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Photo Caption: New River Board of Governors Chair Leslie Baker of Beckley (left) and board member Dave Naiker of Lewisburg (right) present the Good Samaritan Award to Nadine Hambrick of Renick.

HAMBRICK WINS NEW RIVER’S “GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD”

[Lewisburg, W. Va.] The Board of Governors of New River Community and Technical College has presented Nadine Hambrick of Renick, W. Va., with the first Good Samaritan Award given by the college. The award was presented at a meeting of the board at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg on Thursday, Oct. 7.
Hambrick, a criminal justice and law enforcement major at the Greenbrier Valley Campus, was nominated for the award by Ann Tate Bell of Lewisburg for the prompt and compassionate way in which Hambrick assisted Bell after she was seriously injured in a fall.

On May 27 of this year, Bell was leaving a volunteer shift at the North House Museum when she fell and severely cut her leg. She was losing blood rapidly when Hambrick approached and asked if she could assist her. Hambrick had recently completed a first aid class and, not wanting to leave Bell alone, she fashioned a tourniquet from her shirt and stayed with her until an ambulance arrived. Bell received four units of blood at the hospital and later stated that Hambrick’s quick action probably saved her life.

“She was comforting and kind in her desire to assist someone in distress,” Bell said.

“Her prompt, thoughtful response showed an excellent application of her newly acquired skills. Her act of compassion was my good fortune.”

Board member David Nalker of Lewisburg brought the incident to the attention to the Board of Governors at an earlier meeting. They voted to establish the Good Samaritan Award to recognize acts of “compassion, courage and commitment for the good of others.”

Hambrick’s humble response to all the attention was to simply comment, “I am just glad I was there.”

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