



FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

2026



MISSION, VISION, AND CORE VALUES



Foundation Mission Statement

The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation assists the College in its mission by increasing financial resources and expanding educational opportunities through community advocacy, teamwork and innovation.

About the Foundation

Established in 2011, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation seeks to provide our diverse student population with collaborative programs and support services to improve quality of life and promote economic development in our service area. As a community-centered college, our ambitions are mighty, but resources are essential to support our students on their paths of achievement. Whether you are a graduate, parent, corporate partner, or friend, your financial contributions create the blueprint for our future. The Foundation was granted charitable status on March 30, 2012. Classified as tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 27-4751626. The Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Board meets on a quarterly basis.



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A LETTER FROM DR. CHECKOVICH



Hello Everyone. Each of us has perhaps a different reason for donating to our Foundation. Some of us will contribute out of altruism, and we might have a genuine selfless concern for the welfare of others. Some will contribute because we believe it will have an impact on society. Others may contribute to causes that have personally affected them or to causes they believe in. There might be tax advantages, legacy building, or just a sense of feeling good for other groups. There can be many different reasons for supporting our Foundation, and I am fortunate enough to see the outcome of the generosity of our donors.

I recently had the privilege of hosting the Student Awards Ceremony at our Headquarters Building. The room was packed with students, parents, grandparents, children, and grandchildren. The students assembled represent the fine education that Blue Ridge provides and I could not help but think about the role of our Foundation in helping students succeed. With the cost of higher education increasing faster than inflation, many individuals consider a college education simply out of reach and that is indeed sad.

With Blue Ridge, we have three basic factors working in our favor and which can solve the cost of education issues. **First**, we strive to keep tuition and fees very reasonable.

Second, we have a tremendously supportive Foundation, made so through the donors that we appreciate so much.

And third, we respond to our local labor market and four year institutions so students have jobs and careers to go to or they can transfer for further education.



Student Awards Ceremony, Fall 2025

If you could only see the faces of the students who receive accolades from their faculty, it would bring such positive feelings that it would make you proud to be an integral part of our team. With a good education students have the freedom to be employed, earn a salary, support a family, and live a good life. Your contributions to our Foundation have such deep impact on generations of families, the generation of today and generations for years to come. No matter the reason or reasons for your generosity, the effect is largely the same: Student Success. On behalf of Blue Ridge and our Foundation, we thank you for your support of our students.

Sincerely,
Dr. C

Blue Ridge CTC Foundation Scholarship Support 2024-2025 Academic Year

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Nick Tasker, Student Spotlight

Nick Tasker

After serving eight years in the U.S. Army as a Combat Medic, Nick Tasker continued his commitment to service with four years at the U.S. Postal Service. With his family in mind, Nick turned to BRCTC to build his future.

“The support from professors and classmates has made a big difference”

“My journey at BRCTC has been incredible so far,” he shared. “The support from professors and classmates has made a big difference.” Nick credits Professor Heumphreus with helping him regain confidence as he transitioned from military to academic life.

Nick is gaining hands-on experience through an internship at Hollywood Casino, where he works on diagnosing and upgrading critical hardware and software systems.

Thank You

to our scholarship donors!

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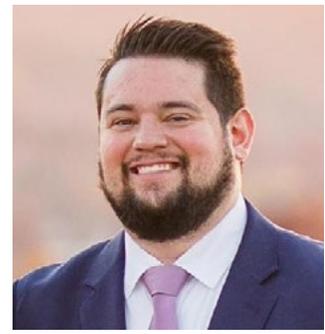


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OUR STUDENTS THANK YOU!



This scholarship has been a massive help in allowing my family and me to ease our stress while paying for school. Both my brother and I are in school right now, both with varying financial burdens, so having a cushion like this scholarship is wildly helpful.

– Aidan

Thank you all for gifting me a scholarship. Not only am I in school, but my daughter is also in her first semester of college. You can imagine that having 2 of us in school at the same time requires a lot of funding. You have helped lighten that load a little, and I'm very grateful for it.

– Amber

Your investment in students like me not only fuels our education but also inspires us to pursue excellence with purpose and resilience. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to grow, contribute, and represent the values your generosity upholds.

– Anna

This award has motivated me to keep striving toward my academic and career goals, and it reminds me that there are people who believe in my potential. I am truly grateful for your generosity and the positive impact you've had on my educational journey.

– Brianna

I love the Veterinary Technician program and BRCTC as a whole! I feel so grateful to be part of such a supportive community surrounded by students who share similar passions and dreams. Thank you so much for supporting me pursue my future career goals.

– Ella

The nursing program's required coursework and clinical hours limit available time to work, creating significant stress. This scholarship covers part of my tuition, which relieves so much stress related to paying for college.

– Emmalynn

Your generosity not only helps me achieve my academic and professional goals but also inspires me to one day give back and make a difference in the lives of future nursing students.

– Gabrielle

Your gift made a huge difference. The beginning of the semester was tough because I transitioned to part-time at work to maintain my family's health benefits. My focus is 100% on my Nursing education. Your donations have reduced my financial burden and increased my self-motivation.

– Geraldine

You have helped a veteran and his family, allowing me to step up to be the man I know I can be for my family and the community. Your contributions have not only changed my life but also my family's. My son looks to me for guidance, and I want to be the best version of myself every day because of your contributions. I served our country, and now, because of you, I can better serve our community.

– Hayden

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As a mother of three balancing family, school, and clinical responsibilities, I find this support tremendously encouraging. It allows me to continue pursuing my goals with greater focus and confidence, knowing that people and organizations believe in my potential and the path I've chosen.

– *Iman*

I look forward to leaving a lasting legacy at the school and taking my lessons out into the world and I will continue to ensure I represent you all with the same grace, humility and willingness to serve that you have extended to me.

– *Jaela*

I would not have been able to be here this semester without the help of the Foundation scholarship. I lost my mother at the beginning of this semester and had a cancer scare as well, and the additional stress would have made me fall off for support if I also needed to worry about the money in addition to everything else I needed to worry about.

– *Liam*

I have a physical disability, which makes me unable to work, and I would face unbearable hardship if I tried to pay for school in addition to the rest of my responsibilities. So there really aren't enough words to express how grateful I am for this opportunity to further my education and to give my life meaning.

– *Mackenzie*

For years, I wanted to go to school, but couldn't because of the fees. You made this possible. You gave me a path to fulfill my dream. Thank you from the deepest of my heart.

– *Mones*



Thanks to your kindness, I have been able to take advantage of every learning opportunity, stay motivated, and work toward becoming a skilled IT professional. Your investment in my education inspires me to give back and support others in the same way one day.

– *Nicholas*

I am proud to share that I earned a 4.0 GPA this semester, an accomplishment that reflects not only my hard work but also the encouragement and stability your generosity provided. This scholarship has truly changed my experience as a student, giving me the chance to study with peace of mind, stay motivated, and pursue my goals with confidence.

– *Phophi*

This scholarship has made it possible for me to take steps toward a career rather than a series of temporary jobs, without amassing the critical debt that would otherwise make schooling unfeasible. Thank you so much for the opportunity to make a better life for myself and my children.

– *Therese*



Leave a Legacy!

Support Our STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Many of our students are balancing employment, family care and their education. We are GRATEFUL for your support!

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Congratulations to our Grads!



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Martinsburg, WV 25403

Technology Center

5550 Winchester Ave.
Martinsburg, WV 25405

Morgan County Center

Located at the Pines Opportunity Center
109 War Memorial Dr.
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

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www.blueridgectc.edu/tour

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