EMPLOYEES HONORED AT YEAR-END BOARD MEETING

The annual Recognition and Awards Program was held on Friday, Dec. 3, following the end-of-the-year Board of Governors meeting at the Black Knight Country Club in Beckley. Beautiful decorations, delicious food, and great music all contributed to a festive evening capped by a silent auction and the traditional white elephant auction to benefit the New River Foundation. Many thanks to those who contributed auction items.

The board received updates on classified staff activities from Mary Igo and on the Faculty Senate from Dr. Lucie Refsland.

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Administrators were asked to nominate employees who have gone above and beyond their job duties during the past year. The individuals recognized this year were Mary Igo, awarded by Bill Loope; Melinda Ford, awarded by Roger Griffith; Nick Bassett, awarded by Fred Culler; Dr. Michael Curry, awarded by Carolyn Sizemore; Gloria Kincaid, awarded by Bill Loope; Eric Tucker, awarded by Dr. David Ayersman; and Barbara Elliott; awarded by Elizabeth Belcher.

“The Libby” award for outstanding contribution and quality service to the College was awarded by the President to Donna Lewis, who has done an outstanding job of establishing a Registrar’s Office for the College.

Each year the state’s community colleges nominate individuals for the Outstanding Contributor award presented at WVCCA/WVADE Conference. Carolyn Sizemore, New River’s 2010 recipient was recognized and greeted with hearty applause at the awards ceremony.

Scott McLanahan and Judy Stennett were also recognized for being recipients of the 2010 NISOD Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD).

Several employees were recognized for their years of service to the college and its predecessor institutions. See page 3 for more on those awards.

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The Board of Governors presented Dr. Spring with an award in recognition of his being selected by *The State Journal* for the 2010 class of Who's Who in West Virginia Business. Pictured are (L-R) classified staff representative Donna Feijo, Al Martine, Board Chair Leslie Baker, Spring, David Nalker, Robert Farley and Casey Baber.

Bill Loope recognized program specialist Mary Igo (pictured, with eyes closed—sorry Mary!) and program assistant Gloria Kincaid for their efforts in the Office of Workforce Education and Institutional Advancement.

Libby Belcher (R) presented the recognition certificate for Central Administration to Barbara Elliott, public relations director, who had to stop taking pictures long enough to accept it. Thanks to Michael Curry for grabbing the camera!

Campus Dean Roger Griffith presented the Greenbrier Valley Campus recognition award to Melinda Ford, the supervisor of student accounts, giving a very funny explanation as to why it was a job no one would ever want.

**HAVE A Happy AND SAFE Holiday**
YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

The following employees were recognized at the annual meeting for their years of service to New River and its parent institutions.

20 Years—Rita Holcomb, administrative associate, Mercer County Campus

10 Years—Drema Amick, executive secretary, Nicholas County Campus; John Mullens, assistant professor of English, Nicholas County Campus; and Willis Nordlund, professor of business Beckley Campus

5 Years—Shirley Davis, associate professor of mathematics, Beckley Campus; Deena Rodgers, administrative assistant, Greenbrier Valley Campus; and Ted Spring, president, Central Administration.

NEW RIVER HOSTS FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

New River hosted a workshop for financial aid counselors from across the region on Friday, Nov. 19. President Spring made a presentation about New River (photo at left) before a session on changes in FAFSA regulations led by Trish Harmon, director of financial aid (photo at right).
Kelli White’s social services management students gained valuable experience through internships with several agencies over the course of the fall semester.

White notes that the first student graduated from the social services management program last spring, and that four students are on track to graduate in the spring of 2011.

“With the great placements they had this semester and an associate’s degree, they are ready to work in the social services field,” she commented. They have worked hard, learned a lot, and have been offered jobs through their internships.”

Angela Brown worked with foster care at the Burlington United Methodist Home supervising visits between parents and children and learning to write documentation that might be used in court. She enjoyed the work so much that she has requested the same placement next semester.

Elaine Goodman was placed in the Family Options Right from the Start program learning to review charts, becoming familiar with the treatment plan system and how to make referrals.

Harrietta Johnson worked at the James Sparado Detention Center in Mount Hope. She also will be doing a nutrition project with kids based on a project she did in class.

Muriel Hoskins was placed with the Raleigh County Commission on Aging, where she worked on referrals and efforts to get more minorities into the program.

White said that the placements were based on the students’ values and interests. She is excited by the success of the internships and would like to see the program continue to grow.

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**WELCOME TO NEW RIVER**

Heather M. Boggs has joined the staff of the Greenbrier Valley Campus as a records assistant. She graduated from New River with honors in May of this year with degrees in professional office systems technology and general business with a concentration in accounting.

Miranda L. (Rahni) Borders has been hired as administrative secretary for the Beckley Campus. She is currently working on an associate’s degree from New River. She previously was an income maintenance case worker for the Rowan County Department of Social Services in Salisbury, N.C.

Amanda Sue Kincaid has been promoted from administrative secretary for the Title III grant project to human resources assistant. She earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration magna cum laude from Concord University and a master’s in business administration in human resource management from Liberty University.
On Nov.19, the National Kidney Foundation Serving the Alleghenies sponsored free kidney health screenings in the Allied Health Education Center on the Beckley Campus. Anita Stapleton’s medical assisting students were kept busy helping the medical staff evaluate the large group who showed up for the event. The medical staff and student volunteers pictured are:(Seated, L-R) Telly Johnson, Karen Akers, Marrisa Mayard and Lisa Walker, CFNA; (Standing, first row, L-R) Chasity Hemsley, Chelsea Hinte, Shanna Brown, Erica Conner and Misty Reckeweg. (Standing, back row) Philip Parlier, Suzanne Snyder, Melodie Necessary, Allegra Smith, Gregory Toler, Rita Polk, Dr. Rahan, Dr. Gordinho and Anita Stapleton, instructor. Student volunteers not pictured are Jessica Branham, Amanda Busby, Shawna Brown and Chevon Crater.

The welding lab on the Greenbrier Valley Campus has been accepted by the WTTI, (Welder Training and Testing Institute) in Allentown, PA, to do welder certifications under their auspices. They are an accredited test facility through the American Welding Society, and the welding certifications will be nationally recognized. At right, instructor Donovan demonstrates his pipe welding skills.

Photo by Rick Barbero
The Beckley Campus SGA outdid itself with two entries in the Wonderland of Trees at Crossroads Mall in November. The trees were auctioned off to benefit the United Way of Southern West Virginia. The public voted on their favorites by making $1 per vote donations to the United Way. The SGA trees were in the top five in the voting. Pictured with the “Frosty Tree” at left are Jamie Dalton, Joshua Vance and Phillip Dues. Showing off the “Angel Tree” at right are John Wood, Matthew Curry and Eva March.

As we approach the end of the calendar year, it’s a good time to review the status of the Home Run Campaign. So far, total contributions to the overall capital campaign, which includes donations to the Home Run Campaign plus grants and gifts from federal, state and private sources, is $32,153,000. The Home Run Campaign for faculty and staff has brought in $60,437. Community donations total $75,214; state funding, $24,414,940 and federal funding, $7,738,060. 82 percent of employees have made pledges or donations. Donations are tax deductible, and gifts made before Jan. 1 can be deducted from your 2010 income tax. West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits are available for donations of $500 or more. Your donation will help create a bright future for New River’s students.