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Important Dates

October 2

**IBERIABANK/BRTC
Foundation Golf
Tournament**

October 10

**REACH Sites Open
9am-12pm**

October 12-13

Fall Break for Students

October 14-20

Mid Term Exams

October 27 & 28

**Holocaust Survivor
Visit**

November 5

**Board of Trustees
Meeting**

THE RIVER'S EDGE

22nd Annual IBERIABANK/Foundation Golf Tournament

The 22nd Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 2 at Rolling Hills Country Club in Pocahontas.

This two-person scramble, underwritten and supported by IBERIABANK, is the largest fundraising event for BRTC, providing funding for student scholarships. "The BRTC Foundation especially appreciates the outstanding support of our sponsors," said Kelly Rose, Chair of the Foundation. "For more than 20 years, our sponsors have made this event a great financial success thereby enabling the Foundation to grow its support of scholarships and to fulfill our role in supporting the mission of Black River Technical College."



Pictured from left are Mike Miller, Foundation Board member; Dr. Eric Turner, BRTC President; Sandra Tweedy, Foundation Board member; Karen Liebhaber, VP for Institutional Advancement; Kelly Rose, Foundation Board Chair.

Four-star, three-star, two-star, and one-star sponsorships with signage are available at \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$125. Four-star and three-star sponsorships include one team entry fee and golf cart as well as the option of having a promotional tent along the fairway.

The four-star, \$1,000 sponsorship includes a scholarship naming opportunity.

The sponsor at this level will be able to name the scholarship awarded to a BRTC student for the 2016-2017 academic year. The scholarship will actually be in the amount of \$2,000, awarded \$1,000 each semester, fall and spring.

For more information on the tournament or sponsorships, contact Jessica Bailey at (870) 248-4189.

Serendipity to Begin Twelfth Year

A new year of Serendipity opens September 25 with the Harper Lee novel, *Go Set a Watchman*. A reading and discussion group sponsored by BRTC, Serendipity is beginning its 12th year. Membership is open to the public. The monthly luncheon discussions are coordinated by Patti Blaxton and staff of the Office of Corporate and Community Education, and facilitated by Jessica Bailey of the Office of Institutional Advancement and Dr. Jan Ziegler, Faculty Emerita at BRTC. Programs typically include the use of text, video, and music.

"I am really excited about our new year in Serendipity and honored to have the opportunity once more to get together



Jessica Bailey (left), Patti Blaxton and Dr. Jan Ziegler with books to be read in Serendipity this year.

er each month with returning and new members," Ziegler said. "Some of this year's titles are favorites of Serendipity members, and I appreciate their suggestions. I really have made a special effort to include more humor when making the reading selections, and I think we will not only think deeply but laugh long as we meet to talk about such book as *The Rosie Project* and *Let Me Be Frank With You*." Not all the books are funny, she pointed out, but said that "all promote BRTC's commitment to lifelong learning and all have a special hook to keep us thinking and talking, regardless of whether we have all read all the books."

She noted that in keeping with the Serendipity

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Sixteen Named Scholarships Awarded through Foundation

The 2014 Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament named scholarships have been awarded to 16 students attending BRTC. Each named scholarship is sponsored by a \$1,000 donor who is able to name the scholarship. The student is actually awarded \$1,000 per semester, fall and spring, provided the student maintains enrollment and GPA requirements.

Success Grain in Memory of Jerry G. Berry Scholarship – Kevin Greene (not pictured) of Hardy has been awarded the Success Grain in memory of Jerry G Berry Scholarship made possible by funding from Success Grain. Greene is a 2015 graduate of Mammoth Spring High School. He is the son of Ronald Greene of Hardy and Kathy Greene of Wichita, KS.

AgHeritage Farm Credit Services Scholarship – Garrett Rawls (not pictured) of Paragould has been awarded the AgHeritage Farm Credit Services Scholarship made possible by funding from AgHeritage Farm Credit Services. Rawls is a 2014 graduate of Greene County Tech and is working to become an auto collision technician so he can open his own shop. He is the son of Kevin and Candice Rawls of Paragould.

Clay County Electric Cooperative Corporation Member Scholarship – Hali Forbes of Peach Orchard has been awarded the Clay County Electric Cooperative Corporation Member Scholarship made possible by funding from Clay County Electric Cooperative Corporation. Forbes is a graduate of Corning High School. She is the daughter of Todd Smith and Tammy Smith of Peach Orchard.

PECO Food Scholarship – Jesse DeJournett of Pocahontas has been awarded the PECO Food Scholarship made possible by funding from PECO Food. DeJournett is a 2015 graduate of Pocahontas High School. He plans to pursue a degree in agriculture. He is the son of Jim and Lori DeJournett of Pocahontas.

Unlimited Painting in Memory of Scotty Lee Bennett Scholarship – Ricky Carpenter of Corning has been awarded the Unlimited Painting in Memory of Scotty Lee Bennett Scholarship made possible by funding from Unlimited Painting. Carpenter is a 2015 graduate of Corning High School. He plans to pursue a degree in financing and banking. He is the son of Rick and Leslie Carpenter of Corning.

Allison Architects Scholarship – Madison Nelson of Marmaduke has been awarded the Allison Architects Scholarship made possible by funding from Allison Architects. Nelson is a 2015 graduate of Marmaduke High School. While at Marmaduke she was involved in Beta, Archery, Choir, Student Council, and Rotary. She was an honor graduate and the salutatorian. She is the daughter of Warren Nelson of Marmaduke.

VALIC Community Spirit Scholarship – Joshlyn Anderson of Pocahontas has been awarded the VALIC Community Spirit Scholarship made possible by funding from VALIC. Anderson is a 2013 graduate of Sloan-Hendrix High School. Anderson is working to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and then pursue becoming a Registered Nurse. She is the daughter of Steve and Susie Flanery of Pocahontas.

Northeast Arkansas Turf Care & Nursery Scholarship – Zac Tharp of Pocahontas has been awarded the Northeast Arkansas Turf Care & Nursery Scholarship made possibly by funding from Northeast Arkansas Turf Care & Nursery. Tharp is a 2015 graduate of Pocahontas High School. He plans to obtain his AA from BRTC and then gain his BA in Music. Tharp is the son of Kevin and Kim Tharp of Pocahontas.

Don's Steakhouse in Pocahontas in Memory of Fredia Finch Scholarship – Emma Slusser of Walnut Ridge has been awarded the Don's Steakhouse in Pocahontas in Memory of Fredia Finch Scholarship made possible by funding from Don's Steakhouse in Pocahontas. Slusser is a 2015 graduate of Hoxie High School. She plans to become a Nurse Practitioner. Slusser is the daughter of Bobby and Kristy Slusser of Walnut Ridge.

Nielson Bainbridge Group Scholarship – Rachael Weekly of Imboden has been awarded the Nielson Bainbridge Group Scholarship made possible by funding from Nielson Bainbridge Group. Weekly is a 2014 graduate of Black Rock High School. She plans to pursue a career in nursing. She is the daughter of Richard and Kelly Weekly of Imboden.

SGA Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship – Kathy Maxwell (not pictured) of Paragould has been awarded the SGA Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship made possible by funding from BRTC's SGA. Maxwell is pursuing a degree in business technology with an emphasis in health information. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Monsanto Scholarship – Zoe Willfond (not pictured) of Hoxie has been awarded the Monsanto Scholarship made possible by funding from Monsanto. Willfond is a 2015 graduate of Hoxie and plans to pursue a career in the medical field. She is the daughter of Larry and Angie Willfond of Hoxie.

L.D. Rose Family Scholarship – Emilee Smith of Paragould has been awarded the L.D. Rose Family Scholarship made possible by funding from L.D. Rose and Pocahontas Aluminum Company. Smith is a 2015 graduate of Paragould High School and plans to pursue a



Hali Forbes



Madison Nelson



Emma Slusser



Jesse DeJournett



Joshlyn Anderson



Rachael Weekly



Ricky Carpenter



Zac Tharp



Emilee Smith

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New Hires and New Positions at BRTC



Ashley Boles of Jonesboro has accepted the position of Blood Alcohol Testing (BAT) Project Instructor. Boles has a BA in Criminology from Arkansas State University. He worked for two years as the Witness/Victim Coordinator for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Craighead County and has spent the last sixteen and a half years as the supervisor for the Second Judicial Circuit Court's Juvenile Division.



Ben Runnels of Bono has accepted the position of LETA Instructor. Runnels has been the Blood Alcohol Training (BAT) Mobile instructor for the past four years. Before joining BRTC, Runnels worked with the Jonesboro Police Department for five and a half years. He also served six years in the United States Marine Corps where he did one tour in Iraq. Runnels holds an AA degree and an AAS in Criminal

Justice from BRTC. He also holds an AAS, a BS in Psychology, and a Master of Public Administration, all from Arkansas State University.



Beth Davis of Hoxie is the new Phlebotomy Instructor. She graduated from Hoxie High School in 1997. She has received her BS in Radiologic Sciences from Arkansas State University and is currently working towards her Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Central Arkansas. Davis spent two years as an X-ray technician at White River Health System in Batesville and the last six years at 1st Choice

Health Care in Walnut Ridge.



Brittany Lawrence of Paragould has accepted the position of Technical Secondary Liaison. She graduated from Greene County Tech in 2005. She has since then earned both her Bachelor and Master degrees in Agricultural Education from the University of Arkansas. She is also currently working towards a Specialist Degree in Education, Curriculum, and Instruction from Arkansas State University. Lawrence

was the Agricultural Teacher for Weiner High School for three years prior to its consolidation. She also piloted the workforce program at Greene County Indus-

trial Training Council in Paragould.

Evan Schweiss has accepted the position of Institutional Services Assistant. He has recently moved to Maynard from Spring Green, Wisconsin, where he graduated from River Valley High School. In 1993 he graduated from Mid Florida Tech with a Career Certificate in Marketing, Merchandising, and Operations. Schweiss worked three and a half years as supervisor for the Spring Green Satellite Company and has spent the last thirteen years working in the distribution center for Roundy's Incorporated.



John Shields, Jr., of Pocahontas has accepted the position of Maintenance Assistant. Shields attended Arkansas State University shortly after graduating high school from Highland in 2000. He then went on to work thirteen years at St. Bernard's Behavioral Health and has most recently worked at Pocahontas Health and Rehab.



Whitney Crutcher of Rosie has accepted the position of Career Coach and will be working closely with Pocahontas High School students who are in need of career planning. After graduating from high school at Cedar Ridge in Newark, Crutcher went to Arkansas State University where she earned her Master of Arts in English. She worked part time at Game Day Sports in Batesville while being a full time student.



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tradition, the books will take reader on a global journey, "exploring people and places and situations we do not typically encounter here in our rather isolated and insulated part of the world. In fact," she added, "it is the ability of literature to allow us to walk in the shoes of another that makes books such an important part of life."

This year's Serendipity theme, "In Another Man's Shoes," she said, reflects that subject matter.

Named Scholarships

career in respiratory therapy. She is the daughter of Mary Smith of Paragould.

Karla Baltz, DDS Scholarship – Anna Estes (not pictured) of Paragould has been awarded the Karla Baltz, DDS, Scholarship made possible by funding from Dr. Karla Baltz of Pocahontas. Estes is a 2015 graduate of Paragould High School and plans to pursue a degree in nursing. She is the daughter of David and Tonya Estes of Kennett, Missouri.

Joshua R. Toney, DDS P.A. Scholarship – Meagan Burtman (not pictured) of Maynard has been awarded the Joshua R. Toney, DDS, P.A., Scholarship made possible by funding from Dr. Joshua Toney of Sandhill Dentistry in Pocahontas. Burtman is a 2011 graduate of Maynard High School. She plans to become a RN.

Randolph County Nursing Home Scholarship – Tiffany Colbert (not pictured) of Pocahontas has been awarded the Randolph County Nursing Home Scholarship made possible by funding from the Randolph County Nursing Home. Colbert is a graduate of Pocahontas High School and is seeking her RN degree.

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BRTC Mission Statement

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

Emergency Vehicle Specialists Donate to Fire Science



Alan Haskins (left) with Philip Posey of EVS.

Emergency Vehicle Specialists (EVS) donated \$35,000 worth of extrication equipment to the BRTC Fire Science program.

The bundle of Holmatro rescue tools are all items firefighters would use when working a vehicle accident. Holmatro donated a cutter which allows firefighters to cut roofs off cars in accidents, a spreader which allows firefighters to open vehicle doors, a ram which allows firefighters to remove debris off of victims, and a power unit which supplies the power to all these tools.

Philip Posey, the representative from EVS, explained, "Holmatro rescue tools are lighter and better for firemen and first responders." Holmatro donated these tools to BRTC through a program which provides schools such as BRTC with the latest equipment. As Holmatro develops more advanced equipment, they will donate it to BRTC and replace the older, donated equipment.

"The extrication equipment we have is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced," stated Alan Haskins Director of Fire Science. "It has been used in hundreds of classes and is beginning to get worn out. Replacing it was going to cost more than \$40,000. EVS's donation will allow us to purchase other equipment we have been needing."