



Baltz Reappointed to Board of Trustees

Dr. Paul D. Baltz of Pocahontas has been reappointed to a seven-year term on the Black River Technical College Board of Directors by Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe. The appointment will expire July 1, 2017. He had just completed the term vacated by Jim Creech who had been appointed to the Higher Education Board.

“We are pleased with the governor’s decision,” said BRTC President Richard Gaines. “Paul has proven himself an asset to the Board, and I know he will continue to serve with the same diligence and capability we have seen from him in the past.”

Baltz and his wife of 22 years, Nancy, have four children and reside in Pocahontas. He is very involved in his church and in coaching his kids’ sports. He earned a DDS degree from the University of Tennessee in Mem-

phis and has been practicing dentistry in Pocahontas for the past 23 years.

“I have really enjoyed my first term on the board,” said Baltz. “One of the highlights would be the graduation ceremonies, especially when single moms and dads graduate, knowing the sacrifices they and their children make, so that they can better provide for their families.”



Dr. Paul Baltz

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Event to Feature Two Holocaust Survivors

Black River Technical College is pleased this year to bring two Holocaust survivors to its ongoing Holocaust Survivor series. The two were children whose parents had to make heart-rending decisions in an effort to spare then-ten-year-old Freddie Traum and then-three-year-old Josy Aizenberg from the onslaught of the Nazis.

This is the sixth year BRTC, in cooperation with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., has hosted this event. Special funding assistance is provided by the BRTC Foundation, First National Bank of Walnut Ridge, Pocahontas, Hoxie and Bono, Bank of Pocahontas, iBERIABANK, and by Mike and Barbara Dunn.

Presentations by Freddie and Josy Traum will be held October 26-27 in the Randolph County Development Center on the BRTC campus in Pocahontas, according to Project Specialist Dina Hufstedler. Morning presentations begin at 9:30 on both Tuesday and Wednesday. The Tuesday evening presentation begins at 7:00.

Freddie Traum will share his experience as a participant in the Kindertransport, a program organized by England to save the lives of Jewish children from Austria and Czechoslovakia once those countries came under Nazi control. Some 10,000 Jewish children were taken to England through the Kindertransport and placed in the homes of English families.

Josy Aizenberg Traum is the daughter of Fanny Aizenberg, also a Holocaust survivor, and former member of the Belgian underground resistance movement. Through her



Freddie Traum



Josie Traum

work with the resistance, Fanny Aizenberg was able to secure for her young daughter a place in hiding. Josy’s story will chronicle, as does her husband’s, aspects of the experience of the Holocaust seen from the perspective of the children and of the parents and the life-and-death choices they made.

“This year’s event is special,” said Dr. Jan Ziegler, who teaches a class on The Holocaust at BRTC, “because we will learn about an aspect of the event that is less often treated, and that is the experience of the children and of their parents.” It is special also, Ziegler pointed out, since the opportunity to hear firsthand first-person accounts of this part of history will not continue for many more years.

All presentations are open to the public and to school groups. For more information or to schedule a school group, contact Hufstedler at 870-248-4000, ext. 4187.

Important Dates

- Oct. 26-27**
Holocaust Survivor Presentations
- Oct. 28**
Flu Clinic, RCDC
- Nov. 3-4**
PTK Blood Drive
- Nov. 4**
Board of Trustees Meeting
- Nov. 9**
PN Meet and Greet
- Nov. 19**
LETA Graduation
- Nov. 24-26**
Thanksgiving Holiday – Campus Closed

BRTC's Phi Theta Kappa Holds Induction for 46 Students

Some 46 BRTC students were inducted into BRTC's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in a ceremony held October 7 in the Randolph County Development Center. The purpose of PTK, according to Advisor Dr. Linda Moss, is to recognize and encourage scholarship among associate degree students. Those who have completed at least twelve hours of applicable course work with a GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible for membership in this prestigious society.

Sarah Yates, PTK Regional Vice President Eastern District, was guest speaker. Chapter Officers are John Rainwater, president; Victoria Morgan, vice president of scholarship; Brenda Johnson, vice president of service; Holly Johnson, historian; and Harley Vermilyea, web page designer. Chapter Advisors in addition to Moss are Phillip Dickson, Ruth Schaa, and Joan Linnstaedter.

Those inducted include Amanda Alberson, Linda Allen, Lora Ashford, Crystal Ashton, Tanginna Atwood, Stephen Bates, Jeffrey Baxter, Rebeckha Cate, Brandon Clay, Rebekah Dachs, Erica Dawson, Erin Eads, Joshua Echols, Jaime Edson, Ester Ellis and LeAnne Fontz.

Also, Jared Griffin, Dallas Gunn, Camie Hays, Debra Henson, Kenneth Jines, Abbey Loggins, Michael Marlett, Karman Matthews, Morgan McMullin, Amanda Mortin, Martie Moslander, Ronald Mounts, Joel Nelson, Sonya Pointer,



Fall 2010 Phi Theta Kappa Inductees and Officers

Sarah Potter, Jessica Rainwater and Jodi Ray.

Stephanie Robinett, Kimberly Robinson, Leigh Rorex, Stefanie Russell, Donna Sanchez, Crystal Sears, Stephanie Stone, Christina Swearengin, Heather Tilley, Crystal Traywick, Tammy Vaughn, and Cambra Walker complete the list of inductees.

PTK is recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

Ambassadors Added; BRTC Volunteers for United Way

Amanda Lane and Tori Junkersfeld have joined the BRTC Student Ambassador Program during the Fall 2010 semester. Returning Ambassadors are Derek Waddell, Sarah Jones, and Holly Reed.

Both new Ambassadors are in the Associate of Arts Program at BRTC and plan to further their education with a degree from Arkansas State University. Lane intends to study Special Education and hopes to work with special needs children in the future. Junkersfeld wants to complete her BSN and work in Labor and Delivery.

BRTC Ambassadors have given their assistance at a number of special events this semester, including the Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship Cookbook Dinner. Several Ambassadors also assisted at the BRTC Foundation/iBERIABANK Golf Tournament.

All Ambassadors participated in the Randolph County United Way Day of Action held last month. Jones, Lane, and Reed helped work on landscaping on the square in downtown Pocahontas and at Riverfront Park. Waddell and Junkersfeld were found in Maynard getting the

Pioneer Park ready for Pioneer Days.

Other volunteers for United Day of Action included staff of iBERIABANK, Medic-One, Paslode, Bancorp South, and Maynard and Pocahontas City Offices. Volunteers from BRTC, in addition to the

Ambassadors, included Science Instructor Dr. Linda Moss, Nursing Student Ester Shelly, PTK President John Rainwater, and Project Specialist Dina Hufstedler and Administrative Specialist Melissa Mewborn, both from the Office of Development.



BRTC staff and students clean up flower beds on the Pocahontas Square. Pictured are Amanda Lane (far left), Dina Hufstedler (left middle), Holly Reed (left), Sarah Jones (right), and Ester Shelly (below).



Far Left: Derek Waddell works the BRTC Golf Tournament.

Left: Tori Junkersfeld assists with the production of the MSSPS Cookbook.

Right: Dr. Linda Moss and PTK President John Rainwater prepare to hang a sign at Maynard Pioneer Park.



Record Amount in Single Parent Scholarships Awarded



Andrea Smith



April Sheffield



Tonya Garza



Nicholas Varas



Ester Shelley

A record total of \$9,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 18 students at BRTC through the Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship (MSSPS) fund for the Fall 2010 Semester. This is the largest amount awarded in a single semester. Amanda Brevard, Amanda Green, Andrea Smith, April Sheffield, Ashley Ortgiesen, Carrie Wells, Dallas Carlile, Gabrielle Grist, Holly Jackson, Kendreia Prater, Mary Hodge, Megan Tarantino, Nicholas Varas, Pacia King and Tanya Garza, all of Pocahontas, along with Bernice Shelly of Imboden, Caroline Graham of Maynard and Misty Perkins of Reyno, each received a scholarship of \$500 as full-time students.

Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge.

Ortgiesen, Shelly, Graham, Jackson, Hodge, Perkins, and Garza are each working on a career in nursing. Ortgiesen is a graduate of Sloan-Hendrix High School and is enrolled in the RN program at Ozarka College. Shelly is a Mountain Pointe High School graduate, Graham a Maynard High School graduate, Jackson a Black Rock High School graduate, Hodge a Cross County High School graduate, and Perkins a graduate of Reyno. Each of these students is working to complete their Practical Nursing Degree from BRTC. Ortgiesen, a Sloan-Hendrix High School graduate, and Garza, a Pocahontas High School graduate, are enrolled in the RN program and have both completed the LPN program at BRTC.

Wells, a graduate of St. Paul's, is currently working on her basics courses at BRTC, and Carlile, a graduate of Oak Ridge Central has plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Prater is also taking Gen Ed courses with plans of completing the EMT/Paramedic Program. Varas are enrolled in the Automotive Service Technology program at BRTC and King, also attending BRTC, is currently taking Gen Ed courses.

According to Financial Aid Officer Natasha Rush, to qualify for the single parent scholarship, individuals must be single parents with custody of minor children, be enrolled in a program of higher education, meet certain income guidelines, and be residents of Randolph County. For more information, contact Rush at 870-248-4000, ext. 4019.



Ashley Ortgiesen



Holly Jackson



Dallas Carlile



Kendreia Prater



Carrie Wells



Caroline Graham

This recent increase in the amount awarded is thanks, in part, to a donation by Black River Area Development Corporation, along with various fundraising events and contributions by BRTC faculty and staff. Scholarships are given in varying amounts depending on full-time or part-time enrollment status. To date, \$129,968 has been awarded through the MSSPS fund.

Brevard, Grist, and Tarantino each plan to complete the Respiratory Care program at BRTC. Brevard earned a GED, Grist graduated from Biggers-Reyno High School and Tarantino received her diploma from American Home School.

Green is a graduate of Sloan-Hendrix High School and has plans for a future in counseling, and Smith is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. Sheffield is a graduate of Van Buren High School and is pursuing a Bachelor of Mid-Level Math and Science Degree from



Misty Perkins



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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.

Campus Commentary



*Kimberly Bigger
Registrar*

The Registrar's Office staff is here to assist students in registering for classes, changing registration when necessary and keeping an official record of credits and grades, along with many other duties related to academic life at the college.

Most importantly, the office is here to provide information and answer questions about courses, majors, requirements, academic policies, regulations or other academic issues.

This office strives to improve

retention and graduation rates of students by providing assistance in removing barriers to college. The Registrar's office holds a significant concern for the safety and welfare of BRTC students. Employees work closely with all faculty and staff to ensure policies and regulations are enforced.

The Registrar's Office staff believes that the best learning experience exists where a balance of challenges and support exists.

At this time the Registrar's Office is preparing for the spring 2011 semester. Returning students will have access to register online through campus connect beginning November 8. All returning students must meet with their academic advisor prior to registering for the spring 2011 semester.

Online orientation for new and transfer students will be available on our website November 11, with registration available for new and transfer students on or after November 15.

Staff in the Office of the Registrar

Music Scholarship Awarded

Ben McClellan of McDougal is the recipient of the Henry Culver Music Scholarship for the Fall 2010 semester at Black River Technical College. The scholarship, established by Oleita Young of Pocahontas in honor of her father, the late Henry Culver, provides tuition of one credit hour of choir at BRTC for one student each semester.

"Music is one of the few things in my life that I can count on to bring me happiness," said McClellan. "The Kimbrough Choir has put not only the music back into my life, but has instilled me with a greater sense of purpose and belonging."

McClellan expressed his appreciation for the scholarship in allowing him to continue in the choir. "The scholarship spares me the worry of where I will get the money that is needed for the 45-minute one-way drive I make to school each day."

Kimbrough Choir Director Joniece Trammel is the daughter of Young and granddaughter of Culver.



Ben McClellan entertains attendees of the recent MSSPS Cookbook Dinner.

look forward to working with all students in starting and completing their educational goals.

For further information or assistance with the registration process, call 870-248-4000.