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## [Student Spotlight: Brianna Burrow](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 14, 2021 08:00 am*

The graphic features the text 'Student SPOTLIGHT' in large blue letters, with 'Brianna Burrow' written below it on a white banner with blue ends. To the right is a portrait of Brianna Burrow, a young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue t-shirt. The Black River Technical College logo is at the bottom left of the graphic.

POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 14—Brianna Burrow is a graduate of Marmaduke High School. She is seeking an

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plans to transfer to Arkansas State University to seek a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a minor in Horticulture. Brianna chose ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Graycen Bigger, BRTC Foundation Board Member, Elected to Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives Board](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 13, 2021 08:00 am*



Graycen Bigger POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 11—Graycen Bigger, Black River Technical College Foundation Board Member, has been elected to the board of the Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives (AEDCE). Bigger will represent the 1st Congressional District until December of 2022. Bigger, Assistant Vice President of Community Development for Farmers and Merchants Bank as well as ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Puts 49 CDL Truckers on the Road after 1 Year](#)



Catrina Bateman, CDL Student POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 10– Recognizing the state and nationwide shortage of commercially licensed truck drivers, Black River Technical College started the first year of its CDL Training Program in the summer of 2020 after receiving a grant from the Delta Regional Authority. In January of 2021, the college received an additional ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Nursing Instructor](#)

*By Amber Green on Sep 09, 2021 01:41 pm*

Black River Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for the following full-time position: Nursing Instructor This is a full-time, nine and a half-month position that will begin October 4, 2021. Primary responsibilities of this position are course and clinical instruction in the traditional registered nursing program. Other duties include assisting in the practical nursing program, ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Testing Administrator](#)

*By Amber Green on Sep 09, 2021 01:37 pm*

Black River Technical College is accepting applications for the following part-time position for the 2021-2022 academic year with the semester beginning ASAP. TESTING ADMINISTRATOR The person filling this position will be responsible for overseeing and maintaining the BRTC Testing Center. This is a part-time 29 hour per week position. The Test Administrator will be trained ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Be Pro Be Proud brings Mobile Workshop to BRTC's Paragould Campus](#)

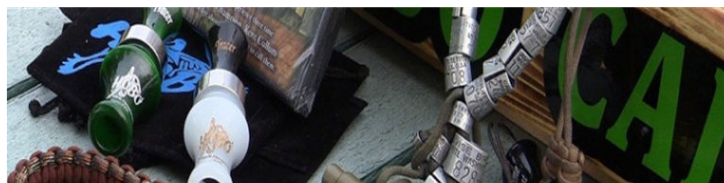
*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 09, 2021 08:00 am*



Be Pro Be Proud Mobile Workshop PARAGOULD, AR. Sept. 9– The Be Pro Be Proud Mobile Workshop will visit Black River Technical College's Paragould Campus on Tuesday, September 14 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Arkansas State Chamber and its public and private partners launched Be Pro Be Proud in 2016 to address an ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Learn to Duck Call](#)

*By Cally Shore on Sep 08, 2021 10:00 am*



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## [Black River Technical College Launches an Esports Program](#)

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BRTC's New Esports Arena POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 8— Black River Technical College has launched an Esports Program for students interested in competitive multiplayer video gaming. Students interested in the program met for the first time on Monday, August 30. They were given a tour of the newly-designed gaming lab, used for practice, and Esports Arena, used ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Jason Smith, BRTC's Vice President of Student Affairs, Speaks at ArkACRAO](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 07, 2021 08:00 am*



Jason Smith J.D., BRTC's Vice President of Student Affairs POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 7— Jason Smith J.D., BRTC's Vice President of Student Affairs, recently gave a presentation at the Arkansas Association of Collegiate Registrar and Admissions Officers' (ArkACRAO) conference in North Little Rock. Smith conducted his presentation on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Alumni Spotlight: Tony Waldrupe](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 06, 2021 08:00 am*

A graphic for an alumni spotlight. On the left, the text "Alumni SPOTLIGHT" is displayed in blue, with "SPOTLIGHT" in a larger, bold font. Below it, a blue ribbon contains the name "Tony Waldrupe". At the bottom left is the Black River Technical College logo. On the right is a photograph of Tony Waldrupe, a man with a mustache wearing a dark police uniform with a badge and patches.

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firefighter with the Walnut Ridge Fire Department; he transitioned to a fulltime firefighter later that year. In 2001, Waldrup started his law enforcement career with Walnut Ridge Police Department (WRPD) after graduating from BRTC's Law Enforcement Training ... [Read in browser »](#)



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## Faculty Spotlight: Aja Lloyd

*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 21, 2021 08:00 am*



PARAGOULD, AR Sept. 21—Aja Lloyd, BRTC Chemistry Instructor, earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a Minor in Mathematics in May 2010. In December of 2012, she earned an M.S.E in Chemistry, and in 2016, she earned an M.S. in Mathematics. She earned a Graduate Certificate in Instructional Design and Technology in May 2020. ... [Read in browser »](#)



## Workout GORUCK Event

*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 20, 2021 08:00 am*



Left to right: Scott Gauntt and Mark Mosier  
POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 20— Mark Mosier, Black River  
Technical College Law Enforcement Instructor, recently  
led his Crowley's Ridge Ruck Club to complete a 24-hour  
GORUCK Event. The event, Cloverleaf 24, commemorated  
the 69th anniversary of the United States Army Special  
Forces. Participants completed 6 hero workouts each  
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## Record Enrollment in BRTC's Career and Technical Center

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



Alex Tinker, CTC Student from Pocahontas High School POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 17— Black River Technical College's Career & Technical Center has started the Fall 2021 semester off with a record enrollment of 96 high school juniors and seniors from 12 area schools. High School students from Pocahontas, Walnut Ridge, Corning, Arkansas Virtual Academy, Maynard, Sloan ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Campus Police Host Basic TASER Course](#)

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



Left to Right: John Hansen (SSM Health – St. Louis), Joshua Wheeler (Sherwood PD), Scott Solomon (Clinton PD), and Anthony Parten (Pocahontas PD)  
 POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 16—On Tuesday, August 31, 2021, the BRTC Campus Police hosted a Basic TASER Instructor Course. Police officers from all over Arkansas and Southeast Missouri attended the course. The participating ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Employees Graduate from Leadership Paragould](#)

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



Elizabeth Collins, Dr. Martin Eggenasperger, Dr. Brad Baine PARAGOULD, AR Sept. 9—On Thursday, August 26, 2021, Dr. Brad Baine, BRTC's Vice President of

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month, 12-session leadership program. During the yearlong program, Baine and Collins, part of Class XXIV, attended sessions on interpersonal communication, ... [Read in browser](#) »

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## [Black River Technical College Celebrates Constitution Day](#)

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



Marguerite Gill, BRTC Student POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 28—Black River Technical College celebrated United States Constitution Day on Friday, September 17, 2021. September 17 is designated as Constitution Day to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in

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## [Fire Science Hits 100% Pass Rate](#)

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



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**100%  
PASS RATE!**

*Second consecutive year!*

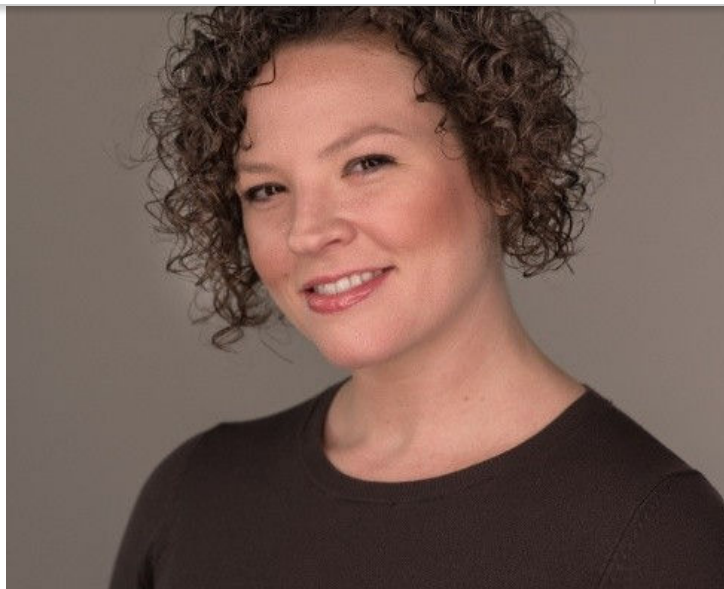


**Great Job, Black Hawks!**

Caleb Myers, Steven Layne, and Braedan Noblin POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 27— BRTC Freshmen Caleb Myers, Steven Layne, and Braedan Noblin recently completed the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class in BRTC's Firefighter Essentials Program. They then took the Arkansas Fire Academy's EMR certification exam, and all three passed it on the first attempt, which gives BRTC ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Emmy-Winning Digital Director Speaks to BRTC English Class](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 24, 2021 08:00 am*



Blair Shiff POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 24— Blair Shiff, Digital Director for WCNC-TV at TEGNA INC, spoke to Lisa Inman's Freshman English II class via Zoom on the topic of source credibility. Mrs. Shiff has previously served as Senior Video Producer at Fox Business, Senior Video Producer at Fox News, Coordinating Producer at ABC News, and ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC's Nursing Class of 2021 Achieve 100% Pass Rate for Licensure](#)

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



POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 23— The 22 students who graduated from BRTC's Practical Nursing Program on June 29, 2021, all passed their NCLEX-PN exam (National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing) on the first attempt. This average of 100% exceeds the state passing average of 88.6% and the national average of 85.5%. According to Tonya Hankins, ... [Read in browser »](#)

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By Elizabeth Collins on Sep 22, 2021 08:00 am



**Virtual Sessions**  
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October 26 at 9:30 a.m.  
October 28 at 6:00 p.m.

POCAHONTAS, AR Sept. 22—Black River Technical College, in cooperation with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will host its 17th annual Holocaust Survivor Series lectures. Survivors provide first-hand accounts of the struggles they experienced during the Holocaust. Past survivors have been held prisoner in concentration camps while others have been imprisoned in the Ghetto in ... [Read in browser »](#)



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