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## [\*\*BRTC Board of Trustees Meeting to be Held February 4\*\*](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 02, 2021 08:00 am*



United States  
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PARAGOULD, AR Feb. 2— The next meeting of the BRTC Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Paragould campus (PAC 128) at 1 Black River Drive. Visitors will be able to access the meeting through Zoom at <https://blackrivertech.zoom.us/j/98983824784>. [Read in browser »](#)

## [Allied Health Applications Now Open](#)

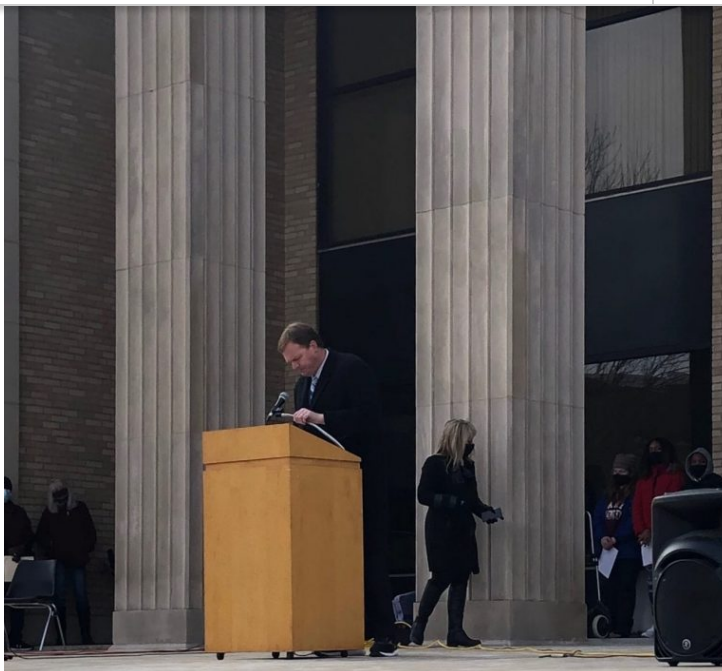
*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 01, 2021 08:00 am*



BRTC Nursing Student BRTC's Traditional Registered Nursing, Practical Nursing, Registered Respiratory Care, and Phlebotomy Program applications are now open. Applications for the nursing programs close on April 1st. Applications for RRT and Phlebotomy will close later this fall. For more information, contact Dana Clay, Academic Advisor Allied Health, at (870) 248-4000, ext. 4150 or [DanaC@blackrivertech.edu](mailto:DanaC@blackrivertech.edu), ... [Read in browser »](#)

### [Dr. Brad Baine, BRTC's Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Jason Smith, BRTC's Vice President of Student Affairs, Speak at Randolph County's MLK Day Celebration](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Jan 29, 2021 08:00 am*

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Dr. Brad Baine Speaking at MLK Day Celebration  
POCAHONTAS, AR Jan. 29—On Monday, January 18, Dr. Brad Baine, BRTC’s Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Jason Smith, BRTC’s Vice President of Student Affairs, spoke at Randolph County’s MLK Day celebration at the courthouse. Baine and Smith presented a timeline of the major events in the ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Kiaya Mann Joins Black River Technical College’s Instructors](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Jan 28, 2021 08:00 am*

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Kiaya Mann POCAHONTAS, AR Jan. 28 – Kiaya Mann of Paragould recently joined Black River Technical College as a Nursing Instructor. Mann graduated from Baptist Health Schools in 2014 with her RN certification and graduated with her BSN from the University of Arkansas in May of 2016. In 2020, she earned a Master of Nursing ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Black River Technical College Partners with Paragould's Flower Shop Network](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Jan 27, 2021 08:00 am*



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Dean Dickson and Dr. Brad Baine discussing new partnership with the Flower Shop Network PARAGOULD, AR Jan. 27— Black River Technical College has formed a partnership with a Paragould Industry, Flower Shop Network, an online florist business solutions company. This partnership allows BRTC and Flower Shop Network to share knowledge and resources. BRTC is offering ... [Read in browser »](#)



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*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 09, 2021 08:00 am*



# United States Census 2020



Dr. Martin Eggensperger, Dr. Brad Baine, and Dean

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was awarded a \$598,000 Regional Workforce Grant for Industrial Computing technology. This grant will be used to buy software and equipment for existing programs and may potentially lead to a new technical ... [Read in browser »](#)

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*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 08, 2021 08:00 am*

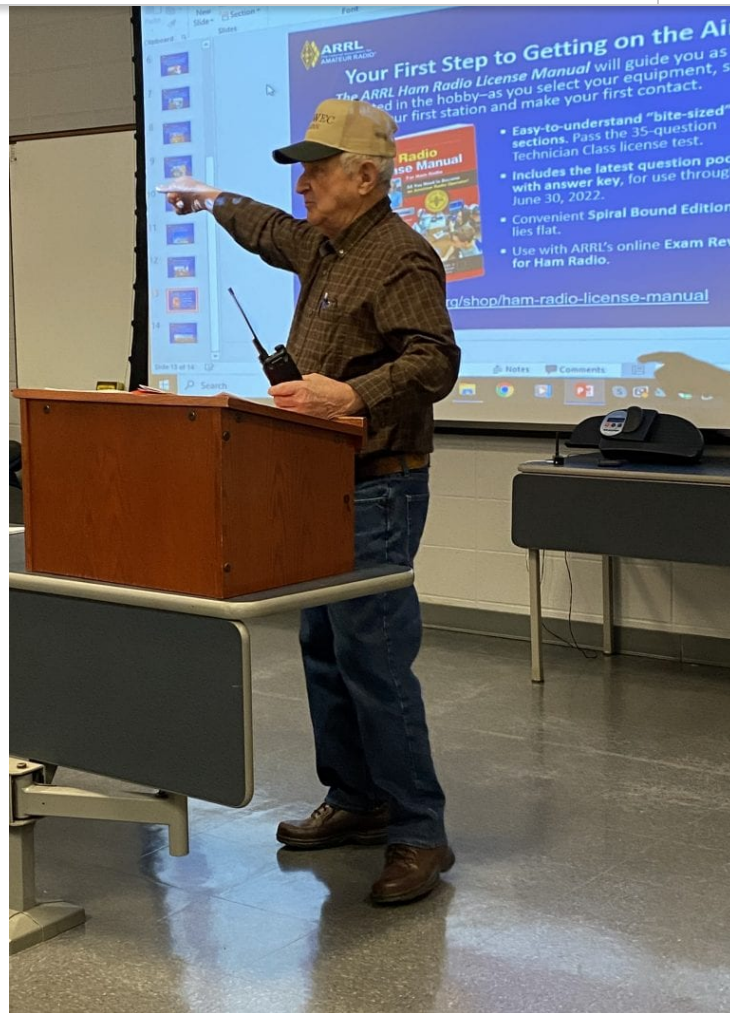


Dr. Aram Goudsouzian POCAHONTAS, AR Feb. 8— Black River Technical College in collaboration with the Eddie Mae Herron Center will host Dr. Aram Goudsouzian via Zoom on Wednesday, February 24 at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Goudsouzian's presentation is entitled "My Mississippi is Everywhere: James Meredith and American History." In 1962, James Meredith courageously integrated the University ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [President and Vice President of the Lawrence County Amateur Club Speak at BRTC](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 05, 2021 08:00 am*





Glendall Floyd, President of the Lawrence County Amateur Club POCAHONTAS, AR Feb. 5—On January 11, 2021, Glendall Floyd and Ray Maynard, President and Vice President of the Lawrence County Amateur Club, were guest speakers for the Law Enforcement Training Academy at Black River Technical College. Floyd and Maynard discussed the uses of Amateur Radio also ... [Read in browser »](#)

## Pharmacy Technician – Online

*By Cally Shore on Feb 04, 2021 08:38 am*



This 14-week online Pharmacy Technician course will prepare students to enter the field of Pharmacy and to pursue national certification. The need for Pharmacy Technicians continues to grow with demand expected to increase substantially through 2020. Approximately

projections each year through 2028. Students ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Be Pro Be Proud Truck to Visit Black River Technical College](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 04, 2021 08:00 am*



The Be Pro Be Proud Workforce Workshop POCAHONTAS, AR Feb. 4— The Be Pro Be Proud mobile unit, the Workforce Workshop, will be visiting both BRTC campuses next week. Black River Technical College is extending an invitation to the community to come take advantage of this opportunity and learn about various technical occupations as well ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Frito Lay Offers BRTC Students a Paid Internship Opportunity](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 03, 2021 08:00 am*



Winston Payne and Casey Grissom of Frito Lay Speaking

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Grissom, spoke to BKTC's Industrial Maintenance students on both campuses about an upcoming internship opportunity with the company. Payne and Grissom showed students a video clip of a day in ... [Read in browser »](#)

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## [Black River Technical College Sets the Curve](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 16, 2021 08:00 am*



Lisa Inman, English Instructor, teaching POCAHONTAS,



state, has been revising its developmental education course offerings to help incoming freshmen earn as many college credits as possible during their first semester. This project initiated by the Arkansas ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Black River Technical College Enters MOU with The Arkansas Department of Commerce, Office of Skills Development](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 15, 2021 08:00 am*



BRTC's CDL Simulator, Cally Shore, Program Specialist, and Kenny Higginbotham, CDL Instructor  
POCAHONTAS, AR Feb. 15— Black River Technical College's Corporate and Community Education Department has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with The Arkansas Department of Commerce, Office of Skills Development (OSD) for the Reskilling and Upskilling Arkansans Project. This MOU between BRTC ... [Read in browser »](#)



*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 12, 2021 08:00 am*



Dr. Fraley's Arkansas History Class looking at maps provided by Mammoth Spring State Park Visitor Center PARAGOULD, AR Feb. 12— Mammoth Spring State Park Visitor Center donated items to Dr. Dianna Fraley's Arkansas History class to aid students in their study of Arkansas history and culture. The state park donated Arkansas maps, stickers, guide books, ... [Read in browser »](#)

### **Jason Smith, J.D., BRTC's Vice President of Student Affairs, Recently Elected to the Executive Board of Directors for the Arkansas Student Affairs Association (ArSAA)**

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 11, 2021 08:00 am*

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Jason Smith J.D., Vice President of Student Affairs POCAHONTAS, AR Feb. 11— Black River Technical College's Vice President of Student Affairs, Jason Smith, J.D., was recently elected to the executive board of directors for the Arkansas Student Affairs Association (ArSAA) during this fall's annual Partners for Student Success conference. The ArSAA provides programs, services, opportunities, ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [FFA Subarea Leadership Conference Held at BRTC](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 10, 2021 08:00 am*



FFA Competition held in BRTC's RCDC POCAHONTAS, AR Feb. 10—On Friday, January 15, Shauna Throesch, BRTC Agriculture Instructor, and Joe Washburn, Pocahontas High School FFA sponsor, teamed up to host the FFA Subarea Leadership Conference at Black River Technical College. Twenty-five students from 6 area schools competed in leadership skills events to demonstrate their public ... [Read in browser »](#)

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## [Clay County Electric Cooperative, Corp. Member Scholarship is Awarded for the Spring 2021 Semester](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 23, 2021 08:00 am*



Erise McMasters POCAHONTAS, AR Jan. 23 2021 – The 2019 Annual IBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament named scholarships have been awarded for the Spring 2021 semester. Erise McMasters of Paragould has accepted the Clay County Electric Cooperative Corporation Member Scholarship, made possible by funding from the Clay County Electric Cooperative Corporation. McMaster is the daughter of ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [ServSafe Food Safety Training Certification](#)

*By Cally Shore on Feb 22, 2021 12:26 pm*





Food  
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The ServSafe® training and assessment program is a complete solution that delivers consistent food safety training to employees. This training is offered on Saturday, March 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the BRTC Pocahontas Campus. Registration will be taken through the deadline, Monday, March 1, or until class is full. For additional information: ... [Read in browser »](#)

### [BRTC's Executive Director of Paragould Operations Serves as Paragould Chamber of Commerce Ambassador](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 22, 2021 08:00 am*



Priscilla Stillwell, Black River Technical College's Executive Director of Paragould Operations PARAGOULD, AR Feb. 22— Priscilla Stillwell, Black River Technical College's Executive Director of Paragould Operations, is serving as a Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce (PRCC) Ambassador. As an ambassador, Stillwell will serve as a liaison between the PRCC, its members, and the greater business ... [Read in browser »](#)

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## [Ark. Senate discusses near-\\$5 million addition to BRTC LETA program](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 22, 2021 07:00 am*



By Logan Whaley | February 22, 2021 at 9:39 PM CST – Updated February 22 at 11:08 PM POCAHONTAS, Ark. (KAIT) – A proposal in Arkansas could have a huge impact on a Region 8 college. If passed, SB331 would appropriate funds to Black River Technical College to build a new barracks for the Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA). ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Black River Technical College Mourns the Loss of a Student and Continues Tradition](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 19, 2021 08:00 am*



BRTC Flag Lowered to Half-Staff PARAGOULD, AR Feb. 19 – Black River Technical College is mourning the loss of Olivia Ford, nursing student. Martin Eggensperger, President, declared, “As a mark of respect for the memory of Black River Technical College student, Olivia Ford, nursing student, I hereby direct, by the authority vested in me by ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC’s Auto Collision Class Welcome a Guest Speaker](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 18, 2021 08:00 am*



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visited Black River Technical College's Auto Collision class on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Baxter was accompanied by Kevin Mulligan of Route 66 Supply of Kennett, MO. During his presentation, Baxter discussed how to use the new Envirobase High ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Hunter Brown, Pipe Welding Instructor for BRTC/GCTIC Speaks to Career & Technical Students](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Feb 17, 2021 08:00 am*



Hunter Brown Teaching CTC Students PARAGOULD, AR Feb. 17— Hunter Brown, pipe welding Instructor for Black River Technical College and the Greene County Industrial Training Center, spoke to BRTC's Career & Technical students on Friday, January 22. Brown has been a pipe welder and an underwater pipe welder for 12 years. When he is not ... [Read in browser »](#)



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