

THE RIVER'S EDGE



Black River Technical College

Pocahontas · Paragould

Our Community Is Essential to BRTC!

BRTC exists to serve the citizens of its service area and its community. However, we are fortunate to have an exceptionally supportive community! Without the support and help of our local citizens, civic clubs, and businesses, BRTC would not be able to achieve its mission.

Community members support BRTC in a variety of ways. For example, in April ProMed Ambulance Service of Pocahontas donated an ambulance stretcher to the BRTC EMT-Paramedic Program. This



ProMed's Bobby Tennison and BRTC Paramedic Program Director Mathew Smith

stretcher is one which the college would not have been able to afford

on its own. Because of ProMed's generosity, students have the opportunity to use the very same equipment in their training that they will use on the job. Thank you!



Stephen Malone and Melanie Chester

In addition, BancorpSouth in Pocahontas worked with adult education students during American Saves Week to help students better understand the importance of banking and saving. Thank you Stephen Malone and Melanie Chester with BancorpSouth! We appreciate your time, knowledge, and advice!

The two stories are just a sliver of the examples of support BRTC receives from the community. **Thank you** to each an every individual who makes BRTC what it is!

BRTC Student Named PTK Regional President for the Oklahoma/Arkansas Region

On March 10 at the Annual Regional Convention of the Oklahoma/Arkansas Region of Phi Theta Kappa, Leah "Aly" Smoot was voted in by her peers in PTK as the new PTK Regional President. She will run the annual Regional Honors Institute in the fall and the Annual Regional Convention in the spring. She will also attend Catalyst, PTK's International Annual Convention in 2018 and 2019, and the International Honors Institute at Villanova University. She represent both the Oklahoma/Arkansas Region of PTK and BRTC's chapter.



Aly Smoot

At BRTC, Aly is president of Phi Theta Kappa and treasurer of the Student Government Association. She is married to Spencer who is currently retired from the Marine Corps and they have one son, Ace. Aly was born in Soda Springs, Idaho.

JOIN IT DOWN

May 21
Intercession begins

May 28
Campus closed for
Memorial Day

May 30
Intercession finals

June 4
Summer I begins

CAMPUS Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 18

AROUND On Monday, March 26, the Beta Delta Phi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society welcomed 18 new members: Anne Bruetsch, John Cotton, Madison Crawley, Alicia Croney, Rebecca Ferguson, Madison Foster, Stephanie Foster, Benjamin Gore, Johnathan Hensley, Charlotte Jennings, Brandon Johnson, Courtney Keck, Lindsey Mans, Jillian Noles, Tanner Ringo, Monica Sanchez, Brian Smith, and Samantha Weir.

Phi Theta Kappa is a scholarly organization which promotes the ideals of scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. To receive an invitation to join, students must have a minimum of 12 credit hours and a 3.5 GPA.

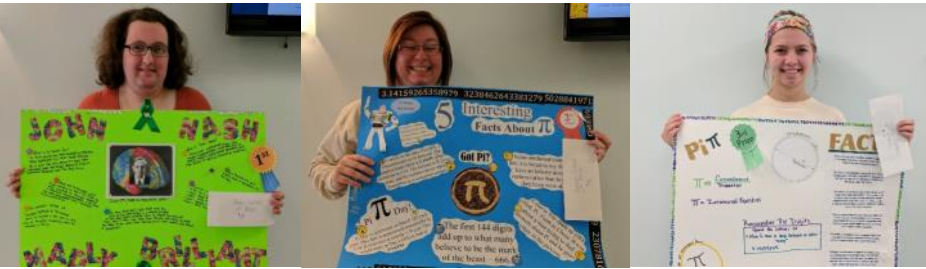


Dr. Eric Turner, Dr. Sheila Taylor, Charlotte Jennings, Crystal Johnson, Samantha Weir, Anne Bruetsch, Advisor Ashely Hankins, Aly Smoot

BRTC Paragould Celebrates Pi Day!

BRTC Paragould's math department celebrated Pi Day March 14 and 15 with door prizes, pies, pizza pies, and punch. Students could also enter a poster contest in which they illustrated information about pi, a mathematician, or a mathematical formula. In addition, \$10 gift card door prizes were given out.

We sincerely appreciate our local gift card donors! Walmart, Sonic, Kum & Go, and Taco Bell each donated a \$10 gift card for a door prize. Thank you!!



Above: Pi Day Poster Contest winners: Cassie Mangrum, 1st place, *left*; Misty Wess, 2nd; Brianna Campbell, 3rd.

Gift card winners: Lullavee Allen and Kendra Nolen, *left*. Domonique Jackson, *right*. Drue Jones, *not pictured*.



Important Dates!

- 5/21 Last day to add/drop Intercession
- 5/21 Intercession finals
- 6/4 Summer I begins/ Last day to add Summer I class
- 6/21 Last day to drop Summer I class
- 6/28 Summer I finals
- 7/9 Summer II begins/ last day to add Summer II class

Meet BRTC SGA

President
Lidia
Lopez



I was in Student Council in high

school. I love volunteer work. I knew that I wanted to continue that in college, so I joined Student Government Association (SGA).

The purpose of SGA is to be the voice of the student body. It bridges the gap between administration and students. It also helps foster leadership. As SGA President, I run the meetings. I have more contact with SGA sponsors than any other club officer. I fill out the paperwork and send out emails.

We hosted a Solar Eclipse Watch Party and a Pizza Pi day. We sponsored and helped out at the Child Abuse Awareness Walk, STEM Day, Day of Giving, BRTC's Got Talent, trips to Europe, etc. We took a day trip to Little Rock and toured the State Capitol.

I have had a lot of fun! I am so thankful for the experience!

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YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Your donations to the BRTC Foundation provide scholarship opportunities to worthy students. These students must meet GPA, academic, and in some cases programmatic standards to be eligible for scholarships. Without your support and commitment, the following scholarships would not be possible!

Foster and Foster Farms Scholarship in Memory of

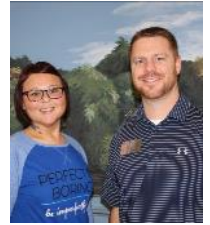
Jack and Amy Foster



Recipient: Blaine Huddleston
Hometown: Pocahontas
High School: Pocahontas High School
Parents: Clay and Megan Huddleston
Major: Agriculture

Sylvia Cagle Single Parent Scholarship

Recipient: Cynthia Nishimura
Hometown: Ravenden Springs
County: Randolph
Major: Nursing
Pictured: Nishimura and BRTC's Mike Smith



Jennifer Wren Memorial Scholarship



Recipient: Alexa Ramsey
Hometown: Thayer, MO
High School: Mammoth Spring HS
Parents: Michael and Heather Ramsey
Major: Agriculture

GED Scholarship

Recipient: Jennifer Barber
Hometown: Corning
Spouse: Chris Barber
Major: Nursing



Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship

Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship is named after longtime Pocahontas school teacher Mary Sallee. Recipients 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.

The Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship is part of the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund.

Thank you, donors, for making this scholarship possible!



Erica Bartman, Pocahontas



Paige Davis, Pocahontas



Chortney Durga, Pocahontas



Rachael Gardner, Pocahontas



Mikayla Morrow, Reyno



Cynthia Nishimura, Ravenden Springs



Mary Richardson, Pocahontas



Holly Smart, Pocahontas

Nightingale Scholarship

The Nightingale Scholarship is sponsored by BRTC nursing faculty and staff and is awarded to practical nursing students in their second semester of the program. The Spring 2018 scholarship was awarded to Ragan Rapert of Bono and Ashley Martin of Des Arc.



Ragan Rapert and Ashley Martin

Paragould Scholarship

Four business and industry students at the Paragould location have each been awarded a \$250 Paragould Scholarship for the spring semester:

Richie Higgins	Campbell, MO
Hunter Douglas	Lake City
Bobby Manuel	Keiser
Johnny Rounds, III	Jonesboro

BRTC MISSION STATEMENT

Black River Technical College transforms lives through quality academic and career education to enhance the community we serve.



Dr. Trenia Miles, Deputy Director for Adult Education with the Arkansas Department of Career Education, toured Paragould and Pocahontas classrooms and visited with several BRTC students.

Spring Break 2018 Trip

BRTC faculty Dr. Derek Clements and Courtney Clements led 21 students, faculty, and community members to London, Paris, and Normandy.

BRTC's next trip will be to Australia and New Zealand in 2019 and Scotland in 2020. Visit the BRTC website for information on how to join BRTC group travel!

Jennifer Stewart Honored

We are proud of longtime BRTC English adjunct Jennifer Stewart on winning the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith's Luella M. Krehbiel Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award!

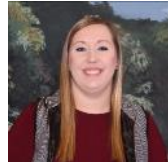


New Employees Here for You!



Brittany Obregon

Position: Library Technician
Hometown: Pocahontas
Location: Pocahontas
Education: Black River Technical College, AA, AAS in Business Administration



Rebecca Simpson

Position: Nursing Clinical Site Coordinator
Hometown: Maynard
Location: Pocahontas
Education: Three Rivers Community College, AAS in Registered Nursing



Above left: BRTC students Alexandria Lopez, Paige Johnson, and Rebecca Lopez. Right: American Cemetery in Normandy, France. Below left: Windsor Castle in the snow (a rare sight). Right: Travelers on the deck of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.



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