-to-the-public/>



Mid-Ohio Valley Relic Recovery members Ken Bungard, left, and Gary McDonald, right, gave a presentation of relics that were found on the Historic Oakland Estate property during a recent metal detecting dig in November during an open house on Monday. (Photo by James Dobbs)

PARKERSBURG — Community members gathered at the Historic Oakland Estate on Monday for the History Loves Company Open House held by the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Foundation.

The foundation has held open houses in the past, but this was the first one inviting others in since the COVID-19 pandemic. There was a larger than expected turnout, according to Olivia Reeder, director for WVU-P Foundation.

"There was way more than I thought would be here," she said. "This has been fantastic, beyond what I had planned."

Reeder offered tours of the home to several groups during the event, showing off the kitchen, dining room, smoking room and four of the bedrooms. She shared stories of Oakland's past, its relation to the Kentucky Derby and the Civil War, and how it was occupied by soldiers and generals during that time.

Gary McDonald and other members of the Mid-Ohio Valley Relic Recovery gave a presentation on relics that were found on the property during a recent metal detecting dig in November. McDonald displayed two relic cases featuring various items found during the dig.



A flask featuring a carving of a cannon that was found during an excavation around the Historic Oakland Estate was on display during an open house Monday. (Photo by James Dobbs)

One of the two relic cases held coins from the late 1800s and early 1900s, buttons and weights. The other case contained relics like knives, lantern tops, keys, trinkets and bells.

"Oakland has always been an integral part of the community and the family has always wanted it to be open and receptive to the public," said Reeder. "It's a beautiful piece of history that we're so lucky to have. It's educational, it's a place for fellowship and we're just very excited that we have this opportunity."

The home has been taken care of by the foundation since it was received as a gift in 2015, said Reeder. The foundation uses it as a fundraising tool and a community area. Reeder said some of the donations also help fund the foundation's West Virginia Day celebration, as well as the Annual Kentucky Derby Party, both of which are held at Oakland.

Reeder said donations are integral to the house's upkeep, as it is an older home that has the same needs as a regular house, such as utility costs. She said they will do what it takes to keep the home in its glory. Reeder said there are no plans for a renovation at this time, as it is where it needs to be. She said its purpose is serving the community. "So we just hope we can keep doing that," she said.



The Mid-Ohio Valley Relic Recovery presented a case of relics that were found on the Historic Oakland Estate property during a recent metal detecting dig in November during an open house on Monday. This case contained relics like knives, lantern tops, keys, trinkets and bells. (Photo by James Dobbs)

Reeder said Oakland will be open for tours on Mondays starting next Monday. If you are interested in a tour of Oakland contact the foundation at 304-424-8340 or email foundation@wvup.edu. She said the foundation typically asks for a donation for a tour.

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This is just the first of many events coming to the Historic Oakland Estate:

* Feb. 11: Galentine's Day Dessert Decorating Event



Olivia Reeder, director for WVU at Parkersburg Foundation, gave tours of the Historic Oakland Estate during an open house event Monday. (Photo by James Dobbs)

* Feb. 22: Guided Painting Class

* March 14: Sushi 101

* March 28: Easter Basket Quarter Auction

* March 31-April 2: Easter Bunny Mini Photo Sessions

* April 9: Easter Eggs Hidden from the Easter Bunny with personalized notes



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(Photo by James Dobbs)

- * April 11: Charcuterie 101
 - * April 25: Guided Painting Class
 - * May 6: Kentucky Derby Party
 - * May 10: Mommy and Me Guided Painting Class
 - * May 20: Morning Yoga with Mimosas
 - * June 15: Daddy and Me DIY Event
 - * June 24: A Toast to WV Day
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Dr. Sheri Theaker Joins West Liberty University as Dean of Graduate Studies

West Liberty University

February 2, 2023

<https://westliberty.edu/news/news/dr-sherri-theaker-joins-west-liberty-university-as-dean-of-graduate-studies/>

WEST LIBERTY, W.Va., Feb. 2, 2023 — West Liberty University selected Sherri Theaker as its Dean of Graduate Studies recently. Theaker is now leading the growing number of programs housed in the Office of Graduate Studies, located in historic Shotwell Hall.

“I’m pleased to be part of West Liberty University and look forward to serving our students and professionals seeking to advance their degrees and skills,” Theaker said.

Theaker will oversee recruitment, retention and promotion of the graduate programs. She oversees two program coordinators at this time and expects to soon add another employee to her staff to assist in the operations of the Graduate Office.

Theaker previously was employed at Wheeling University, where she was chair of the Education Department and served as accreditation coordination. She also served as a full-time professor at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

She earned her doctoral degree in curriculum instruction and special education at Ohio University, her master’s degree at Youngstown State University and her undergraduate degree Ohio State University...

This is Home: Oakland Estate, taking a step into history

WTAP-TV [Video]

February 3, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/02/03/this-is-home-oakland-estate-taking-step-into-history/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Over the past 191 years Parkersburg has grown and developed around Oakland Estate.

Earlier this week, WVU at Parkersburg Foundation opened up the home to the public. Now, people can take classes and tour the family home.

For this week's This Is Home WTAP goes inside the home and steps back in time to learn more about this piece of local history.

"People should know their history and this is part of our history as residents of Parkersburg, WV," Olivia Reeder, WVU-P Foundation Director.

Oakland Estate was built by James McNeil Stephenson back in 1832 and took 6 years to complete.

Reeder explained that before James McNeil Stephenson found himself in politics, he was a local tanner. She said he sold his tannery to Henry Logan, another prominent man in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

Reeder says at the height of the home there were three sisters that lived there, and it wasn't uncommon for 15-20 people to come for Sunday dinner, drinks, and games.

"It was always the place for people to gather and have events and be together in fellowship and it was always used for good and that's something we hope to continue and for us having such a monumental historical piece in the middle of Parkersburg is a really big deal and we're really lucky to steward that type of home," Reeder said. The estate was gifted to the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation in 2015.

Reeder explained that the original Oakland Estate spanned all the way to the YMCA... but the land was donated to create the City Park and Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

"It's just the idea of bringing the foundation out into the community and like I said we're right in the middle of Parkersburg. So, we're just trying to go where the people are."

With the house being a part of Parkersburg for 191 years and seeing so many people enter its doors, there's a lot of history in the home and on the grounds.

Reeder said that many items were found on the grounds.

"So we did recently have Mid-Ohio Valley Relic Recovery here and they were able to find a lot of really cool stuff that was just buried outside on the grounds. So there's some horseshoes, bells, I actually think this piece is very cool."

All the antiques came with the home or were donated back after the Foundation acquired it. Reeder pointed out several items of interest.

Including original wallpaper.

"... It was hand painted and it tells the story of... basically of James McNeal Stephenson's life and how he went from being a tanner to a wealthy estate owner."



A family Chest

“...This has been in the family for years and years and years. But the really cool thing is that it was papered with really old newspapers. If you get down in there with the right light, you can tell that they’re extremely old.”



Oakland Estate family chest, lined with old newspapers(Alexa Griffey)

And bed frames.

"...we're certain one of three in existence. There could be more, but we know of three. And this was actually created from the oaks on the property." The other two are with family.



Oakland Estate bed frame made from oaks on the land (Alexa Griffey)

Reeder says it's important to preserve these historical places for future generations.

"There are a lot of places in Parkersburg that are very historical and there's a lot of places in Parkersburg that we've lost already that are very historical so we really need to be good stewards and respectful of what we have left because this really is a gift to our community and we need to respect that and honor that and make it a place where people can feel welcomed and inclusive and that is what we're trying to do at the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation."

For a full list of events you can visit WVU at Parkersburg Foundation website:

[West Virginia University at Parkersburg Foundation](https://www.wvu.edu/parkersburg)

Gilmer officially becomes president of Potomac State College

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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Chris Gilmer in front of the statue of a catamount, the mascot for West Virginia University Potomac State College, is taking over as the permanent president at the Keyser campus. (Photo Provided by WVU)

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Gilmer is a first-generation college graduate, published author and advocate for underserved students.

Gilmer, named the interim president at Keyser in April 2022, will begin his new tenure immediately.

"It is with great humility and a sense of gratitude and collaboration that I embark on this new journey," Gilmer said. "It took me about one minute to fall in love with this place and its people, and to see both the outstanding accomplishments of the past and present and the wondrous promise of the future."

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"I assure you that no one will work harder or with more joy than I will work with and for this college and the WVU System," Gilmer said.

Gilmer immediately connected with the college community, according to Gee.

"From the moment he arrived, Chris prioritized making connections with students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community," Gee said. "His inclusive approach and dedication to our core mission, helping students learn and succeed, make Chris the right fit at the right time as we continue to expand opportunities at WVU Potomac State College."

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Most of Gilmer's career, was spent as an administrator and faculty member in the historically Black colleges and universities system as executive director of the Vicksburg, Miss., campus of Alcorn State University. He also was vice president for academic affairs at Adams State University, the oldest federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution in Colorado. Gilmer is founder of the National Institutes for Historically-Underserved Students.

Gilmer chaired a network of technical assistance centers for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, serving all 50 states and other U.S. jurisdictions, and has consulted with the U.S. Department of Education's regional educational labs and comprehensive technical assistance centers.

"In less than a year, Dr. Gilmer has shown significant commitment to our Keyser campus' academic programs, faculty and students," Reed said. "We have full faith in his ability to lead Potomac State College into the future through his service leadership and deep understanding of underserved populations."

Gilmer's degrees are in English, including a doctoral degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

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Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

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UP: To the joining of the Rotary Club of Parkersburg and Edison Middle School as Partners in Education. The initiative supports schools in the development of strategic partnerships with local businesses and community organizations. *“Through strong, strategic, and intentional partnerships, West Virginia schools have the potential to prepare students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in today’s workforce,”* the Education Alliance says, on its website. Certainly, the resources available through the members of the Rotary Club of Parkersburg will be an important building block in the education of Edison’s students.

UP: To those chosen as part of this year’s Leadership West Virginia class, which the program says it its most diverse class of the past 32 years. *“These candidates were chosen because of their outstanding leadership skill, advancements and successes in their professional careers, and civic and community involvement,”* said Pam Farris, executive director. And with 58 people taking advantage of the program to learn more about our state’s issues and how they can become leaders in tackling them, surely our state will reap the benefits of the seven-month effort. We look forward to seeing what this bunch can do.

UP: To the reopening of the Historic Oakland Estate in Parkersburg, with an open house hosted by the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Foundation. With members of the public finally invited to come see the work done on the home, Olivia Reeder, director of the WVU-P Foundation, called it *“fantastic, beyond what I had planned.”* It is good to know the historic home is back to becoming a place of education and fellowship, as Reeder put it.

Superintendent discusses impact of HB 4600 with board members

The Pennsboro News

February 8, 2023

- Approved Melody Grinter, a student at West Virginia University at Parkersburg to Conduct 20-hours of Observation for Field placement during the second semester at Harrisville Elementary
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West Virginia University at Parkersburg board releases profile for presidential search

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

February 9, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2023/02/west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg-board-releases-profile-for-presidential-search/>

The WVU-P Board of Governors met Tuesday, via Zoom, to approve the 17-page “West Virginia University at Parkersburg Presidential Profile.”

“(The next president) will be a visionary, politically astute, and collaborative leader who desires to make a long-term commitment to the college and the communities it serves,” according to the profile.

The profile was compiled following recent meetings with Academic Search of Washington, D.C., who will be conducting the search. The meeting included university

staff, students, faculty, the administrators as well as members of the community with people providing input on the qualities they want in a president.

The Academic Search Committee will be sending that profile out nationwide this week to publicize the university's opening for a new president and to see who would be interested in applying for the position, said Academic Search Committee Chairman Joseph Oliverio.

"It is very comprehensive and talks about the requirements that we are looking for as well as the community and demographics of the school and our geographic footprint and more," he said. "If someone from outside the state, who is not familiar with it, can look at that and have a good idea whether they would be a good fit for WVU-P."

"If they apply, then we will figure out if they are a good fit for WVU-P."

Oliverio said they are looking for someone with the knowledge and background with the type of college they are being under the West Virginia Community and Technical College System and the Higher Learning Commission systems for two-year and four-year institutions with both Associate and Bachelor degree programs and all that requires.

"WVU Parkersburg may be described as a 'hybrid' college in that it is both a community and technical college, as well as a baccalaureate degree-granting college," the profile said. "This hybrid nature is unique to the state, country, and service area."

"Therefore, mission clarification is an important challenge."

The college offers over 50 degree programs, workforce development, short-term career training, and community education classes. They have bachelor and associate degree programs as well as over a dozen certificate programs.

"We are excited with what the profile developed and will let it speak for itself," Oliverio said.

The profile was sent out by Academic Search on Wednesday and applications will be accepted by them through April 10, 2023.

The search committee will narrow down the applicants to semi-finalists and finalists.

Semi-finalists will be interviewed, via Zoom, and a list of finalists will be determined. The finalists who will be brought on campus for in-person interviews.

Oliverio said they are looking at having a president named sometime in May so the person can be in place and ready to start July 1.

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Tamburini presentation to focus on diversity and the Mid-Ohio Valley

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PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is hosting a presentation by Adjunct Economics Instructor Terry Tamburini that will focus on diversity and how diversifying the Mid-Ohio Valley can lead to maintaining a consistent level of economic and social progress.

“I am proud that we can share unique programming with our campus community. Tamburini’s presentation will undoubtedly give many of us a new perspective when it comes to diversity, especially in the Mid-Ohio Valley,” said Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair Nancy Harris.

Tamburini has been an adjunct instructor of economics at WVU-P since 1990. He is a native of Parkersburg and received his post-secondary education at Xavier University and a master’s degree at Miami University.

Upon completing his academic responsibilities, he began his professional career as an economic development specialist for the West Central Community Action Association. He followed this experience with the directorship of the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council and served as development director with the City of Parkersburg, a development faculty position with the Ohio State University, and the directorship of the Southeastern Ohio Port Authority.

The event will take place on Monday, Feb. 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the College Theater with no entry cost.

WVU Parkersburg announces first distinguished faculty chair

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

February 11, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2023/02/wvu-parkersburg-announces-first-distinguished-faculty-chair/>



PARKERSBURG — The first C.O. and Charles F. Erickson Distinguished Faculty Chair in Entrepreneurship at West Virginia University at Parkersburg has been announced.

Professor Charles Almond has a focus on creating new technology companies in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

“Professor Almond’s proposal embodied what the Erickson Foundation envisioned when the C.O and Charles F. Erickson Distinguished Faculty Chair in Entrepreneurship was established,” said Kathy Eddy, trustee of the Erickson Foundation. “He intends to challenge students to develop entrepreneurial ideas that can lead to a business, including assisting them to develop a business, marketing plan and hopefully attract investors. In addition, his vision includes the intent for the businesses developed to remain in the local area. I see that as a win for WVU-P and a win for our community.”

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The proposal also includes helping students to incorporate their businesses and become connected with resources for advertising and marketing, as well as accounting and financial management. The project culminates with helping students create a "pitch" for their business to potential investors.

"These engagement goals should foster an entrepreneurial spirit of creativity, opportunity, and innovation among students," Almond said. "Students who take advantage of this will also benefit from applying what they are learning in a much more significant and meaningful way."

Funded by the Erickson Foundation, this distinguished, endowed faculty chair position is designed to enhance faculty/student partnerships to promote faculty and undergraduate research to engage students in advanced experiential learning opportunities, and to promote faculty and student academic endeavor.

"We appreciate The Erickson Foundation for recognizing the value of the faculty at WVU Parkersburg and understanding their significance to our community's success," Interim President Torie Jackson said. "We challenge the faculty member to apply and test academic knowledge and strategies in field-based, hands-on situations and to infuse that real-world experience into teaching, mentoring, and research strategies to enhance experiential learning. In this proposal, we hope to see new technology companies emerge and operate in the Mid-Ohio Valley."

Selection for the distinguished chair was open to faculty members teaching in all academic and technical disciplines currently offered by WVU-P. This will be a rotating appointment. The initial appointment will begin with the spring 2023 academic term and will be for a two-year period with the possibility, but not the guarantee, of renewal for one additional two-year period for a maximum total of four years.

WVU Parkersburg announces first Distinguished Faculty Chair

WVNews

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WVU Parkersburg Nursing and Health Sciences Division to host open house February 21

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) — Careers in health care are exciting, rewarding, and offer a lifetime of fulfillment. The Nursing and Health Sciences Division prides itself on the quality of education we offer with new simulation labs, clinical rotations, concept-based learning and much more!

The Nursing and Health Sciences will be having an Open House event Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 5:30 – 7 p.m., in the Nursing and Health Sciences classrooms located on the second floor of the main campus, to showcase the state-of-the-art equipment WVU Parkersburg has to offer. Prospective students and their families can connect with faculty and staff.

Hands-on activities during the Open House include:

- In the Simulation Lab, prospective students can participate in live simulation features like mother and baby and a CPR demonstration.
- In the Campus Lab, prospective students can work with our robotic mannequins, take vital signs, practice removing staples, and learn about wound care.
- In one of the classrooms, participants will be able to wear our new HoloLens (virtual reality) goggles and experience different types of patient situations.
- The Surgical Technology Lab will also provide live demonstrations.

“This event is an excellent opportunity to experience hands-on activities that will provide knowledge of what our program can offer before becoming a healthcare professional,” said Katie Finnerty, Nursing and Health Science’s Student Success Advisor.

Visit wvup.edu/nursing to learn more about the Nursing Program. For more information contact Katie Finnerty at kfinnert@wvup.edu.

Foundations: Higher education continues to adapt and evolve

Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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PARKERSBURG — It's no secret that higher education has changed dramatically in the last 20 years — and even just in the last five years.

From costs increasing drastically, to the introduction and eventual reliance on technology for many aspects of higher education, and to the transition from in-person to online courses during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, colleges and faculty members have been trying to adjust to the new normal.

Doctor Torie Jackson is the interim president and CEO of West Virginia University at Parkersburg. She believes that technology has had a large role in the evolution of higher education in recent years.

“Advancements in technology have been transformative, and technology can be provided in different formats,” she said. “We have learned to adapt and meet learners where they’re at.”

Jackson also emphasized the importance of higher education institutions communicating with potential employers who are coming to the area for soon-to-be-graduates. For example, WVU-P is in talks with economic development authorities to attract tech employers to the area. She also said nurses and teachers are always needed, so WVU-P is always focused on training the next generation of health care professionals and educators.



“We’re depending on WVU-P to be a community partner,” Jackson added. “We can help train workforce that we need.”

When it comes to non-traditional students at WVU-P — say, for example, a plant worker who has lost their job and needs new training, or a mother whose children have graduated high school and wants to go back and get her diploma — Jackson said, “they like to perform at the highest level — like all of our students.”

There are also student supports to help every age of student, the tutoring center is free, and there are peer and faculty mentoring options as well.

Jackson also highlighted the re-vamped agribusiness program at WVU-P. Agribusiness involves an academic program which revolves around teaching students about different agricultural fields, like beekeeping and soil health. WVU-P's farm, The Riverhawk Farm, is fully operational and produces many food products. Through a partnership with the university and Mister Bee, the potatoes grown there are even used in Mister Bee potato chips.

When asked what she's proud of the most regarding WVU-P, Jackson said, "I'm most proud of the people who make up WVU-P — students, faculty, and staff."

Andrew Smith, the interim director of the Career Center at Marietta College, believes there has been a dramatic shift in not only what is taught, but how it's taught.

"When I started in about 2010, I thought I was going to lecture like how I was lectured, but I'd only done it for three or four years before I realized the students were changing," Smith said. "That wasn't the way they wanted to learn. I had to adapt my pedagogy."

Smith realized it was crucial to build time in to interact and see how students apply what they're learning.

"Active learning became really important to me," he said.

Smith also acknowledged that student support is a game changer in many cases.

"A big change is outside of the classroom in support services. It felt like you were on your own when I was in school," he said.

"There's a drive for institutions to make sure they're teaching things or redesigning programs to meet market needs," Smith said. "Not every major leads to a specific career at the end," he added.

Smith also emphasized that problem solving skills for all students, regardless of major, are critical in order to find jobs. Students need to develop skills and "competencies" in

order to thrive. One question he says that employers wonder is, “are those students practicing basic problem solving skills?”

Smith also discussed non-traditional students and the importance of colleges understanding and working with the different types of students that enroll.

“Colleges need to adapt to it,” he said.

“Being accessible to non traditional students is really important to a lot of colleges,” Smith said. “And it’s not always going to be a four-year degree. It can be certificates, badges, credentials.”

Smith sees lots of opportunity for colleges to grow in different ways once they fully embrace the different types of learners and different kinds of students that attend them.

When asked what Smith hopes for in the future, he replied, “Having worked at colleges in other places, I really hope Marietta College can keep its reputation as a historical college with great students but apply that to a future where students are different.

“Are we offering the best services? I really hope Marietta College focuses on that and delivers the experience that students need.”

A WVUP Organization collecting donations for Carry on Campaign

WTAP

February 16, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/02/16/wvup-organization-collecting-donations-carry-campaign/>

The Criminal Justice Organization at WVU Parkersburg is working to help kids in foster care through the Carry on Campaign.

The Carry on Campaign is designed to help kids in foster care feel a little more at home.

Criminal Justice Program Coordinator Andrew Walker talked more about the campaign.

“The Carry on Campaign was an initiative that was started back in 2010 by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of West Virginia worked with the Children’s Home Society, prosecutors, and a few other groups that work to help children in foster care and children that are removed from homes in an emergency setting like CPS visit,” said Walker.

The WVUP Criminal Justice Organization is collecting bags like suitcases and backpacks to make the moves easier for kids.

“A lot of kids in foster care or that are removed during an emergency unfortunately have to carry their belongings in a garbage bag. This campaign is a way to help give them something that’s more substantial than a garbage bag. Something that can become their own; to carry their possessions around and to provide them with other things they are going to need,” said Walker.

The Criminal Justice Organization are collecting items other than just the bags.

“Suitcases and bags, and things that young people can carry and put things in but also toiletries, stuffed animals, blankets, towels, and that sort of stuff that can help them transition from one place to another,” said Walker.

The organization hopes to give more than just the items to the kids.

“Our hope was that we just kind of give them that message that people care about them and that even in a bad situation, there are those that are still willing to help,” said Walker.

Donations can be dropped off through Friday in the Success Epicenter room at WVUP.

Visit [WVUP Criminal Justice Organization Collecting Donations for Carry on Campaign](#) for more information.

WVU-Parkersburg community reacts to Senate Bill 10 passing the W.Va. House
WTAP

February 22, 2023

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WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2023 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 10

By Senators Phillips

[Introduced January 11, 2023; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - With Senate Bill 10 – or the Campus Carry Bill – passing the W.Va. House of Delegates, students at West Virginia University at Parkersburg have some differing feelings about this legislation.

Some who are against say they are shocked because of the continued school shootings in the United States.

“It’s a little shocking to see,” says WVU-Parkersburg student, Zane Lemley. “Because, I mean, I feel like everyone has seen what’s kind of happened in schools. Especially over the last few years where school shootings have kind of gone up lately. And you hear about a lot more of them a lot more frequently.”

While those who are for it believe that a new method of security could be needed to address school shootings.

“So, instead of continuing to do the same thing by like not allowing guns to be on the campus, maybe it’s time to try something else to see if that will prevent some of the school shootings,” says WVU-Parkersburg students, Quentin Kennedy.

There are a few provisions to the Campus Carry Bill.

Such as places where faculty members request someone to not practice concealed carry in the offices and any disciplinary or counselor meetings taking place.

“So, they will be able – it appears – to put a sign on their office that would say ‘I do not want concealed carry in my office,’” says WVU-Parkersburg interim president, Torie Jackson. “We also could not have it if we were doing counseling or if we were doing some type of student discipline or employee discipline. It wouldn’t be allowed in any of those situations as well.”

And any place with flammable material or any place that is a shared site with another group.

“Our Caperton Center which houses students that are also a part of Wood County Schools, it would be an off-limit site,” says Jackson. “So, nobody there would be able to do concealed carry from what we read from the provisions right now. We also have to look at the provisions to see what it means with our science labs, with our welding facilities. Because there are flammable liquids that are stored in both of those.”

Students and faculty will need a concealed carry permit and training.

Jackson says that if Gov. Jim Justice signs this bill that the school will need to look to see what steps need to be taken before the potential enforcement date of July 1, 2024.

Point Park mural painting parties begin

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2023/02/point-park-mural-painting-parties-begin/>



PARKERSBURG — The first of several painting parties for the new mural that will surround the entrance to Point Park have started.

Volunteers hoping to become part of something big can go to the Parkersburg Art Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Painting parties started Friday afternoon.

The Arts of the MOV and the Parkersburg Art Center have commissioned muralist Nichole Westfall of West Virginia to create a mural for the floodwall on both sides and across the top of the entrance to Point Park.

Westfall's design creates an open feeling to the entrance that can feel narrow for drivers and pedestrians. The design reflects the community gardens of the Greater Parkersburg Convention and Visitors Bureau opening this spring, native birds and other elements of the river and city.

Like the mural on the Parkersburg Art Center wall, this mural starts with 5-by-5 foot pieces of polytab material that have been marked with color codes. Volunteers can help paint this color-coded base layer.

The mural will be completed and applied to the floodwall in early June.

Westfall and her assistant artists were trained in the polytab process by muralist Greta McClain when they assisted her in 2021 with the Good Space mural.

The work is funded in part with a grant from the City of Parkersburg. For information about the painting parties and how to get involved, contact the Parkersburg Art Center, 304-485-3859.

The Arts of the MOV is a group of 12 local arts organizations coordinated by the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation. The website is artsofthemov.wvup.edu.

Different Strokes: Volunteers paint sections of Parkersburg floodwall mural
The Parkersburg News and Sentinel
February 27, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2023/02/different-strokes-volunteers-paint-sections-of-parkersburg-floodwall-mural/>



PARKERSBURG –The Parkersburg Art Center held a painting party Friday and Saturday.

Members of the public could come by and paint on parachute paper that will make up a new mural around the entrance to Point Park in the Parkersburg floodwall.

“We’ve had so much help,” said Senta Goudy, dean of civic engagement at West Virginia University at Parkersburg. “We have had families come in and adults just wanting to paint.”

Artist Nichole Westfall designed the mural after assisting muralist Greta McClain with Good Space mural on the side of the Art Center in 2021.

“I hope to continue painting murals until I physically can’t anymore,” Westfall said.



She outlined the pieces of parachute paper and coded them to be painted easily. The paint and paper are UV-protected to stand the test of time.

“It’s kind of like wallpaper,” Goudy says. “It will last forever. It is a nice way to have permanent art that was made by the community.”

“The painters pick a color or a piece of parachute paper they want to work on,” Goudy said. “And from there they will pick up a color of paint that correlates with what section they are going to paint.”

Once all of the pieces are finished, Westfall planned to take them back to her studio to touch them up and ready them to be applied to the wall.

This project is part of the Arts Collaborative of the Mid-Ohio Valley and is funded by a grant from the City of Parkersburg.



WVU-P hosting Adult Mental Health courses for Green Bandana Initiative

WTAP

February 28, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/02/28/wvu-p-hosting-adult-mental-health-courses-green-bandana-initiative/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - West Virginia University at Parkersburg wants to have a group of students prepared to help those dealing with mental health concerns.

The commuter college is hosting adult mental health courses as a part of the Green Bandana Initiative.

The initiative is a training campaign aimed to help with seeing the signs of mental health concerns and being able to help those in need.

“Yes, so they talk about different new basic exercises that students can do just to kind of bring themselves down if they’re having a stressful day,” says criminal justice assistant professor, Andrew Walker. “But they’re also encouraging students to take part in evidence-based trainings and nationally recognized trainings. So, there’s one for suicide prevention, which is called ‘Q.P.R.’ And there’s another one that we’ll be hosting here which is ‘Mental Health First Aid.’”

According to officials, one in four adults deal with a diagnosable mental health disorder every given year.

Walker says that doing early intervention and knowing how to help those dealing with mental health concerns is an important step in helping others.

WVU Parkersburg signs in new students into Education program on February 27

The Jackson Star & Herald

March 3, 2023

https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/wvu-parkersburg-signs-in-new-students-into-education-program-on-february-27/article_9bb86bfe-b849-11ed-8e1d-cb56be982109.html

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) – The WVU Parkersburg Professional Studies Division hosted a ceremony Feb. 27 to honor students being admitted into the education program, as well as induct new members into the honor society Kappa Delta Pi.

Students Chloe Blatt, Rebecca Burdette, Elizabeth Collie, Scott Gorby, Kensley Hager, Quentin Kennedy, Madeline Kitts, Kelsie Means, Kathryn Offenberger, Ariana Pagan, Mariah Parks, Kaeleigh Parsons, and Harley Saxton were admitted into the education program.

“The signing ceremony is a pivotal point for our education majors. Teacher candidates being accepted into the program must have a 3.0 GPA, pass three PRAXIS Core exams, successfully complete 60 hours of field placement and complete 50 hours of service learning,” said Dr. Bobbi Marshall, Dean of the Professional Studies Division.

“Teacher candidates have worked hard to get to this point in the program. We are very proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing great things from them as they move into the next phase of their education.”

Olivia Birkhimer, Rebecca Burdette, Lindsey Cross, Abigail Lathem, Kathryn Offenberger, Hannah Parsons, Vanessa Patton, Harley Saxton, and Elizabeth Weaver were all inducted into Kappa Delta Pi.

“Seeing new faces joining the education program and Kappa Delta Pi brings me joy. In today’s society, this profession is much needed. I can’t wait to see how these future teachers positively impact the lives of their students,” said KDP President Maggy Criser.

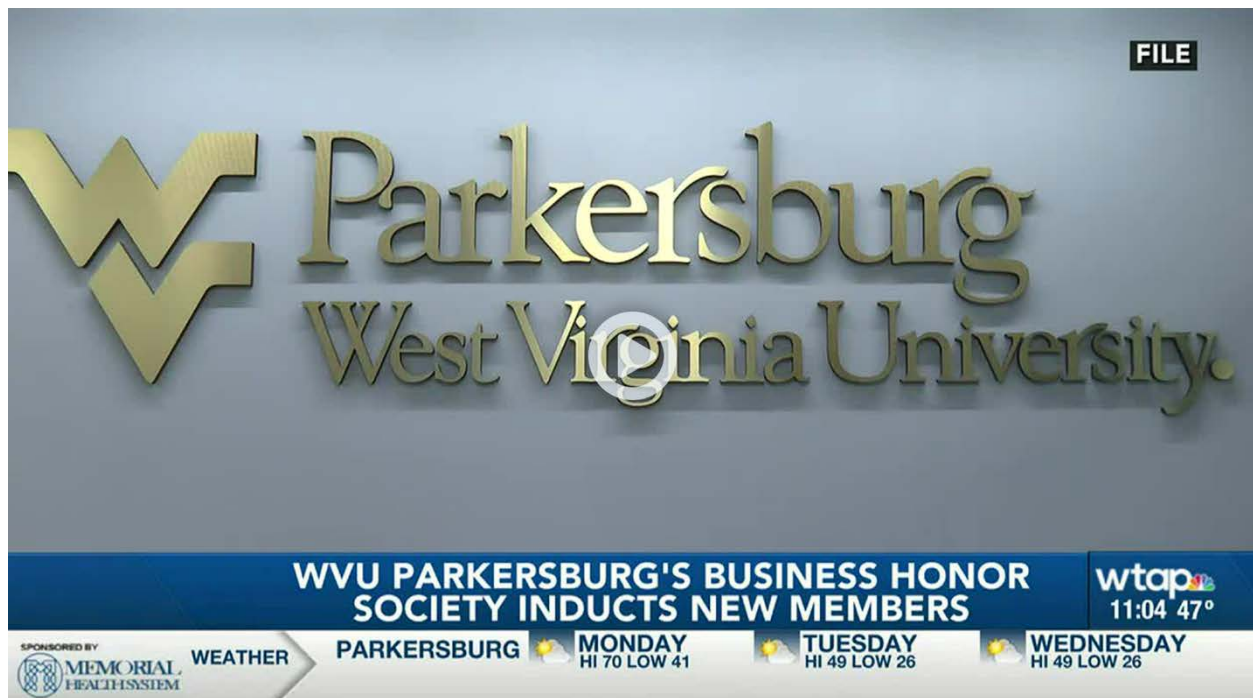
For more information on the WVU Parkersburg education program, please visit wvup.edu/education.

Business honor society inducts new members

WTAP

March 3, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/03/04/business-honor-society-inducts-new-members/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - A business honor society at WVU Parkersburg adds to their membership with inducting students and honorary members this week.

Omicron Pi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta inducted students Tyler Bumgarner, Jenny Dixon, Bradley Emerick, Alex Hendrickson, Adam Hoschar, Ryan Malson, Angel Spangler and Michael Yonis III.

Honorary members inducted include Dr. Torie Jackson, Interim President, WVU Parkersburg; Wendy Shriver, Executive Director, Discovery World on Market; Amanda Stevens, Executive Director, Downtown PKB; Benjamin Poling, President, McDonough, Eddy, Poling & Baylous A.C.; Rachel Poling, Accountant, McDonough, Eddy, Poling & Baylous A.C.; Lauriel Rader, Administrative Associate, WVU Parkersburg; and Melody Hatfield, Instructor, WVU Parkersburg.

WVU Parkersburg's Omicron Pi chapter of Delta Mu Delta was established in 2019. It fosters the well-being of its individual members and the business community through life-time membership.

Delta Mu Delta is an international business honor society that recognizes students with exceptional academic achievement in bachelor's degree programs in Business Administration. It was founded in Nov. 18, 1913, by the Dean of Harvard University and four professors from Yale University and New York University and currently has almost 200 chapters worldwide.

WVU Parkersburg's Omicron Pi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta inducted new members at ceremony on March 2

The Jackson Star & Herald

March 7, 2023

https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/wvu-parkersburg-s-omicron-pi-chapter-of-delta-mu-delta-inducted-new-members-at-ceremony/article_5b72772e-bba0-11ed-bd3a-d3fd47803730.html

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) — Several WVU Parkersburg students and honorary members were inducted into WVU Parkersburg's Omicron Pi Chapter of Delta Mu Delta at a ceremony that took place at the college last Thursday.

The students inducted were Tyler Bumgarner, Jenny Dixon, Bradley Emerick, Alex Hendrickson, Adam Hoschar, Ryan Malson, Angel Spangler and Michael Yonis III.

"Serving as the faculty advisor for the chapter, I have witnessed the real-world significance of membership for our students at the beginning, and throughout their careers. Our chapter's membership includes WVU Parkersburg alumni who hold positions in the federal government, law, and own prominent local businesses," said Dr. Billy Stone, faculty adviser at WVU Parkersburg.

Also inducted as honorary members were Dr. Torie Jackson, Interim President, WVU Parkersburg; Wendy Shriver, Executive Director, Discovery World on Market; Amanda Stevens, Executive Director, Downtown PKB; Benjamin Poling, President, McDonough, Eddy, Poling & Baylous A.C.; Rachel Poling, Accountant, McDonough, Eddy, Poling & Baylous A.C.; Lauriel Rader, Administrative Associate, WVU Parkersburg; and Melody Hatfield, Instructor, WVU Parkersburg.

“The beauty of Delta Mu Delta is that individual chapters celebrate the academic achievements of students while honoring exemplary, local professionals who are recognized as role models for the next generation of business leaders,” said Stone.

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For more information about Delta Mu Delta, visit their website <https://deltamudelta.org>. For more information about WVU Parkersburg’s chapter, Omicron Pi, contact Billy Stone at wstone1@wvup.edu.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg to host Women’s History Month panel

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

March 13, 2023

PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is celebrating this year’s Women’s History Month with a free and open to the public panel discussion with women from the community and the college at 7 p.m. March 30 in the College Activities Center.

The Breaking the Glass Ceiling panel will discuss how their hard work and dedication have paid off in big dividends.

Panelists include: Torie Jackson, interim president, WVU-P; Alice Harris, executive vice president of finance and administration, WVU-P; Christie Willis, superintendent of Wood County Schools; Wendy Shriver, executive director of Discovery World on Market; and Lindsey Piersol, economic development director, Wood County.

“As part of the efforts of our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, we felt the need to share with our students a program that could have a lasting impact on their career goals. Each one of our distinguished panel members is a leader,” said Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee chair Nancy Harris. “They represent the college and our community, and they have broken the ‘Glass Ceiling.’”

A display in honor of International Women’s Day will be at the event. WVU-P’s Art Club and Psychology Club created a display that showcases women in art and psychology history.

“According to Forbes, leadership is a process of social influence, which maximizes the efforts of others towards the achievement of a goal,” Harris said. “We have also invited the female leaders of many local non-profit organizations, service agencies and college leadership because they are true influencers and leaders who understand that hard work and dedication pays big dividends.”

For more information, contact Nancy Harris at nancy.harris@wvup.edu.



December 2022-February 2023
West Virginia University at Parkersburg
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Girl Power! 🙌 These Fall 2022 graduates are now Certified Surgical Technologists! 🎉 That means we had a 100% pass rate!

Learn more about the Surgical Technology program at <https://www.wvup.edu/.../nursing.../surgical-technology/>. You can also visit us during Open Enrollment Day on Dec. 29, from 8am - 4pm.



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Published by Hootsuite · December 14, 2022 at 1:01 PM · 



Congratulations to our Criminal Justice Student Organization! 🎉 This group attended the 25th Annual WV Criminal Justice Educators Association conference, presenting their work and hearing from others about current issues in the field. Not to mention, we took home some awards!

🏆 Hannah Stephens received the Conference Scholar Award and placed first in the statewide undergraduate paper competition. Her paper about Samuel Little will be published in the Mid-Southern Journal of Criminal Justice.

🏆 The Quiz Bowl and Crime Scene teams placed second in their competitions.

🔍 Instructor Amy Strong was elected second vice president of the association. She will serve as the chair for the 2023 Annual Conference hosted at WVU Parkersburg.

Read on at <http://ow.ly/xhBU50M3e1A>.



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Happy Holidays from the WVU Parkersburg Campus Coplin Health Systems Clinic! 🇺🇸 🌲 🇺🇸
Services offered here include primary and acute (walk-in) care for all ages and behavioral health services. Clinic hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Also, check out the beautiful Blue and Gold tree from the [WVU at Parkersburg Foundation!](#) Coplin won the decoration during the [United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley's Festival of Trees Auction.](#)



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January 27 · 🌐

We filled the college with laughter during the return of the Backdoor Comedy Club! 🤡 [Derrick Knopsnyder](#) and Nick Pike brought the house down with their jokes, stunts and audience participation. What was your favorite part of the show?



  Olivia Reeder and 29 others

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg
January 10

WVU Parkersburg is pleased to announce its Fall 2022 Graduates and President's and Dean's Scholars!

Full list of Graduates
https://www.wvup.edu/_/fall-2022-wvu-parkersburg/

Full list of Scholars
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West Virginia University at Parkersburg
January 25

We are #WVUProud to announce our Spring 2023 clinical and student teacher candidates! 🍎 These students are out in the community, managing classrooms of their own.

"We are extremely proud of our student teacher and Residency I and II candidates. Our teacher candidates have spent countless hours preparing for this semester," stated Dr. Bobbi Marshall, dean of Professional Studies. "Coursework is completed, national exams have been passed and numerous lesson plans have been wr... See more



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West Virginia University at Parkersburg

February 6 · 🌐



Congratulations to our Chili Cook-off winners! Steve Roberts, Professional Technologist took home the bragging rights with his Three Alarm Smokehouse Chili. 🌶️ In second was Christi Calvert, Child Development Program Coordinator, with the Best Vegetarian Chili Ever!



  Colleen McKenna, Justin Bosley and 58 others

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg

February 20 at 10:25 AM · 🌐



The Constellium Skilled Trade Scholarship Application deadline is February 22! Students in the program will receive associate degrees and enter a five-year employment agreement with Constellium! This scholarship is for high school seniors graduating this Spring only.

👉 To learn more about the program, contact Michele Wilson at michele.wilson@wvup.edu



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PARKERSBURG — A program this week at West Virginia University at Parkersburg is teaching a group of area students about 3-D printing to...

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WVU Parkersburg @WVUParkersburg · Dec 28, 2022

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Don't forget Open Enrollment Day! 📍📍 If you're looking for a short-term certification or to pursue a certificate, associate or bachelor's degree, stop by to learn about our programs, services, affordable tuition rates and how to register for Spring or Fall 2023!



**OPEN
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**Dec. 29, 2022
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Fill out your application at wvup.edu/apply, and add our school code **003828**, to your FAFSA!



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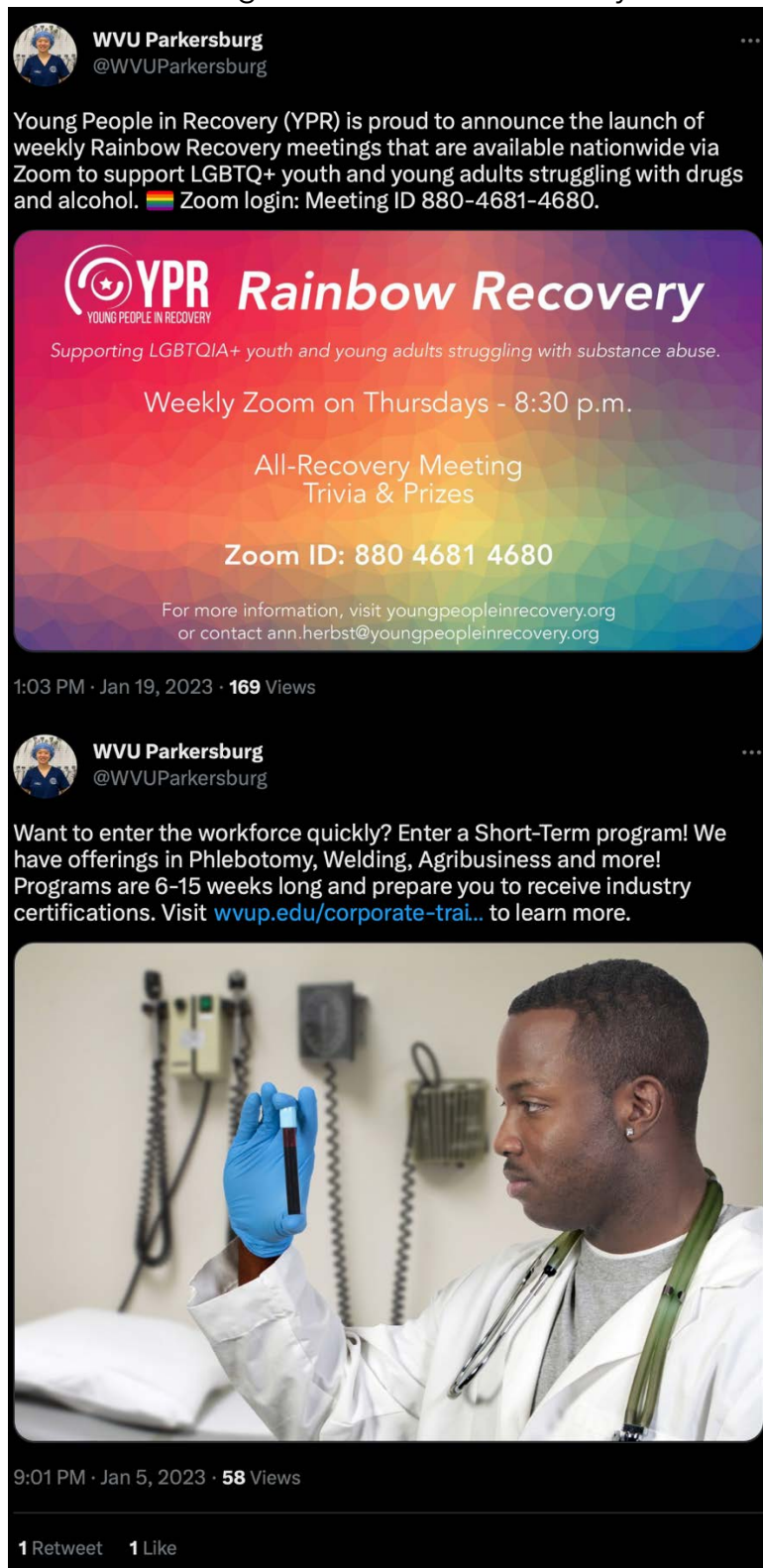
WVU Parkersburg @WVUParkersburg · Dec 5, 2022

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Friday night, our Riverhawks kicked off the start to finals with a bowling party! 🎳🎉 Good luck to everyone as they prepare for exams and the start of Winter Break. 💙💛



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College Chorale members L.V. Hissem and Emma Daley recently sang in the West Virginia American Choral Directors Association's Collegiate Honor Choir in Morgantown. 🎵 Early College student Olivia Wilson was also a WV-ACDA High School Chamber Choir member.



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wvuparkesburg Friday night, our Riverhawks kicked off the start to finals with an end-of-semester bowling party! 🎳🎉 We wish everyone the best as they prepare for exams. Believe in yourself because we do!

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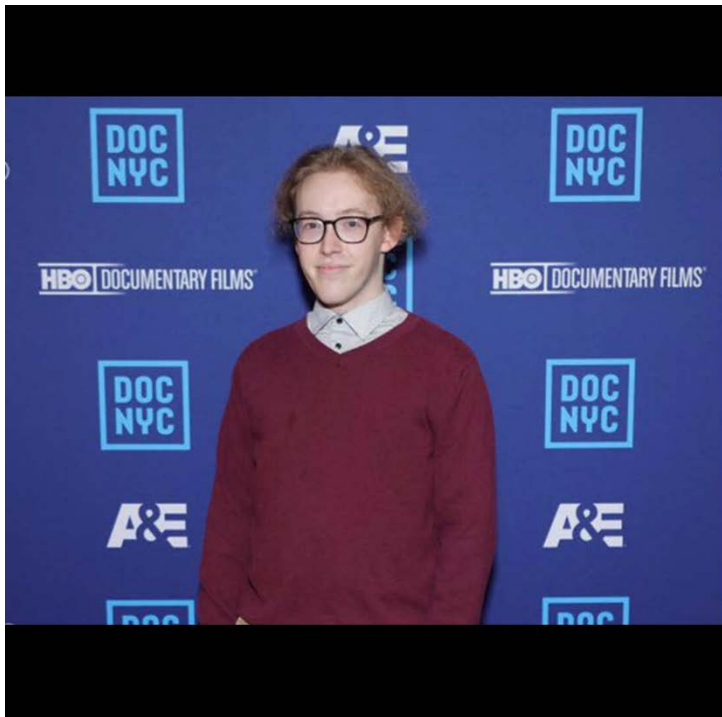
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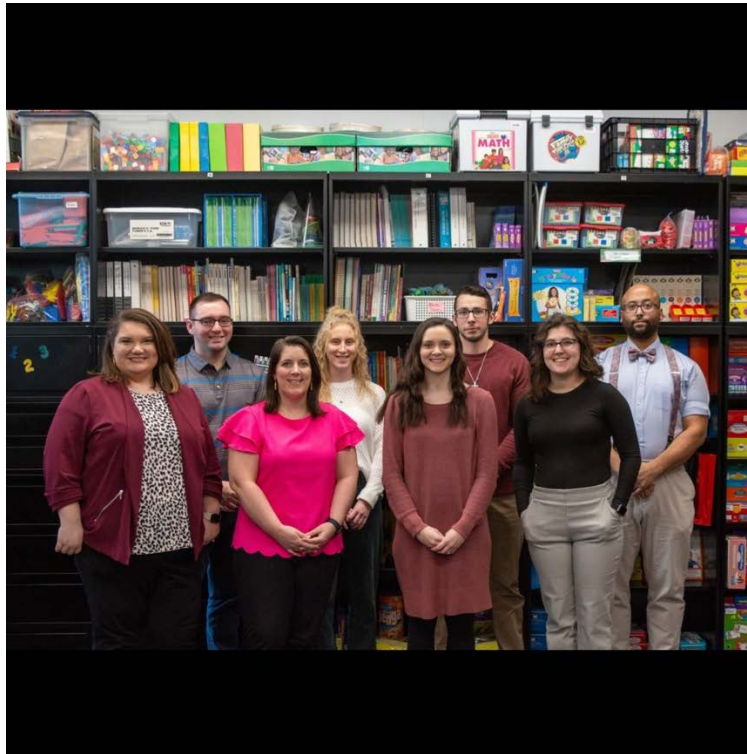
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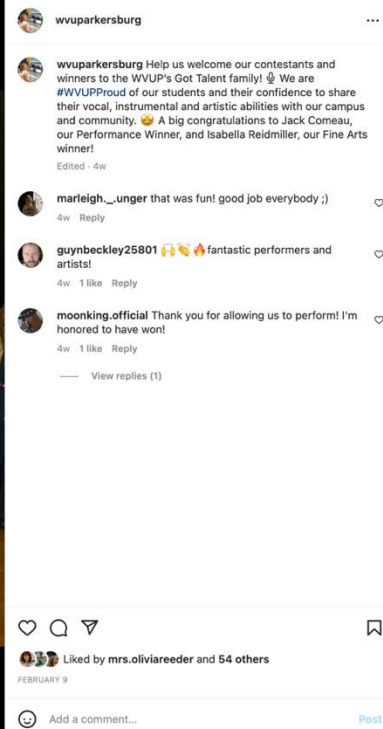
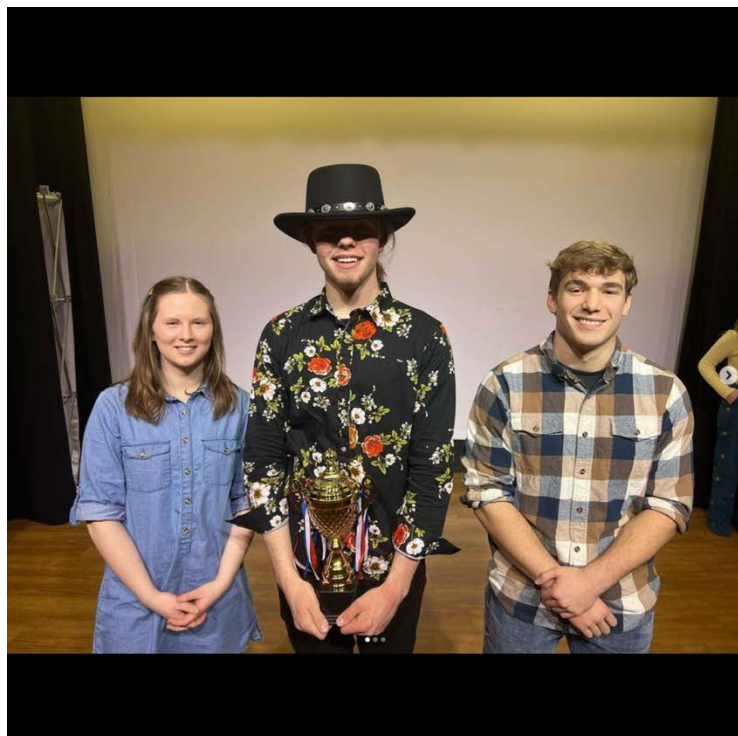
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 **wvuparkesburg** ...

 **wvuparkesburg** Last night, 12 students signed into the education program and nine were inducted into the education honor society, Kappa Delta Pi, at the Education Signing Ceremony! 🎉

👉 For more information about the Education Signing Ceremony, visit wvup.edu/news.

📄 For more information on our education program, visit wvup.edu/education.

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Read more about My So-Called High School Rank and Evan's experience at <http://ow.ly/C1va50Mcpel>.



 Autumn McKenna and 12 others

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We are **#WVUProud** to be partners with the All Within My Hands Foundation, which has allowed our students to pursue education and careers in technical trades like CIT, Digital Media Production and Welding. 

Check out the awesome interview with our Riverhawks during their visit to the Metallica concert at PNC Park this summer, and learn about their experience as scholarship recipients!

<https://lnkd.in/gdUynGfM>



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WVU Parkersburg gained 36 followers in January 2023.

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We are so excited to have our Riverhawks back on campus! 💙💛 Today, we kicked off the start of the semester with breakfast treats from JR's Donut Castle and Taco in a Bag lunches from Ricky's Cafe. Here are more Welcome Week activities coming soon from Student Engagement Activities!

- 🕒 Jan. 10: Coffee & Donuts, All Day, Student Lounge
- 🍪 Jan. 11: Cookies & Cocoa, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m., Student Lounge
- 🎳 Jan. 13: President's Bowling, TBD, Emerson Lanes
- 🎬 Jan. 19: Top Gun, Maverick Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room
- 🎤 Jan. 27: Backdoor Comedy Club, 7 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES!



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 **West Virginia University at Parkersburg** ...
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Congratulations to Dr. David Lancaster on being named the vice president for Academic Affairs! He began his professional career at WVU Parkersburg in 2001, serving in many roles, including Professional Studies dean and receiving full professorship.

"I have always heard that you can never go home. I received my teacher's training at WVU Parkersburg and then continued my career in a variety of positions. In 2001, I was blessed to return to WVU Parkersburg in my original area of professional training," said Lancaster. "I'm truly in awe that this great institution not only trained me but has called me home to lead in the vice-presidential role. I am honored and excited to have this opportunity!"

 Read more about Dr. Lancaster and his role at <https://lnkd.in/gx3Ph-Mf>.



 Jeremy Harrison and 42 others

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Today Adjunct Faculty Instructor, Terry Tamburini, gave a presentation in the College Theater about diversity in the Mid-Ohio Valley! The presentation focused on how diversifying the region can lead to maintaining a consistent level of economic and social progress.



  Billy Stone, Ph.D. and 13 others