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## Golf Tournament is September 30

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 30, at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Pocahontas, according to Tournament Chair Dina Hufstedler, Project Specialist at Black River Technical College.

This tournament is a major source of funding for the Foundation, whose activities provide scholarships and other services to BRTC students. The event is supported by a \$10,000 donation from IBERIABANK.

The two-person scramble will have separate morning and afternoon cuts with tee-off times scheduled for 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes

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*Pictured from left are: Mike Miller, Senior VP of Bank of Pocahontas and BRTC Foundation Board Member; Sandra Tweedy, VP/Branch Manager of IBERIABANK; Dr. Wayne Hatcher, BRTC President; Dina Hufstedler, BRTC Project Specialist and Tournament Chair; Dr. Jan Ziegler, BRTC VP of Development; and Kelly Rose, VP/Commercial Relationship Manager of IBERIABANK and BRTC Foundation Board Member.*

### Important Dates

- August 22**  
*Fall Semester Classes Begin*
- August 26**  
*Foundation Board Mtg.*
- August 31-September 1**  
*PTK Blood Drive*
- September 5**  
*Campus Closed - Labor Day Holiday*
- September 30**  
*IBERIABANK / BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament*
- October 11**  
*Advisory Dinner*
- October 27-29**  
*REACH Grand Opening/ Public Event*

## Author Entertains, Pays Tribute to Veterans

A sizeable audience gathered on the campus of BRTC last week to hear author Ed Fitzgerald of Mesa, Arizona, talk about his experiences as an original member of the Green Berets and to purchase autographed copies of his book, *Bank's Bandits*.

The book is a humorous account of a young man's initiation into the United States Special Forces from his induction, through basic training, jump school, and special maneuvers and training exercises in the rough hilly Georgia terrain. The Korean War ended before his unit completed their training, so Fitzgerald was sent instead to Germany for the remainder of his tour of duty.

In addition to sharing images and stories of his time in the military, Fitzgerald paid tribute to the many veter-



*Local Veterans Russell Winebaugh (from left) and Herbert Turner, visit with Guest Speaker Edward Fitzgerald.*

ans in the audience. Among them were Miles Ponder and his wife Katherine of Walnut Ridge. His ship had just sailed from Pearl Harbor days before the attack by Japan, but his wife was on the island at the time of the bombing.

Fitzgerald also acknowledged local veterans Herbert Turner and Col. Roy Meeks. Turner is a WWII vet who took part in the Battle of the Bulge. Meeks is a decorated Vietnam War veteran whom

Fitzgerald described as "legendary" in military circles.

The author, a retired lawyer, was visiting along with his wife, Ginny, in Pocahontas as a guest of local attorney Kirby Riffel and his wife Patti, and attorney Linda Bowlin and husband David. Fitzgerald, Riffel, and Bowlin were among the participants in a special conference and mock trial held in Little Rock the previous weekend.

# New Faculty, Staff and Personnel Changes Announced

Julie Edington, Human Resources Director at BRTC, has announced additions and changes to personnel.

Daniel Lee has been hired as full-time history instructor at BRTC, replacing Dr. Jason Morrison who took a position as Dean of Arts and Sciences at Western Oklahoma State College. Lee is originally from Oxford, and currently resides in Jonesboro. He holds an AA from Ozarka College and holds both a BA and MA in History from Arkansas State University. He previously taught one year at Mid-South Community College in West Memphis and two years at ASU. He will be teaching U.S. and World History.

Kelsey Jones of Walnut Ridge has been hired as a nursing instructor. She is a 2005 graduate of Hoxie High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Arkansas State University in 2010. She previously worked at St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center in Jonesboro as an Oncology RN. She will be teaching Math for Nurses and Medical Terminology on both the Pocahontas and Paragould campuses.

Jessica McFadden of Imboden is the new Administration Specialist I in the Office of Development. She holds a bachelor degree in mass communications from Ouachita Baptist University and previously worked as a Park Interpreter first at Chicot State Park in Lake Village and then the past five years at Cane Creek State Park in Star City.

Janna Guthrey has been promoted to the

position of Administrative Specialist III in the office of the Vice President for Technical Education. She is a resident of Pocahontas and began working at BRTC April 2003 as Secretary to the Division Chair of Academics and the Division Chair of Technical Education. In July 2010, Guthrey became Secretary to the Vice President of Technical Education. She is Chair of the Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship Fund and has served on the Special Events committee.

Lynda Griffin of Paragould, who has been serving as a full-time temporary instructor of Anatomy and Physiology since January 2010, is now a full-time permanent science instructor. She previously taught as an adjunct instructor at both Crowley's Ridge Community College and BRTC and spent 13 years working as a Radiology Technologist. She holds both AA and BS degrees in Radiological Science from Arkansas State University and an MS degree in Education from Midwestern State University.

Chris Hankins has moved from the position of Blood Alcohol Testing (BAT) Project Instructor, where he has served since February, 2007, to the position of Law Enforcement Training Academy Instructor. Prior to joining BRTC, he spent eleven years with the Jonesboro Police Department and served as an adjunct instructor on the BRTC-Paragould campus during that time. Hankins is a graduate of Black Rock High School, Arkansas State University, and the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden.



Daniel Lee



Kelsey Jones



Jessica McFadden



Janna Guthrey



Lynda Griffin



Chris Hankins

## Golf Tournament

will be awarded in each, with flights and prizes determined by the number of entries. Entry fee is \$100 per team, which includes a complimentary barbecue lunch and two mulligans for each player. Golf carts are available to rent for \$25.

Teams will have an opportunity to purchase an advantage shot on Hole #4, where both players would hit their second shot from a designated spot closer to the green. Golfers will also have an opportunity to win a brand new Chevy truck for a hole-in-one on #15. This grand prize is once again sponsored by Baltz Chevrolet-Olds in Pocahontas.

Three levels of sponsorships are also available for purchase and each include a sign with company

logo or other information, placed strategically along the course the day of the tournament. The One-Star sponsorship for \$125 includes an 18" x 24" sign; the two-star sponsorship for \$250 includes a 2' x 4' sign; and the Three-Star Sponsorship for \$500 includes a 4' x 4' sign, team entry fee, and golf cart if needed. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) entity and all sponsorships are tax deductible.

Hufstедler, along with BRTC Foundation Board Members and tournament organizers Kelly Rose of IBERIABANK and Mike Miller of Bank of Pocahontas, encourage support of this popular event through participation and sponsorship. "I am very pleased with the continued support of this annual

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event," said Miller. "This is the largest fundraiser for the BRTC Foundation."

"IBERIABANK is pleased to support Black River Technical College and the surrounding community through this annual event," Rose said. "We take pride in knowing that our partnership with BRTC has helped provide numerous scholarships and opportunities for students in Northeast Arkansas."

For more information contact Hufstедler at 870-248-4000, ext. 4187, or Vickie French at 870-248-4070. More information and registration forms can also be downloaded from the BRTC website at [www.blackrivertech.edu](http://www.blackrivertech.edu).

## Staff Attend ABEA Conference

Debbie Prichard, Business Department Head, along with Business Instructors Darenda Kersey and Ruth Schaa, attended the Arkansas Business Education Association (ABEA) conference held July 26-27 at the Convention Center in Hot Springs. The theme of this year's conference, according to Kersey, was "Revin' in '11."



*Darenda Kersey (from left), Debbie Prichard, and Ruth*

Kersey was among the presenters at the conference. "I presented a session on LiveBinders," Kersey explained, "which is a web tool that allows digital binders to be created and resources such as web sites, YouTube videos, and text-based documents to be organized and stored within them and then shared with others online. I also included information regarding the web tools Dropbox and Evernote."

Other topics presented at the conference included "iTunes U," "How to Use iPads in the Classroom," "Entrepreneurship," "Economics in the Business Classroom," and "Cloud Computing."

"It was a very valuable conference," added Prichard. "Darenda did an excellent job presenting to a standing-room only crowd."

## Summer MSSPS Awarded

Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarships were awarded for the summer terms to three Randolph County residents attending BRTC. Amanda Brevard and Abbi Edington, both of Pocahontas, received scholarships for Summer I in the amount of \$250 each and for Summer II in the amount of \$125 each. Haley Reed, a resident of Reyno, also received a scholarship in the amount of \$125 for Summer II.



*Amanda Brevard*

Brevard plans to graduate from BRTC's Respiratory Care program in December and Edington, also in the Respiratory Care program, plans to graduate August 2012. Reed plans to earn an Associate of Arts in Gen Ed degree at BRTC then transfer to ASU to seek a degree as an ultrasound technician.

To qualify for the single parent scholarship, according to Financial Aid Officer Natasha Rush, 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. Scholarships are given each term in varying amounts depending on enrollment status. For more information, contact Rush at 870-248-4000, ext. 4019.

## BRTC Employees Awarded Advanced Degrees

Natasha Rush, Financial Aid Specialist in the Department of Student Services at BRTC, was recently awarded a Master of Science degree in College Student Personnel from Arkansas Tech University. She also holds an AA from BRTC and a BS in Business Administration from Arkansas State University.



*Natasha Rush*



*Joe Collier*

Rush is a Pocahontas resident and began working at BRTC in September 2008. Prior to that she worked as marketing director for Legacy Hospice in Walnut Ridge.

Joe Collier, full-time temporary instructor of English at BRTC, was awarded the S.C.C.T. degree from Arkansas State University over the summer. He also holds both BA and MA degrees in English from ASU.

Collier graduated from Southside Baptist High School in Shreveport, Louisiana, then worked for eleven years full-time with the Louisiana Army National Guard. He is a veteran of Desert Storm where he earned the Army Achievement medal, the Louisiana War Cross medal and the National Defense medal, among other honors.

A current resident of Jonesboro, Collier began working at BRTC in 2009. He taught as a graduate assistant at ASU from 2007 to 2009.

## Baltz Reappointed to Board of Trustees

Leo Baltz of Pocahontas was recently reappointed to Black River Technical College's Board of Trustees by Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe. His appointment will run through June 30, 2018. He was first appointed to the Board in May 2010 replacing Frank Bigger.



*Leo Baltz*

Baltz is the principal owner of Baltz Chevrolet-Oldsmobile and Baltz Equipment in Pocahontas. He is a member of the Randolph County Chamber of Commerce and Pocahontas Rotary Club. He and his wife Abi have three children, Jack, Nicholas and Anna, and are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church.

BRTC President Wayne Hatcher said he is pleased to have Baltz' experience and knowledge of BRTC remain as a part of its current Board.



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## **BRTC Mission Statement**

*Blending tradition, technology and innovation  
to educate today's diverse students  
for tomorrow's changing world.*

## Campus Commentary



*Dr. Jan Ziegler  
VP for Development*

### **Fundraising Brings Opportunities, Rewards**

When I first began working in fundraising at BRTC, one of my friends raised an eyebrow and suggested that asking people to give money was not exactly her idea of a great job. I see it differently. Fundraising for something you believe in, as I do BRTC, is more than a great job; it's a very rewarding experience both for the person

doing the "ask" and for the person who takes the opportunity to make a difference for the good with his or her finances or other resources.

We have just begun our fifth year of our annual fundraising drive, the *Growing Strong 2012 Annual Campaign*. This campaign, along with other events and activities, is very important to BRTC, its students, and to the community we serve. This and other fundraising efforts make it possible for BRTC to do many things that otherwise would not be possible.

For example, many students receive scholarship or other needed assistance as a result of our fundraising efforts. You make possible many community events—things like special guest speakers or programs—that are free and open to the public and to students of all ages when you support our Annual Campaign. BRTC students get to experience unique educational activities, sometimes life-changing activities, because someone chose to provide a gift of money or decided to include BRTC in an estate

## **18th Annual IBERIABANK / BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament Friday, September 30**

plan. Gifts of money or other items have made it possible on occasion for this college to construct a facility, such as the City of Pocahontas Conference Center, that is a real asset to the entire community. This community's generosity when it comes to giving has allowed BRTC to equip a lab or provide new technology, or furnish a student lounge area. And we have many, many more needs our budget will not cover.

You see, even as the funding BRTC receives from the state or from Washington has declined and/or remained flat, our needs have increased in step with our growth.

If you would like to join the many who already know how good it feels to give, call us. If you would like to know about the many ways your contribution of money, real estate or other items of value could be put to good use, come by the campus. If you would like to be a part of making a great institution even better, please contact me in BRTC's Office of Development. Call 870-248-4000, EXT 4185; or email [janz@blackrivertech.org](mailto:janz@blackrivertech.org).