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WINTER 2014



LTI Health Occupations Students of America officers Jenna Mason, President, and Tim Bossard, Treasurer, present their organization's donation of \$500 to Mr. Bruce Harlan, Executive Director of the Crawford County Woman's Services Organization.

HOSA Students Held a "Pennies War" Fundraiser

HOSA students held a "Pennies War" fundraiser. The teams were made up of students and staff, who then challenged each other to collect the greatest number of pennies or play other coins to sabotage their opponents. The members of the winning team were treated to lunch.

The big benefactor was the Woman's Services group. Since 1977, Women's Services has worked to help victims of domestic and sexual violence. Women's Services believes that every individual has value and has the right: to be safe in mind and body, to live out of harm's way in affordable housing, and to be treated with respect and compassion. LTI is pleased to help them with their efforts.



LBI Announces One Year Anniversary in Morgantown

Celebrates First Round of Graduates in New Programs

Morgantown, WV - Laurel Business Institute (LBI) School of Cosmetology celebrates its one year anniversary in Morgantown this fall, marking the successful launch of two accelerated diploma programs for students seeking a career in the Cosmetology field. In January 2015, LBI's first Cosmetology class will graduate from the 14 month program, which boasts a 100% success rate for student retention and program completion. "I am excited to announce the graduation of our first Cosmetology class in WV," states Nancy Decker, President and CEO of Laurel Business Institute. "I am confident that this dedicated group of students will prove to be vital members of the local workforce in Morgantown."

Many students have already earned respect in the community. Graduating student Olivia Wiley, who has already secured local employment in the Morgantown area, speaks highly of her experiences at LBI. "The program is really intense- a lot of hands on experience in a short amount of time, but it's definitely worth the commitment!" Wiley also states that "Graduation is bittersweet. I've really grown close to my instructors, and I have a huge amount of respect for them and their abilities, but I am ready for the next step."

Wiley is one of 9 students who completed the Cosmetology program on November 12th, and will be preparing to take the state board



FRONT ROW: Jeslyn Lyttle, Olivia Wiley, Jenna Clark, Makayla Moore. **SECOND ROW:** Sherri Rimel, Cosmetology Program Director; Erin Leonard, Cosmetology Instructor; Sabrina Thomas, Kaylie Sheets, Joseph McCormick, Chelsea Tosadori, Morgan Kijowski.

exam to become a licensed Cosmetologist in the upcoming weeks. After completing board certification, students seeking local employment will work with LBI's career services department to explore options for quality employment local to the area. LBI President Nancy Decker states "There is a continual job demand in the Morgantown area, and our mission is to provide a quality education for individuals interested in careers that already exist in the area."

Decker's philosophy is evident in the design of LBI's programs, which were developed to address the demands of Morgantown's growing service industry and "provide a well-rounded, marketable education that focuses on practical, hands on experience." Located in Westover, LBI offers a newly renovated facility which includes a full service salon and spacious, modern classrooms at a location convenient to downtown and I-79.

Designed to prepare students for licensure in 14 months or less, LBI provides a choice of educational programs that combine theory with supervised, hands on training. LBI's 8-month Hairstylist program prepares students

for entry level salon positions that require training in hair styling, color, and chemical texturizing services. For those seeking a competitive edge in the job market, LBI offers a 14-month Cosmetology program that combines hairstyling with training in facial massage, manicuring, and salon management. Both programs are offered on a rotational enrollment schedule with starting dates every two months.

In addition to providing students with clinical experience, LBI's full service salon offers a complete menu of salon services at discount prices for both scheduled and walk-in customers. Open Monday through Friday, our student stylists are dedicated to making others look and feel incredible from hair to nails.

For additional information, or to apply for the spring Cosmetology and Hairstyling programs, contact the Morgantown Campus at 304-381-2633 or visit our website at www.laurel.edu/lbimorgantown

LBI School of Cosmetology provides quality career and professional education with specialized diploma programs in Cosmetology and Hairstyling. Located at 40 Commerce Drive, Suite 201 in Morgantown, WV, LBI School of Cosmetology continues to meet the employment and educational needs of the regional community, carrying on the legacy of its parent campus in Uniontown, PA, which was established in 1985.

Laurel Business Institute - LBI'm Ready

LTI Announces September 2014 Graduating Class

September 16, 2014, Meadville, PA

Laurel Technical Institute Meadville Campus celebrated the graduation of its Summer 2014 graduating class at the Academy Theatre in Meadville, Pa. Stephen Burger was recognized as Valedictorian and Paul Smaglik was recognized as Salutatorian.



Row 1 L-R Hannah Mierke, Paul Smaglik, Stephen Burger, Crystal Hargenrater, Ashley Walker
Row 2 L-R Rose Dorr, Dillon Proctor, Lisa Gilchrist, Erica Glancy, Steven Rankin, DeAnna Miller

Director Patricia Campbell awarded the following students Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas:

Degree in Administrative Office Technology

Lisa Gilchrist (Meadville, PA)
Erica Glancy (Conneaut Lake, PA)

Degree in Business Administration

Stephen Burger (Meadville, PA)
Lisa Gilchrist (Meadville, PA)
Erica Glancy (Conneaut Lake, PA)

Diploma in Cosmetology

Rose Dorr (Cambridge Springs, PA)
Ashley Walker (Andover, OH)

Diploma in Cosmetology Nail Technician

DeAnna Miller (Irvine, PA)

Degree in Health Information Technology

Crystal Harhenrater (Meadville, PA)

Degree in Medical Assistant

Hannah Mierke (Meadville, PA)
Paul Smaglik (Guys Mills, PA)

Degree in Network Administration & Security

Dillon Proctor (Meadville, PA)
Steven Rankin (Conneautville, PA)

September 18, 2014, Sharon, PA

Laurel Technical Institute celebrated the graduation of its Summer 2014 graduating class at the Hickory High School, Hermitage, PA. Deborah Anderson, Waltina Currie, Nicole Klink, and Roben L. Root were valedictorians, and Chelsey Johnson was salutatorian.



Row 1 L-R Lyndi Thomas, Sarah Riley, Abbey Moore, Roben Root, Deborah Anderson, Chelsey Johnson, Nicole Klink, Waltina Currie, Alaura Straka, Laura Beall. **Row 2 L-R** Stephen Paris, Joshua Myers, Levy Hill, Zachariah Hardman, Margaret Hoffman, Matthew Snyder, Andrew Artman, Doniece McCullough, Jeffrey I White, Crystal Stefanko, Brittany Hiner, Kelly Logan

President Nancy Decker and Director Douglas Decker awarded the following students Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas:

Degree in Cosmetology

Chelsey Marie Johnson (Sharon, PA)
Nicole Juliana Klink (Hermitage, PA)
Doniece Sheree McCullough (Sharon, PA)

Degree in Health Information Technology

Deborah A. Anderson (Hermitage, PA)
Laura Frydrych Beall (Sharpsville, PA)

Degree in Medical Assistant

Waltina M. Currie (Farrell, PA)
Margaret Hoffman (Grove City, PA)
Abbey L. Moore (Hermitage, PA)
Roben L. Root (Sharon, PA)
Lyndi Ann Thomas (Sharpsville, PA)

Degree in Network Administration

Matthew David Snyder Jr. (Hermitage, PA)

Diploma in Pharmacy Technician

Andrew Stanley Artman (Greenville, PA)
Brittany Hiner (Masury, OH)
Sarah Riley (Hadley, PA)
Alaura Straka (Greenville, PA)

Diploma in Welding & Fabrication with Pipeline Technology

Zachariah E. Hardman (Sharon, PA)
Levy Gordon Hill (Sharon, PA)
Kelly Joanne Logan (Hermitage, PA)
Joshua C. Myers (Hermitage, PA)
Stephen J. Paris (Sharpsville, PA)

Diploma in Cosmetology

Crystal Elizabeth Stefanko (Greenville, PA)

Diploma in Esthetics

Amanda K. Hayes (Canfield, OH)

September 18, 2014, Uniontown, PA

Laurel Business Institute held its 84th graduation on September 18, 2014, at the State Theatre Center for the Arts in Uniontown.

Kerrie Beth Schaefer of Ohiopyle, and Steven L. Snyder of Uniontown were class Valedictorians from our Degree Programs.

Faith Ann Fletcher of Uniontown was Valedictorian from our Diploma Program and Ashley Wingrove of Smithfield was Salutatorian from our Diploma Program.



Row 1 L-R Amanda Lowery, Faith Fletcher, Taresa Nicola, Kacey Ansell, Lauren Carp, Lacey Herring, Melissa Mateosky, Latasha Scott. **Row 2 L-R** Tiffany Ziglear, Nicole Lovett, Nickia Anderson, Joshua Schiffbauer, Victoria Eddy, Matthew Eagle, Dylan Meyer. **Row 3 L-R** Felicia Baker, Taylor Humphreys, Ashley Wingrove, Karrie Schaefer, Taylor Sample, Paul Howes, Steven Snyder

The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas:

Accounting

Melissa M. Mateosky, Smithfield

Business Administration

Melissa M. Mateosky, Smithfield
Paul M. Howes, Brownsville

Cosmetology

Victoria Eddy, Uniontown
Amanda Lowery, Salisbury
Taresa D. Nicola, Adah
Taylor Sample, Scottdale
Karrie Beth Schaefer, Ohiopyle
Tiffany Rosemarie Ziglear, Allison

Computer Software

Steven L. Snyder, Uniontown

Network Administration & Security

Steven L. Snyder, Uniontown

Cosmetology (Diploma)

Nickia M. Anderson, Nemaocolin
Taylor Lynn Humphreys, Uniontown
Ashley Wingrove, Smithfield

Hairstyling (Diploma)

Charity Samms, Elkins WV

Master Teacher of Cosmetology (Diploma)

Kayla Corvin, Dunbar

Nail Technician (Diploma)

Raylin Rachelle Harris, Uniontown
Joshua M. Schiffbauer, Uniontown

Pharmacy Technician (Diploma)

Kacey Ansell, Scottdale
Felicia Marie Baker, Uniontown
Lauren R. Carp, East Millsboro
Lacey E. Herring, McClellandtown
Faith Ann Fletcher, Uniontown
Nicole L. Lovett, Masontown
Latasha C. Scott, Uniontown

Welding & Fabrication with Pipeline Technology (Diploma)

Matthew Evan Eagle, Uniontown
Dylan M. Meyer, Connellsville

LTI Graduate Placement

Meadville - September 2014

Dillon Proctor	Universal Well Services.....	NA Support Tech 1
Hannah Mierke	Meadville Dermatology.....	Medical Assistant
Steven Rankin	Project Hosts.....	Network Administrator
Deanna Miller	The Nail Nook.....	Owner

Sharon - September 2014

Deborah Anderson	Incubator Operations.....	Assistant
Roben Root	Dr. Rebecca Hanigosky.....	Medical Assistant
Lauren Beall	Specialty Orthopedics.....	Billing
Amanda Hayes	The Vein Center and Medspa.....	Esthetician/Manager
Chelsey Johnson	Joni's Styling Salon.....	Stylist
Nicole Klink	Lori Rollinson Hair.....	Stylist
Alaura Straka	ICP.....	Pharmacy Technician
Sarah E. Riley	ICP.....	Pharmacy Technician
Brittany Hiner	Kmart Pharmacy #3824.....	Pharmacy Technician
Kelly Logan	Laurel Technical Institute.....	Welding Instructor

LBI Graduate Placement

Uniontown 2014

Nickia Anderson	Classy Cuts.....	Stylist
Kacey Ansell	Nickman's Drug.....	Pharmacy Technician
Felicia Baker	Rite Aid Pharmacy.....	Pharmacy Technician
Lauren Carp	CVS Pharmacy.....	Pharmacy Technician
Taylor Humphreys	Jennifer White's Hair Studio.....	Assistant
Amanda Lowery	SmartStyles.....	Stylist
Taylor Sample	Mirror Mirror Salon.....	Assistant
Latasha Scott	Omnicare of Greensburg.....	Staging Technician
Steven Snyder	George R Smalley Co.....	Technician
Ashley Wingrove	JC Penney Salon.....	Stylist
Tiffany Ziglear	E. Janelle Hair Gallery, LLC.....	Assistant
Nicole Lovett	Ruby Memorial Hospital.....	Tech 2
Melissa Mateosky	Twin Oaks Home Care.....	Office Assistant
Lacey Herring	Hixenbaugh Drug Store.....	Pharmacy Technician
Joshua Schiffbauer	T & T Nail Salon.....	Assistant Nail Technician

Computer Software with Digital Media & Design Now Offered

Laurel Business & Technical Institute is pleased to announce revisions and technology updates to our Computer Software Specialized Associate Degree program. This fall LBI/LTI received approval for several changes to the long time degree program. Now called **Computer Software with Digital Media & Design** interested students can enroll for classes beginning in January.

Graduates from this program will work in visual design, creative advertising and interactive design. Students will explore the principles technology, practical applications, and methodologies that produce creative visual solutions. From web design and motion graphics to the ever evolving technology of digital video, this program provides cutting edge educational development.

Additionally, the program will include business, technology, digital design and innovation for careers in this popular field. Using software, text, sound, graphics animation, and video, this program trains students on software that explores digital media and design techniques offering a broad foundation of knowledge. Graduates of this program will earn a specialized associate degree.

Careers

- Digital Media Designer
 - Multimedia Designer
 - Graphic Designer
 - Advertising & Marketing Manager
 - Desktop Publisher
 - Multimedia Artist
- Certifications Available
- Microsoft certifications in Access, Excel, PowerPoint, & Word



Supporting Our Veterans

Laurel Business Institute/Laurel Technical Institute has been designated a 2015 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds.

Now in its sixth year, the Military Friendly® Schools designation and list by Victory Media is the premier, trusted resource for post-military success. Military Friendly® provides service members transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

The Military Friendly® Schools designation is awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation. The methodology used for making the Military Friendly® Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past six years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country.

The survey captures over 50 leading practices in supporting military students and is available free of charge to the more than 8,000 schools approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding.

For more information about LBI/LTI's commitment to attracting and supporting military students, contact our Admission department.

Criteria for consideration can be found on their website, <http://www.militaryfriendly.com/>, and a complete list of schools can be found through our Schools Matchmaker tool on <http://www.gijobs.com>.

LBI is Chapter Member of Student Veterans of America

Student Veterans of America or SVA is a coalition of student veteran groups on college and university campuses across the country and is the only unified voice for veterans actively trying to earn their college degrees today.

SVA empowers Yesterday's Warriors to Become Today's Scholars and Tomorrow's Leaders: Thousands of veterans separate from the military each year only to find an overwhelming combination of emotional, financial and cultural obstacles standing between them and a college education. SVA is dedicated to ensuring these veterans do not slip through the cracks on their journey through higher education toward a better quality of life. SVA does this by:

- Developing student veterans groups (Chapters) on college campuses and facilitating communication between them
- Connecting SVA Chapters and schools with resources thereby aiding the veteran's transition onto campus
- Advocating on behalf of student veterans at the local, state and national levels

PROGRAMS & SERVICES:

SVA has a variety of programs and services to develop and sustain Chapters as well as assist individual student veterans so they may more likely achieve their academic goals. A complete list and description of each program or service SVA provides is listed on our website. Some of SVA's most popular programs & services are:

- Interactive Website
- Internship Support Program
- Leadership Institute
- Scholarships
- Chapter Grants
- Conferences & Summits



FRANK TARBAY

Frank J. Tarbay, Maintenance Supervisor, from Laurel Technical Institute, Sharon, Pennsylvania announced his retirement this fall. Mr. Tarbay is to be commended for his outstanding work with outside contractors and the planning of the maintenance and operation of the new renovations of the 17,600 square foot facility at 200 Sterling Avenue in downtown Sharon. This involved the complete renovation of the former Rosemont Conference Center and Cotillion Dining Room into new offices, a new cyber library, and medical and information technology classrooms for the new and updated programs of Laurel Technical Institute. Frank resides in Sharon with his wife Barbara, has a son Matthew, a daughter Rebecca, and a beautiful grandson Matt. Needless to say, Frank will be greatly missed. We wish him the best of luck and a blessed and happy retirement.

Current Students and Alumni Refer Applicants Everyday



Pictured is Lisa Dolan, part of our LBI Admission team, awarding Kayla Corvin, LBI Master Teacher Program, for her recent referral of Allison Malia to the Cosmetology Program.

Referrals are the engine that drives enrollment to the Laurel family of schools. Your support is invaluable to sustainability of our schools. We appreciate all that our student and alumni network does to spread the word about LBI and LTI. As always, we continue to work hard each and every day to fulfill your expectations when a new student referral comes to our doors. We are truly honored by having our referrals double this fall semester. We thank everyone for your continued support!



DEBRA YURAS

Debra Yuras was employed for over twenty five years with Laurel Business Institute with a career that started on November 6, 1989, as a Secretary after graduating from the Laurel Business Institute in September 1989 in the Executive Secretarial program. Deb was promoted to Executive Secretary, Purchasing Agent, Office Supervisor/Purchasing Agent and then to Director of Compliance and Purchasing for Laurel Business Institute and Laurel Technical Institute.



VALERIE BACHARACH

Valerie Bacharach was employed for almost 19 years with Laurel Business Institute with a career that started on May 22, 1995, as an Instructor. Valerie was promoted to Director of Business and Curriculum, Director of Academic Affairs, Director and then to Vice President of Education for Laurel Business Institute and Laurel Technical Institute. Valerie will continue to be an Education Consultant for Laurel Business Institute and Laurel Technical Institute.

Laurel Business Institute provides quality career and professional education with specialized associate degrees, diploma programs and professional certifications for a variety of industries. Located in the historic district of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, LBI was established in 1985 to meet the employment and educational needs of the regional community. For further information, visit www.laurel.edu or contact the school directly at 724-439-4900.

Classes Start January 26th - Apply Today!



"Making Life Better..." by Chad Carey ...For Children, One Bed at A Time"

LTI Sharon Chapter of HOSA helps a local charity:

There's a situation in our community that we have the capacity to change. Children are sleeping on floors because they have no other place to rest their heads at night. When the Schroyer family discovered this problem they became involved, forming the nonprofit organization Beds for Little Heads. Four years ago, Mrs. Schroyer discovered the issue as she performed home visits as part of her job working with children. She solicited donations of beds and bedding and asked her husband, Karl, to help with delivery and set up. "I wasn't excited about doing that," Karl said. "But it was an experience I will never forget. I still feel the emotions when I think about it."

Karl recalled the day that he and other volunteers were setting up a bed for a four-year-old boy when he noticed a little girl around the age of six becoming up-set. The volunteers learned that she also was without a bed. They were compelled to change that.

"We decided there was no way we could leave there without setting up a bed for her. I will never forget her. She began running around the house hugging the sheets as though they were the greatest gift she had ever received," Karl said. However, by giving that little girl a bed, they had used the bed that was earmarked for another child. They knew that nothing short of a miracle was going to provide them with another bed in time. By the end of the day they would have to break the news to some child that he was not getting a bed. Miraculously, something happened that no one saw coming. When setting up at a location, only the box spring was needed. At another location, only the mattress; and another, only the frame. This resulted in an extra box spring, mattress and frame. They had their miracle. All the children they had set out to help that day had beds, plus one!

Karl took this first miracle as a sign of his calling. He talked to his brother, Brett, who is a carpenter by trade and runs his own woodworking shop, Green-field Woodworks. Together they secured a \$5,400 grant from the Shenango Valley Foundation to get things started.

Brett used his expertise as a carpenter to design a simple bed that could be built easily, and the Schroyer family began their mission. Their motto is simple and to the point, "Making life better for children, one bed at a time."

"We want every kid to wake up in a warm bed in the morning. We don't care what the parents did or didn't do, the kids should have a bed," Karl said. The Schroyers do this without profiting. They do not charge for their service. Beds for Little Heads is a non-profit organization. Brett's wife, Donna explained, "We are doing what we can financially to sustain our mission. We do this through our faith and we hope others will want to help."

We can help. We can share in the Schroyer's mission. I am proud to be a student here at LTI and to be able to use my resources as a member of HOSA to share their story. I am a personal friend of the Schroyer family and am amazed at the effort they put forth to make this organization run.

"With the weather getting colder it is even more important that we get these children off the floor and into beds," Donna said. "There are studies that show that children who get a good night's sleep do much better in school, so it is important in many ways."

Respiratory Therapy Students Attend Regional Conference



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LBI RT students attending the PSRC conference

On October 2, 2014, the LBI Respiratory Therapy students attended the Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care (PSRC) Southwest Regional Conference in Cranberry, PA. They were able to attend valuable lectures on current technology and best practices in the field. The large vendor hall provided the students the opportunity to engage with area agencies and providers while being able to see the latest equipment for both hospital and home use. Students Janelle Brangard and Stephanie Keffer volunteered their time at the PSRC booth during the event.

Each year, the PSRC awards one outstanding student of the year award to eligible respiratory therapy programs. The spirit of the award is for students who are most likely to contribute to the PSRC's mission and the respiratory therapy profession as a whole. The award winners receive a one year membership renewal to the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) and an award certificate signed by the PSRC President. The winners were presented with their award during the conference by their instructors. The 2014 PSRC Outstanding Student of the Year Award for LBI was presented to Loren Koklarinis. Congratulations, Loren!



Loren Koklarinis, LBI RT Outstanding Student of the Year

LBI Hosts "Community Resource Awareness Day"



Uniontown, PA, November 5, 2014 - Laurel Business Institute hosted a Community Resource Awareness Day at its Uniontown campus on November 5, 2014. The event was an expansion of the annual Health Fair to include community resources available to support the students in need of various types of assistance. LBI has become aware of a growing population of students who face unexpected challenges during their course of study. The purpose of the event was to educate the students on the local resources and agencies that can help keep the students on track.

Participants included Fayette Area Coordinated Transportation, YMCA, Rendu Services, CORE, Cornerstone Care, Crime Victim's Center, Student Veteran Association, Fayette County Drug & Alcohol, Dress for Success, Nurse Family Partnership, Center of Hope, Greenbrier Treatment Center, Gateway Rehabilitation, St. Vincent DePaul Society, LBI financial aid and accounting, Domestic Violence Services of SWPA, Cherry's Karate, and Fayette County Blind Association. LBI massage, medical assistant, respiratory therapy, early childhood, and IT programs were also on hand to share their expertise.



LBI Respiratory Therapy students celebrating Respiratory Care Week October 19-25, 2014

LBI Meet & Greet at the Start of the Fall Semester



Students enjoying donuts and juice at the LBI Meet & Greet at the start of the fall semester