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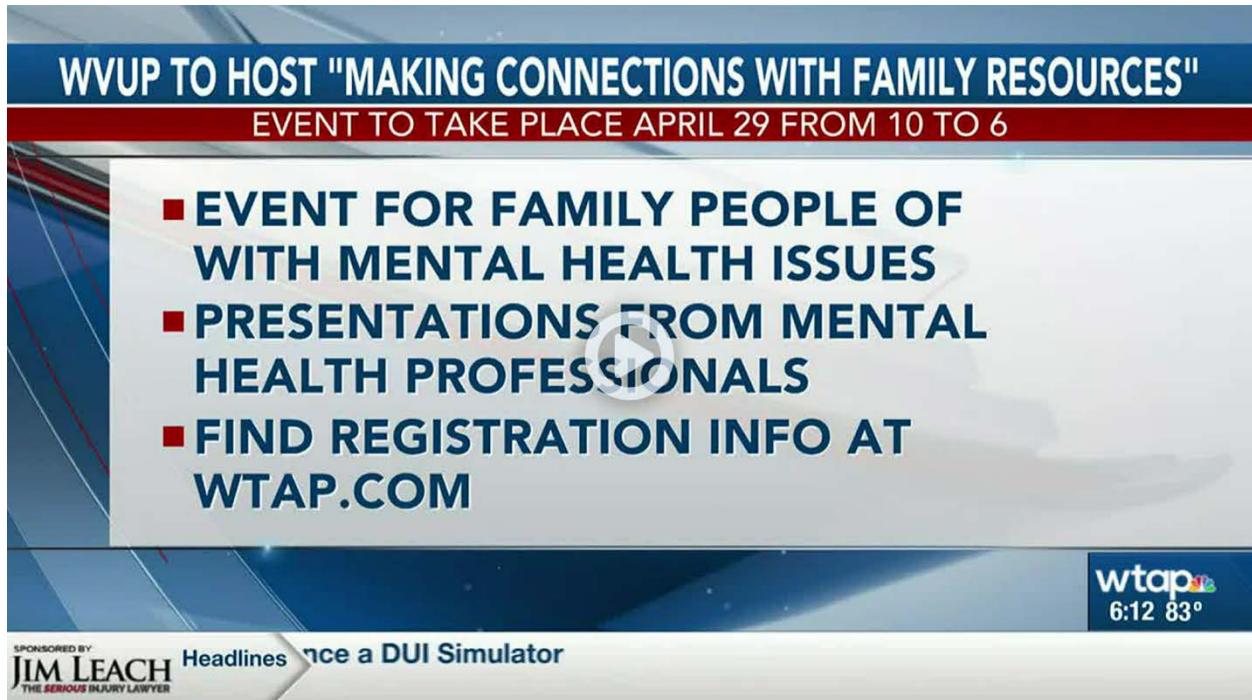
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WVU Parkersburg to host event for families of people with substance use or mental health disorders

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**WVUP TO HOST "MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH FAMILY RESOURCES"**  
EVENT TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 29 FROM 10 TO 6

- **EVENT FOR FAMILY PEOPLE OF WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**
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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - WVU Parkersburg will be hosting an event later this month for families and caregivers of people with mental health and substance use disorders on April 29.

The Making Connections with Family Resources event will provide resources and training for people to help their loved ones who struggle with their mental health or substance abuse, according to a press release from WVUP. The event will take place on April 29 from 10 in the morning to six in the evening. Presenters will include professionals from organizations including Westbrook Health Services, Disability Rights of WV, and First Choice.

The event was funded by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the Bureau for Behavioral Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Lunch and childcare will be provided, according to the press release. You can register [here](#).

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WVU Parkersburg to host event providing resources for mental health and substance use disorders

The Jackson Star & Herald

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[https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/wvu-parkersburg-to-host-event-providing-resources-for-mental-health-and-substance-use-disorders/article\\_33eb7838-d96c-11ed-a0b4-279270453fde.html](https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/wvu-parkersburg-to-host-event-providing-resources-for-mental-health-and-substance-use-disorders/article_33eb7838-d96c-11ed-a0b4-279270453fde.html)

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) — WVU Parkersburg is hosting Making Connections with Family Resources, an event to provide families and caregivers with resources for those struggling with mental health and substance use disorders. The event will take place on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the College Activities Center.

A variety of mental health professionals will be speaking at the training. Exhibitors from several organizations will also be present to provide resources and talk to attendees. These exhibitors include First Choice, WVU RTN, The Healthcare Plan, MSP-CAN, Disability Rights of WV and Westbrook Health Services.

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Lunch and childcare will be provided. Visit <https://forms.gle/hNHQej9A8vFDNbmh7> to register.

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WVU-Parkersburg group meets with vets to discuss internet availability

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<https://www.wtap.com/2023/04/21/wvu-parkersburg-group-meets-with-vets-discuss-internet-availability/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - A group at West Virginia University at Parkersburg is looking to meet with veterans at the college about their issues with broadband availability.

The group came together with veterans in the area to discuss any difficulties they may have with access to internet. This includes reliability, availability and price impact for those in all areas the commuter college covers.

Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council project coordinator, Jake Frady says that everyone -- including veterans looking to continue their higher learning -- should be able to have adequate access for internet.

“These programs and initiatives are all just getting out to these different groups of people and identifying what challenges they face, where they are, what their

availabilities are for internet. The goal of this program is to see all West Virginians with adequate, reliable internet service,” says Frady.

Frady says that initiatives and ways of improving broadband in the area is a way to assist and keep people in the area.

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Partners in Education Luncheon was held at WVUP

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<https://www.wtap.com/2023/04/21/partners-education-luncheon-was-held-wvup/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - Following a break due to COVID the MOV Chamber of Commerce brought Wood County Schools and their partners together for a fun afternoon Friday.

Businesses like WVU Medicine Camden Clark Medical Center, United Bank, Pickering Associates and many others have partnered with local schools to gives students more opportunities through education.



President and CEO of the MOV Chamber of Commerce Jill Parsons shared the importance of the luncheon.

“Today is a chance for us to celebrate the partnerships that are new, that have joined in the last year or so, and to celebrate the existing partnerships,” said Parsons

One of the newer partners is First Mutual Bank, and Business Development Officer Megan Conley plans to do more in the future.

“Well I hope that we can continue to grow our partnership, and do more efforts with financial literacy at the school; that’s important to us. I have to say that volunteering is one of my favorite things to do at Franklin Elementary. I can’t wait to see what the next school season brings us, and next year brings us,” said Conley.

Principal Brett Ubbens from Greenmont Elementary finds the partnerships very helpful for his students.

“It’s not just a matter of the partners giving financial support, but it’s volunteering in the classroom, special activities coming about with the kids, job training in some cases; when working with banks and DuPont, and some other places. There’s a lot of things that the kids get to do, that they can be prepared for when they get into high school, college, and beyond,” said Ubbens

The Mid-Ohio Valley Chamber of Commerce held the luncheon to bring all of the schools and their partners together for a fun event.

It was also a way to bring awareness to the partnerships for people who may not have known according Parsons

“I’m hoping that today the existing partners will have a chance to reinvigorate those relationships, and is anyone sees this and is interested in being a Partner in Education, we’d love for them to reach out to the chamber of commerce,” said Parsons.

If you are interested in becoming a Partner in Education you can contact the chamber of commerce by calling 304-422-3588 or sending an email to [info@movchamber.org](mailto:info@movchamber.org).

Senator Shelley Moore Capito visits WVUP's Riverhawk Farm

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April 24, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/04/24/senator-shelley-moore-capito-visits-wvups-riverhawk-farm/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - US Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R - W.Va.) visited West Virginia University at Parkersburg on April 24.

Capito met with WVUP's President and took a tour of Riverhawk Farm. WVUP operates the farm, where students in its agriculture program help grow potatoes sold to the West Virginia Potato Chip Company, which makes Mister Bee Chips.

Senator Capito said she was pleased with the agricultural work she saw at WVUP. "There's a real focus on American agriculture and on American food production, safe food production, nutritious food production," Capito said. "So I'm glad to see that we're focusing on this in West Virginia. I think that's a great thing."

Senator Capito said she'd recently secured Congressionally Directed Spending toward building a new facility at Riverhawk Farm that will contain a classroom, a shop for equipment repair, and cold storage for potatoes.

During her time in Parkersburg, Capito also visited the Encompass Health Recovery Center.

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PHOTOS: CAPITO CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL US METHANOL PLANT, TOURS ENCOMPASS HEALTH CENTER, MEETS WITH WVUP PRESIDENT

Shelley Moore Capito

April 24, 2023

<https://www.capito.senate.gov/news/press-releases/photos-capito-celebrates-successful-us-methanol-plant-tours-encompass-health-center-meets-with-wvup-president>

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) traveled to Kanawha and Wood counties to visit with business, health, and education leaders in West Virginia.

In the morning, Senator Capito toured the US Methanol “Liberty One” methanol plant, the first in the state, and later delivered remarks at an event celebrating the company’s success in West Virginia so far. Liberty One was originally located in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where it was disassembled, transported piece by piece, and rebuilt in Institute, W.Va. It has a capacity of 200,000 metric tons, and the methanol is used in the production of electronics, silicone sealants, building materials, plastics, and polymers.

“US Methanol’s ‘Liberty One’ is our state’s first methanol plant in production, and it is certainly setting the bar high,” Senator Capito said. “I’m so proud of the success of this plant and the benefits it has offered to the community. The forward and innovative thinking that US Methanol is bringing to West Virginia is exactly what we need to help grow the momentum behind expanded businesses and economic opportunities we are seeing today.”

“US Methanol and our parent company, KKCG, appreciate Senator Capito visiting our plant and the continued support she gives to the methanol and manufacturing industries. Her commitment to economic growth is invaluable to West Virginia and the country,” Michael L. Walsh, CEO of US Methanol, said.

In the afternoon, Senator Capito visited Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Parkersburg, W.Va. where she toured the facility, and learned more about the services



they provide to patients. Encompass is a leading provider of inpatient rehabilitation for stroke, brain injury, and other complex neurological and orthopedic conditions.

“It’s great to see the good work that the staff at Encompass Health are doing for their patients,” Senator Capito said. “The doctors, nurses, and their leadership team are truly helping people overcome serious injuries, and I’m so glad that they are expanding to deliver more personal, high-quality care to more people recovering from serious injuries.”

“We were honored to host Senator Capito at Encompass Health of Parkersburg this week to provide her a first-hand look at the care provided by our hospital team and difference rehabilitation makes in the lives of our patients,” Encompass Health CEO Nathan Ford said. “For nearly 30 years, our hospital has served as a pillar in the care continuum for those who need rehabilitation after a serious illness or injury, and our hospital is expanding with additional beds and services to meet the needs of even more individuals, close to home. The care provided extends well beyond the walls of our hospital, as our goal is to help individuals return to the activities and people they most love with a greater confidence and a higher level of independence.”

At the end of the day, Senator Capito traveled to West Virginia University at Parkersburg in Parkersburg, W.Va. During the visit, Senator Capito met with Interim President Dr. Torie Jackson where she received an update on the school’s current and future plans, and toured the developments at the agriculture school and Riverhawk Farm. Senator Capito secured more than \$500,000 in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) awards for the agriculture school in Fiscal Year 2022.

“A strong workforce is essential to fostering economic development in our communities, and there is no question that WVUP is preparing our students for life after graduation,” Senator Capito said. “It was great to see Dr. Jackson and learn more about the great things going on at WVUP, including the Agriculture program and Riverhawk farm. I was proud to support the school’s efforts during the Congressionally Directed Spending process, and look forward to seeing how WVUP grows with the added support in the future.”

“We are thrilled to welcome Senator Capito to WVU Parkersburg for a discussion and tour. We appreciate the earmark funding to assist in our Riverhawk Farm production capabilities. We look forward to working with the Senator on new projects to enhance the economic development of the Mid-Ohio Valley!” Torie Jackson, President of WVU Parkersburg, said.



Sen. Capito visits Parkersburg: Senator discusses rehabilitation efforts, agriculture  
The Marietta Times  
April 25, 2023

<https://www.mariettatimes.com/news/local-news/2023/04/sen-capito-visits-parkersburg-senator-discusses-rehabilitation-efforts-agriculture/>



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., looks over work being done at the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Riverhawk Farm with WVU-P Director of Agriculture John Riggs. The senator helped secure \$570,000 in federal funding for the school to construct a building on the farm for classroom and lab space as well as cold storage for the farm's potato crop. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

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“This is an important way to get them out of the hospital and into a facility that can help them through physical therapy or occupational therapy or speech therapy,” Capito said. “I am the lead Republican on the Health and Human Subcommittee (in the U.S. Senate) .



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There are challenges with food being imported and making sure food meets nutritional needs as there are a lot of children who do not have access to nutritional food and who are still going hungry, Capito said.

“We basically feed the world, but we really need to make sure we are taking care of our own,” she said. “That is really important and West Virginia can play a part.

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Capito tours Encompass Health, Riverhawk Farm during Wood County visit

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2023/04/capito-tours-encompass-health-riverhawk-farm-during-wood-county-visit/>



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WVUP hosts Earth Day Celebration

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<https://www.wtap.com/2023/04/26/wvup-hosts-earth-day-celebration/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - West Virginia University at Parkersburg hosted an Earth Day Celebration on April 26.

Organized by the Ecohawks, WVUP's environmental student group, the celebration brought regional environmental organizations together in the college's multi-purpose room.

Parker Schartiger, a WVUP student and member of the Ecohawks, explained why he thinks hosting a public event focused on these issues matters.

"A lot of people just don't know how they can help or what they might be doing to contribute to ecological issues, and so just getting the information out there, telling people how they can reduce their impact or even telling people how they can benefit from making things a little better around them."

Members of the public moved from table to table to learn about environmental and ecological issues.

Meagan Niebler represented Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services at the event, a law firm that provides pro bono legal services to people facing environmental harm.

She said events like this help build community connections.

"Having an environment that lets us all be together and build up community together. We know opportunities for young folks to get involved and have their voices be heard is also really important here in Parkersburg."

Craig Minton, who attended on the behalf of the West Virginia Division of Forestry, said it was a good chance to talk with people in the community about West Virginia's trees and forests.

"It's a good day to focus on those issues. Sometimes they get overlooked. Today is a good day to focus on those issues, and I'm glad to see people attending the event and being able to talk with them and answer any questions they may have regarding trees and protecting those trees, taking care of those trees."

Similarly, Eric Engle of Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action said the Earth Day event offered a good opportunity to have conversations about other environmental and ecological issues.

"We've tried to have conversations about what folks can do in their homes, their communities, as individuals, as families, to address the global climate crisis and the

related crises and how we utilize fewer resources and things like that. And we focus on renewability and sustainability.”

Other organizations represented at the event included the West Virginia Rivers Coalition and Patriot Gardens.

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Give Local MOV: WVU-P Foundation hopes to raise funds for student co-pays

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

April 27, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2023/04/give-local-mov-wvu-p-foundation-hopes-to-raise-funds-for-student-co-pays/>

The West Virginia University at Parkersburg Foundation is raising money to support the school’s Student Health Fund through the Give Local MOV campaign on May 2.

The WVU-P Foundation is looking to raise \$5,000 to support the fund, Foundation Director Olivia Reeder said.

Coplin Health Systems recently opened a clinic on the Parkersburg campus of WVU-P to help students with access to quality health care. The money being raised will be used to help cover student co-pays on a sliding scale at the clinic, Reeder said.

For many students, health care is not affordable and the financial barrier keeps them from seeking treatment, according to the Foundation’s entry on the Give Local MOV website.

*“Regardless of each student’s story, or their life thus far, they have each risen to the challenge of obtaining higher education to better their lives and those of their families,”* the entry said.

The more money the Foundation can raise, the more underinsured or uninsured students they can cover, Reeder said.

*“Many of our students have to choose between buying books, being able to eat that week or health care,”* she said. *“We have all been in positions where we put ourselves last.*

*“This is a situation where we can put students first. The healthier students are, the happier students are and the better they are to succeed through their academics which is what we want, students to graduate.”*

The WVU-P Foundation has been involved with the Give Local MOV campaign for a number of years.

*“The foundation is excited to get the community’s support,”* Reeder said.

The clinic is also open to the community and the university is happy to be able to provide that resource to the community as well, she said.

*“We hope our students continue to use it and I hope the community understands what a gift like this is to our students,”* Reeder said. *“Their money and support goes directly back to students when they choose to support the Student Health Fund.”*

The Give Local MOV campaign and other similar campaigns are very popular with many people.

*“I think people want the opportunity to give,”* Reeder said. *“Parkersburg is a very giving community.”*

*“We are very lucky to have a community like Parkersburg, because people make things happen for our students all the time. I hope giving is another way for our community to prove exactly how giving they are, whether it is with us or any other organization participating.”*

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WVU-P hosts ‘Making Connections with Family Resources’ event

WTAP

April 29, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/04/29/wvu-p-hosts-making-connections-with-family-resources-event/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - The event today kicked off at 10 a.m. filled with families searching for resources that could help benefit their families.

It supplied each family with resources for those struggling with mental health. United Way, WIC, Home Society of West Virginia and more were available at the event.

Lead Family Coordinator, Roxanne Chaney, says today's event was simply just to make the public aware.

"For one thing if they access the services that's needed of course it is going to enrich the family and it's also going to enrich the community. As I mentioned before it's going to help in schools so when they're at school and if they have a behavior plan it'll help in the school system and also when they're out in the community," Chaney said.

Chaney believes that these benefits can only help benefit each person who decided to use them.

If you missed the event today and would like to learn more you can click [here](#) for more information.



Camden Clark Medical Center, West Virginia University at Parkersburg mark Bring a Child to Work Day

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

April 29, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2023/04/camden-clark-medical-center-west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg-mark-bring-a-child-to-work-day/>

PARKERSBURG — Multiple area businesses held Bring a Child to Work Day events the past couple days, including West Virginia University at Parkersburg and WVU Medicine Camden Clark Medical Center.

WVU-P had students run obstacle courses, learn how to take fingerprints and even had a hayride.

CCMC provided opportunities for local students interested in healthcare careers to engage in activities at their event.

*“We’ve been going in groups and learning about how the hospital works and what different jobs there are,”* student Noah Smith said.

Workforce Development Program Manager Candy Gillespie said the hospital wanted to bring awareness to the younger students about the healthcare field.

*“We thought this would be a good way to bring everyone together and give them some exposure to different departments within the hospital. Let them know there is more than nurses and doctors, as far as career paths,”* Gillespie said. *“We had excellent response.”*

Gillespie said 75 students attended the event and throughout the day participated in hands-on experiments, safety tours, art projects and more. She said occupational therapy talked to the students about physical therapy, there was a presentation for students on the dangers of vaping and radiology was going to show students how to do an ultrasound.

*“I liked all the therapy stuff,”* said student Josie Gillespie. *“I liked the physical therapy stuff and now I kind of want to do it when I get older.”*

Smith said his favorite part of the day was getting to tour an ambulance, and it made him think about wanting to become an EMT or paramedic, and that he also learned some new things about babies.

*“How to like, wrap the babies up in a blanket. I’ve never learned that,”* Smith said.



Gillespie said the staff at the hospital has been very receptive and supportive of the event and it couldn't have happened without the help of the volunteers. She said they will definitely be doing another event like this next year with it being even bigger and better.

*“Hopefully we’ll learn some additional things to do,”* Gillespie said. *“Keep it interactive and light, and educational at the same time.”*



Jackson, Monteroso named as finalists for WVU-P president

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

May 3, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2023/05/jackson-monteroso-named-as-finalists-for-wvu-p-president/>

PARKERSBURG — The West Virginia University-Parkersburg Board of Governors announced Tuesday the two finalists in the search for the next president of the university.

Following interviews with seven semi-finalists, the selection committee has narrowed the selection to Torie Jackson, interim president of WVU-P, and Cathy Monteroso, interim president of West Liberty University, said Joseph Oliverio, chairman of the Search Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors.

*“We have two strong candidates for the next president of West Virginia University-Parkersburg,”* he said. *“They both had a strong background in the*

community/technical college system as well as the university system in the state which matches their associate's certifications and baccalaureate degrees.

*"They both had a strong knowledge and understanding of Appalachia and West Virginia."*

The national search for a president resulted in 37 applications, Oliverio said, adding the two finalists were selected after Zoom interviews with the semi-finalists, the Search Committee and professional consultants from Academic Search.

The finalists will visit campus on May 12 and follow an agenda that includes campus tours and interviews with faculty, staff, students and others as well as having a meal with the Board of Governors.

Oliverio said the whole process went *"smoothly"* for the Search Committee made up of faculty, staff, students, community leaders and others.

*"We were excited in that we received 37 applications from multiple areas of the country,"* he said. *"We are pleased with the due diligence of the Search Committee put in to review the resumes and hold the semi-finalist interviews."*

*"We are excited about what the future of WVU-P holds in these two candidates moving forward. We look forward to beginning the final steps in the extensive process of finding a president."*

Chancellor Sarah Armstrong Tucker of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission will also be meeting with the two finalists.

Monteroso said she was honored to be selected as a finalist.

*"I have so much respect for the programs at WVU Parkersburg and the work they do there,"* she said. *"I am honored they are willing to bring me to campus to interview and meet the faculty, staff and students as well as learn more about WVU Parkersburg."*

*"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity. It is already a great institution and it offers so much potential and opportunity."*

Jackson, who is an alumni of WVU-P, said she was also honored to be selected as a finalist.



*"I am honored to have the opportunity to represent and lead the institution that built me," she said. "If chosen as the next president, I will assist in the strategic growth of WVU-P to help us meet the industry demands of the Mid-Ohio Valley and to elevate our regional presence as a vital resource for students, families, school systems and employers."*

The Board of Governors will make its final selection at its board meeting on May 16.

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Teens can become detectives through WVU Parkersburg's CSI Academy

The Jackson Star & Herald

May 5, 2023

[https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/teens-can-become-detectives-through-wvu-parkersburg-s-csi-academy/article\\_57b72c5a-ea1d-11ed-bd89-4f52f2bc6f38.html](https://www.wvnews.com/jacksonnews/teens-can-become-detectives-through-wvu-parkersburg-s-csi-academy/article_57b72c5a-ea1d-11ed-bd89-4f52f2bc6f38.html)

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) — This summer, teens who are interested in forensic science can step into the shoes of law enforcement officers and criminal investigators during WVU Parkersburg's Teen CSI Academy.

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

"The Teen CSI Academy breaks down the myths and realities of crime scene and criminal investigations with real-world, hands-on experiences for the participants," said Andrew Walker, Teen CSI Academy instructor. "We also discuss opportunities for studying criminal justice in college and the variety of career options for individuals interested in the field. Past participants of the academy have enjoyed examining crime scenes, analyzing criminal behavior, and a few participants have even continued their education in our program after high school."

Academy activities will include:

- Crime scene photography and documentation



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

The academy will take place Tuesday, June 6 through Thursday, June 8, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$150 per student with lunch provided.

The academy is limited to the first 20 participants. The deadline to register is May 31, 2023. Applications may be downloaded at [wvup.edu/teen-csi](http://wvup.edu/teen-csi).

For more information, please contact [wed@wvup.edu](mailto:wed@wvup.edu) or 304-424-8383.

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Kentucky Derby party benefits Oakland Estate

WTAP

May 6, 2023

<https://www.wtap.com/2023/05/07/kentucky-derby-party-benefits-oakland-estate/>



PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - The Historic Oakland Estate in Parkersburg opened its doors for a Kentucky Derby watch party.

Guests arrived in derby attire to enjoy southern spirits and food.

In 2015, WVU at Parkersburg Foundation received Oakland Estate as a gift from the family of Betty Lutz after her passing.

Betty Lutz hosted an annual Kentucky Derby party and the foundation is keeping with the tradition.

Brooke Buchanan, marketing specialist with WVUP expressed the financial importance of events such as this.

“So, anybody that has lived in an old home its relatively expensive to upkeep, so every fundraiser we have at Oakland goes to the home directly to be able to keep the doors open and the structure alive.”

In June, a West Virginia Day celebration will also be held at the historic estate.

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McAtee keynotes WVU-P commencement

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

May 11, 2023

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2023/05/mcatee-keynotes-wvu-p-commencement-ceremony/>



PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg held its 52nd annual spring commencement ceremony last Saturday at the university.

J. Craig McAtee, executive director and CEO for the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers, served as the keynote speaker.

McAtee reflected on his life experiences and told the spring class of 2023 to strive for greatness because perfection doesn't exist.

*"If it ain't broke, break it because everything can be done better," said McAtee. "The bottom line is nothing can be considered perfect."*

McAtee serves as the principal of his consulting company, McAtee Ventures LLC, and was a former director of Additive Manufacturing Technology for Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). He has spent over 25 years in engineering and senior leadership positions for Swagelok Company, an international manufacturing organization based in Cleveland.





He is an alumnus of Parkersburg High School who attended Parkersburg Community College (now WVU-P) before moving to Cleveland in 1973. He graduated from Tri-C in 1975, Kent State University with an Industrial Engineering BA in 1977, Malone College with a BA in 1997, and Cleveland State University with an Executive MBA in 2000.

WVU-P Interim President Torie Jackson also encouraged the graduating class, reminding them to believe in their talents and that they have a support system beyond their family and friends.

*“My advice is very simple: think of new and innovative ways to do things and agree to get out of your comfort zone, and push yourself to accomplish those dreams, knowing you always have a support system in your alma mater,”* said Jackson. *“Today you show perseverance, and we celebrate your success with you.”*

During the commencement ceremony, 130 graduates crossed the stage, with a total of 291 students earning certificate, associate, and bachelor’s degrees, pending final grades. The college also presented recognition awards and honorary degrees to exceptional members of the campus and surrounding community, including:

] Honorary degree recipients: Robert “Todd” Fox, venture leader, and ethics champion at Chemours; Jeff Matheny, former Board of Governors chair; and John Denbigh, former Board of Governors chair.



] Alumni of the Year: Amy West, Program Director, received the award posthumously for her work on the surgical technician program at WVU-P, and her role as a recruiter and teacher.

Also, during the commencement, WVU-P recognized Holly Dexter, assistant professor of business, as the Bernard P. McDonough Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year. She is leading the reaffirmation of accreditation of the business programs through the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs accreditation body.

To watch the Spring 2023 commencement ceremony, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAatLHcNuLFU>





April 2023

West Virginia University at Parkersburg  
Social Media Report


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
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WVU Parkersburg students faced off to see who could eat the most tots today during Tater Tot Tuesday! Jeremiah Blackwell was the winner of our Tater Tot eating contest.

👉 Interested in upcoming events? To see more, visit <http://ow.ly/4c1W50NMhqq>.



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Congratulations to our graduates! 🎓 WVU Parkersburg had 130 students cross the stage over the weekend, earning certificate, associate and bachelor's degrees.

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"If it ain't broke, break it because everything can be done better. The bottom line is nothing can be considered perfect."

👉 Read all about graduation at <http://ow.ly/yPmq500jSNO>



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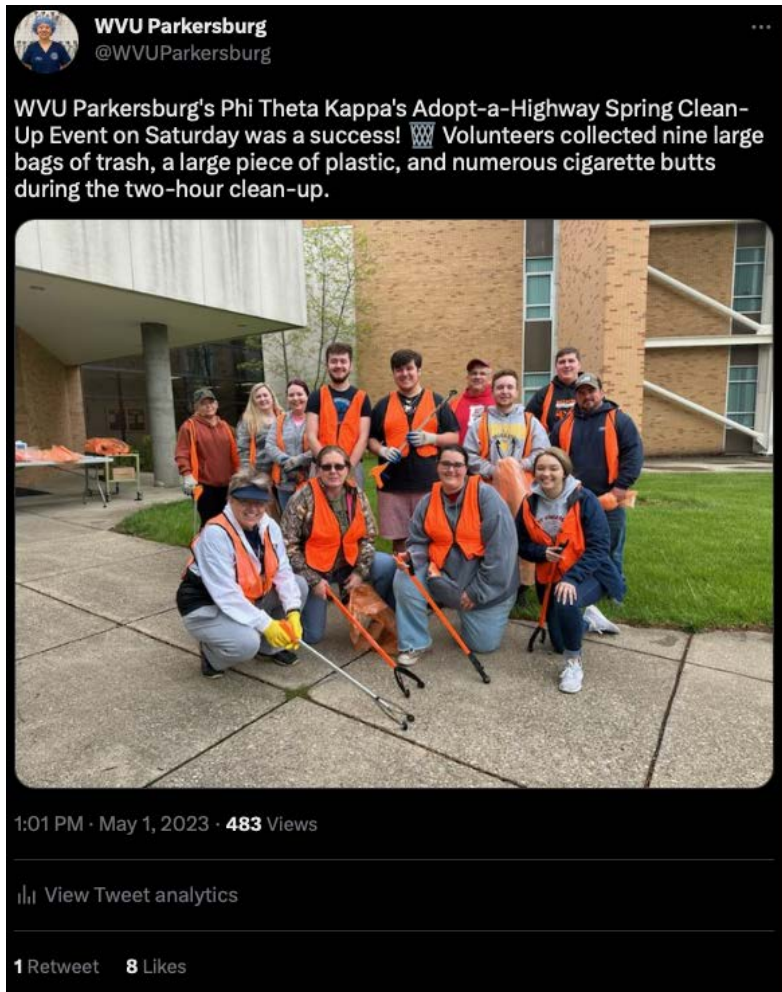




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WVU Parkersburg lost 3 followers in April 2023.

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@WVUParkersburg

WVU Parkersburg's Phi Theta Kappa's Adopt-a-Highway Spring Clean-Up Event on Saturday was a success! 🗑️ Volunteers collected nine large bags of trash, a large piece of plastic, and numerous cigarette butts during the two-hour clean-up.



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**WVU Parkersburg**  
@WVUParkersburg

Interested in HVAC? WVU Parkersburg's Workforce & Economic Division is offering an HVAC program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from May 25 to August 24, from 6-9 p.m.

👉 To register, call 304.424.8258 or email [Abby.Campbell@wvup.edu](mailto:Abby.Campbell@wvup.edu).



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The WVU at Parkersburg Foundation held its Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday at the Historic Oakland Estate!

👉 Interested in what Oakland has to offer? Follow the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation page to learn more about upcoming events!



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