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Important Dates

May 31

- Summer Session I Begins

June 16

- ASSET Test

June 30

- ASSET Test

July 5

- Summer Session II Begins

July 7

- Board of Trustees Meeting

- ASSET Test

July 14

- Foundation Board Meeting

BRTC Graduate Wins New Car



disassembles airliners and sells the components to airlines and repair facilities. In addition to its plant at the Walnut Ridge Air Base, the company, which employs many BRTC aviation program graduates, also has offices in several other states and in New Zealand and Australia.

BRTC President Richard Gaines expressed his appreciation to Manley for the presentation of the car, which will be an annual event.

Keynote speaker for the commencement was Dr. Linda Beene, Director of

Approximately 170 students graduated from Black River Technical College Thursday, May 12. In addition to the thrill of receiving her degree, graduate Cynthia Blair Carroll of Corning had special reason to celebrate: she is the winner of a new car, a 2005 Pontiac Vibe.

Carroll's name had been drawn by donor Steve Manley from a box containing the names of eligible graduates from the December and May graduation list. He announced the winning student at the culmination of the graduation ceremony. Carroll received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Technology – Business Administration.



Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

The event also featured the presentation of departmental awards, a performance by the BRTC Kimbrough Chorus Quartet, and a presentation by student spokesperson Shirley Creech.



Manley, CEO of Universal Asset Management, Inc., established "The River's Edge Incentive Award" in December in order to provide special encouragement to the college's students to complete their degrees.

UAM is an industry which



Internship Program a Success at Paragould

The first networking internship program at BRTC-Paragould campus was an overwhelming success. Both the college and the interns benefited from the experience, according to Joshua Kissee, Technology Coordinator at BRTC-Paragould.

Bert Clevenger, Network Course Instructor and Internship Program Coordinator, allowed the students, Randall Rowley and Brad Ussery, to complete their internship at the Paragould Campus. Clevenger and Kissee collaborated on the details of the internships.

The two students began working ten hours per week at the Paragould Campus during the beginning of the spring semester. The interns spent their first two weeks



Pictured from left: Brad Ussery, Joshua Kissee, Randall Rowley

learning about the technology on the Paragould campus. After this period, the interns were each assigned a "Project of Ownership." This assignment requires the intern to have their project become a primary goal. The project of ownership for Rowley was with Compressed Video. The project of ownership for Ussery was with Wireless Internet Computing.

"Brad and Randall did a great job," said Kissee.

At the end of the internship, the two were given certificates of appreciation and recommendation letters. The Greene County Industrial Training Council then gave them \$100 each for all of their efforts. The Internship Program is expected to continue again in the Fall.

Applications Sought for Open Scholarships

Students may still apply for certain scholarships, according to Brandi Chester of the Financial Aid Office of BRTC.

The deadline for the Chastain & Sons Construction Scholarship and for the Project H.O.P.E. (Hispanic Outreach Project for Education) is July 15.

Academic Distinction Scholarships will be available through August 1. This full tuition scholarship

is available to students who have scored 24 or higher on the ACT, or who rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class. This scholarship may transfer with the student to a four-year university if certain grade levels are met.

Prospective students are encouraged to contact the office of Financial Aid for more information on any of these scholarships or for information on other forms of financial aid.

Doles Named Data Entry Specialist

Maggie Doles has joined the BRTC staff as a Data Entry Specialist for Student Services. A graduate of DeWitt High School, she just received an Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology – Networking degree from BRTC.

Doles worked the past two semesters as an assistant in BRTC's Continuing Education and Business Outreach department. She brings with her a variety of other work



Maggie Doles

experiences including several years with Wal-Mart. She has one five-year-old son named Joseph.

Single Parent Scholarship Program Wins Grant



Vickie French and Carolyn Collins

The Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship program of Randolph County is one of twelve county affiliates to receive a grant from Entergy. The grant plus match from the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship program totals \$3,000.

The grant was awarded on a competitive basis based on the MSSPS record of awarding scholarships and strategic planning, according to MSSPS Committee member Dr. Jan Ziegler. Single parent scholarships for up to \$500 for the fall and spring semester, or up to \$200 for the summer

semesters, are awarded to eligible students pursuing studies in higher education.

Applicants must be residents of Randolph County, must have custody of a minor child, and must meet certain income guidelines.

The MSSPS program awarded a total of 19 scholarships totaling \$9,250 during the 2004-05 academic year. The program has awarded more than \$50,000 in single parent scholarships since its inception. The local chapter was established in honor of a longtime Pocahontas educator, Mrs. Mary Sallee, Home Economics teacher.

Applications are available at Camera Corner Studios and at Black River Technical College office of Financial Aid. Applicants from other counties may obtain information about their county affiliate on the website at www.aspsf.org.

The MSSPS program is supported through private donations, through payroll deductions and other contributions by BRTC employees, and by the BRTC Foundation. Interested individuals may contribute through the BRTC Foundation by contacting Vickie French at 870-248-4070. Contributions are matched at 150 percent by the state Single Parent Scholarship organization.



Area High School Grads Accept Scholarships to BRTC

In addition to several previously announced scholarship recipients, an additional fourteen students from area high schools have accepted scholarships to attend BRTC in the Fall semester.

Academic Distinction Scholarships

Six students have been awarded Academic Distinction Scholarships. These awards are available to students who earn 24 on their ACT exams, or rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class. The renewable scholarship covers the cost of tuition at BRTC, and may follow the student to a four-year university as a transfer scholarship if GPA standards are met.

Recipients of the Academic Distinction Scholarships include Joseph Boyd, Lindsey Bunn, Rebecca Anderson, Jared Camp, Logan Jarrett and Tabatha Hudson.

Joseph Boyd, a graduate of Biggers-Reyno High School, is the son of Joe and Angie Boyd of Knobel. He plans to major in Respiratory Therapy.

A Walnut Ridge High School graduate, Lindsey Bunn plans to major in nursing. Her parents are Greg and Linda Bunn.

The daughter of Rhonda Renee and Clyde Anderson of Ravenden Springs, Rebecca Anderson will seek an Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education degree. She is a graduate of Oak Ridge Central High School.

The parents of Jared Camp are Jim and Linda Camp of Pocahontas. A graduate of Pocahontas High School, he plans to take college basics at BRTC and then transfer to a university and major in journalism.

Logan Jarrett, son of Carl and Catherine Jarrett of Pocahontas, plans to study and seek a career in Computer Science. He graduated from Pocahontas High School.

The daughter of Jeanna and Richard Penn and Jerry and Tricia Hudson, Tabatha Hudson lists her degree plan and major at this time as undecided. She is a Pocahontas High School graduate.

President's Scholarship

Hailey Peacock, daughter of Charles and Ellen Sue Peacock of Pocahontas, is the recipient of a President's Scholarship. She plans to major in Dietetics, and then to pursue a career in dietetics in the medical environment. She is a Pocahontas High School graduate.

BRTC Foundation Scholarships

Scholarships funded by the BRTC Foundation have been awarded to the following five students:

Jason Jones, son of Roger E. Jones and Delta Jones and a graduate of Pocahontas High School, plans to pursue a career in electricity. His major at BRTC will be Industrial Electricity/Electronics.

Coming High School graduate Cody McGrew will major in Networking at BRTC. His parents are Jim and Angie McGrew of Corning.

Emerald (Mrs. Jerry) Welch, is the daughter of Jess and Betty Green of Ravenden. She completed her GED through BRTC's Adult Education program. She plans to major in Elementary Education.

The daughter of William and Martina Hall of Pocahontas, Julie Hall plans to complete basics at BRTC and transfer to a four-year university where she will major in Graphic Design and minor in

Marketing and Advertising.

Tanya VanHoozer, Swifton High School graduate, is the daughter of Peggy Nicholson of Hoxie and Fred VanHoozer of Jonesboro. She will complete an Associate of Arts degree at BRTC, and then transfer to ASU-Jonesboro to pursue a BSE degree in Early Childhood Education.

Community Scholarships

Travis Throesch, son of Thomas and Teresa Throesch of Pocahontas, plans to take basics at BRTC, and then will transfer to ASU where he will pursue a degree in Engineering. He is a graduate of Pocahontas High School. Travis is the recipient of the First Community Bank Scholarship.

Accepting the Eddie Mae Herron Scholarship is Pocahontas High School graduate Megan Modlin. The daughter of Tim and Shannon Modlin, she plans to major in nursing and to pursue her RN degree at BRTC.



Students now pay tuition online through the FACTS Tuition Management System

Go to the BRTC Website at www.blackrivertech.org and click on the FACTS button as seen above

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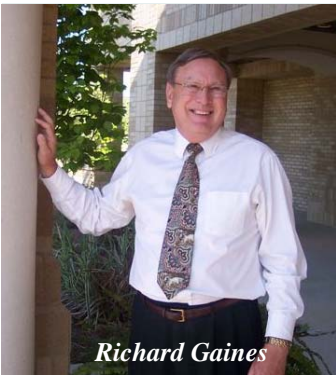
Mission Statement

Black River Technical College is an institution of higher learning committed to a partnership with the individual and the global community to provide lifelong learning experiences, seeking always to empower those it serves to achieve their academic, vocational, and personal development goals.

On-line Application address:

<http://connect.blackrivertech.org/nappadm.html>

From the President's Desk Award Winners Recognized



Richard Gaines

People often think that once graduation is over, everything on a college campus slows down. And while there are fewer students on campus during this interval between the end of the spring semester and the start of the summer schedule—just the “intersession” classes are meeting right now—there really is not much “down time” at BRTC.

Still, compared to the activity which commences next week with the start of the first summer session, this time of the year provides oppor-

tunity to reflect about the strong connection binding this college to the communities we serve.

I can not express fully how much we appreciate the community support we enjoy. The recent contributions by the City of Pocahontas and the Bank of Pocahontas toward the construction costs of a new Business Technology Center are tangible examples of the commitment and confidence shown toward this institution. We anticipate further such commitments in the future.

But the community support is reflected in more than monetary terms. No matter where we go in this and other counties in our service area, people speak favorably about BRTC, its people, its programs, and the impact of the college in improving the quality of life and in promoting economic development.

That's as it should be. We exist to serve. And because of the wide-

Recipients of departmental awards were honored at BRTC's graduation ceremony May 12. Vice President for Academics Jack McCord and BRTC Trustee Scott Trammel presented certificates to the honorees.

Winning awards for outstanding achievement in the various departments were the following:

Julie Utnage, English/Humanities; Ron Coward, Aviation Maintenance Technology; Jacob Nanny, Auto Collision; Jeremy Johnson, Physical Education; and Kristy Light, Social Sciences.

Also, Pam Penn, Dietetics; Jessica Holt, Physical Science; Cora

Kildow, Life Science; Zettie Croney, Dietary Manager; and Sandra Rogers, Early Childhood Education.

Also, Bret Whitlow, Machine Tool Technology; Delinda Duckworth, Paramedics; Debra Halford, Fine Arts Visual; Robert Parker, Design I; and Emily Carter, Nursing.

Also, David Hallmark, Industrial Electricity/Electronics; Nicholas Dean, Auto Service Tech; Shirley Creech, Business Administration; Julie Perkins, Microcomputer Business Applications; Merle Wilkins, AAS Networking; Sue Rasdon, Administrative Services Certificate; Holly Weigland, Microcomputer Business Applications Certificate; and Teresa Melton, Mathematics.

spread community support, we continue to grow in the numbers of people we serve. Our success is tied directly to the successes in Randolph, Clay, Lawrence and Greene Counties. Together, we form a strong and vibrant partnership. In

this relatively quiet time on the BRTC campus, I like to think about the possibilities. I believe they are limitless.

**Summer I Classes
Begin May 31**