Reaching New Heights
Read about our new Student Government Officers, all part of the Big Blue family. Page 5
Bluefield State College is legendary. So many legacies have been birthed right here on Rock Street in Bluefield West Virginia. I'm sure my story is one of many.

Though things are much different on this campus from when my great-grandmother attended, it still holds the same value. The opportunities that higher education provides for individuals, families, and communities are often priceless.

You cannot put a tangible value on education, because its impact goes far beyond what the naked eye can see.

Bluefield State College is part of a remarkable story, one that is ingrained in American history and American culture. It's a continual reminder of how together we can preserve history and make opportunities available for all.

I hope that you enjoy this September 2018 edition of the Blue and Gold Magazine. Now let's reach new heights together!

Kim L Ross,
*Editor in Chief*
BSC Alumna Class of 2013

(Reflection of the past - class photo of BSC graduates)
Welcome Students

I’m delighted to welcome our new and returning students for an exciting, activity-filled 2018 - 2019 academic year at Bluefield State!

Our students come to us from a variety of cultures and life experiences and bring their own expectations and dreams for the future. Yet one thing is certain, they come to this campus to alter the course of their lives and experience a lasting change that will propel them to new heights.

When these spirited students arrive at Bluefield State, they observe some important characteristics that distinguish it from other campuses. Perhaps it’s the beautiful landscape of our terraced hills, or the cool summer weather, or maybe...just maybe it is the quality that makes this institution so special - the supportive people who surround them, the Big Blue family.

Bluefield State takes great pride in helping students of all ages develop skills that will catapult them into fulfilling careers. They recognize the quality and value of their degree and are prepared to make a difference thanks to the encouragement and support of our dedicated faculty and staff.

Dr. Marsha V. Krotseng
President
Kristen Renee Taylor
SGA: President

Hometown: Princeton, WV  
Class: Junior  
Majors: Electrical Engineering and Engineering Management  
Life Quote: "She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."  Proverbs 31:25  
Biggest Pet Peeve: people that always have a negative response  
Favorite Season: Summer  
Favorite Food: my mom’s macaroni salad  
Favorite Course: Calculus II  
Favorite Dessert: my grandmother’s chocolate eclair cake  
Dream Job: Hardware Engineer  
Hobbies: napping, outdoors adventures (tubing, hiking, skiing, etc.), watching Netflix/Hulu

“ She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. ” - Proverbs 31:25
If it will not matter in five days, then do not spend more than five minutes upset by it.
- Unknown

**Amber Russo**  
**SGA: Vice President**

**Hometown:** Bluefield, WV  
**Class:** Junior  
**Major:** Elementary Education (K-6)  
**Life Quote:** "If it will not matter in five days, then do not spend more than five minutes upset by it.

**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Hearing people chew loudly (smacking their lips, chewing with their mouth open, etc.)

**Favorite Season:** Fall  
**Favorite Food:** Pasta shells stuffed with ricotta cheese smothered in marinara and mozzarella cheese  
**Favorite Course:** Mathematics, particularly Algebra  
**Favorite Dessert:** Cheesecake  
**Dream Job:** Mathematics professor  
**Hobbies:** reading, journal writing, hiking, biking, painting, drawing, crocheting, watching Criminal Minds or the Office

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**Kilie Mullins**  
**SGA: Secretary**

**Hometown:** Bradshaw, WV  
**Class:** Senior  
**Major:** Humanities  
**Life Quote:** "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better, and your better is best."
- St. Jerome

**Biggest Pet Peeve:** badly stacked books  
**Favorite Season:** Autumn  
**Favorite Food:** Greek pizza  
**Favorite Course:** English  
**Favorite Dessert:** lemon cakes  
**Dream Job:** University Professor or a Novelist  
**Hobbies:** reading, writing, crafting, and baking

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“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better, and your better is best.
- St. Jerome
“Work hard, play hard.” - Unknown

Chris Jones
SGA: Treasurer

Hometown: Bluefield, VA
Class: Junior
Major: Electrical Engineering
Life Quote: "Work hard, play hard." - Unknown
Biggest Pet Peeve: When someone doesn’t say thank you after I hold the door open for them
Favorite Season: Winter
Favorite Food: Corn
Favorite Course: Visual Basic
Favorite Dessert: M&M McFlurry
Dream Job: Electrical Engineering, Professional Golfer
Hobbies: basketball, golfing, hunting, studying

Syed Monis Ali
SGA: Sergeant-at-arms

Hometown: Bahawalpur, Punjab, Pakistan
Year: Junior
Major: Applied Science (Pre-Med)
Life Quote: “Be like a Post Stamp, Stick to the thing till you get there.” - Unknown
Biggest Pet Peeve: When people take my jokes seriously
Favorite Food: Baryani
Favorite Course: Chemistry
Favorite Desert: Strawberry Milkshake
Dream Job: Cardiologist
Hobbies: playing games, listening to music, playing guitar, piano, and the flute

“Be like a Post Stamp, Stick to the thing till you get there.” - Unknown
Dr. Ted Lewis Joins BSC Administration as New Provost

It was Bluefield State College’s commitment to students and community that attracted Dr. Ted Lewis to BSC and it’s the opportunity to expand upon that commitment that he finds exciting, as the institution’s new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. “When I learned of Bluefield State College’s search for a new Provost, I did some research,” he explained. “Bluefield State is dedicated to its students and their success. The College’s mix of academic programs and strong student support services prepare students for productive lives and careers.”

With more than 35 years’ experience in higher education, the new BSC Provost appreciates the importance of student access to education. “We are here to help all students and create the opportunity for some students who may not otherwise be able to attend college,” Lewis continued. “With deeply committed faculty and staff, and over 50 student organizations at BSC, we integrate students academically and socially as well as help them to find their niche and feel connected to the institution.”

For the past six years, Dr. Lewis served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Pellissippi (TN) State Community College. Previously, he was founding dean of instruction at Lone Star College-CyFair (TX). Dr. Lewis has taught for over thirty years at the college level and has been inducted into Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.

Dr. Lewis has served on several educational boards and foundations, and is currently president of the National Alliance of Community and Technical Colleges. The recipient of Cy-Fair (Houston) Chamber of Commerce’s inaugural Shooting Star Award, Lewis is committed to working in the community and looks forward to becoming involved as a community volunteer. He’s a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and former club president.

His first assignment at Bluefield State—“to get to know the institution and the people here. I want to meet faculty, staff, students, and community--learning what their passions are and what they hope BSC can become,” he said. “I see wonderful opportunities for BSC to grow by working with those we can serve.”
School of Arts & Sciences

Welcomes New Faculty to Bluefield State College

Dr. Debjani Chakrabarti – Assistant Professor of Sociology

Dr. Mayra Bonet – Assistant Professor of Foreign Language and Linguistics

Dr. Ping Lu – Assistant Professor of Physics

WV-INBRE will be hosting a state-wide workshop on a bio-informatics software package on September 12 in Basic Science room 301 from Noon-5 p.m. The workshop will allow other WV-INBRE institutions to see BSC, our labs, and the great things we do. There will be a student friendly session from 1-2 with an overview of NGS and bioinformatics methods, and a session on WV-INBRE Major and Pilot grant funding mechanisms with Q&A session.

Philadelphia, Pa.,– August 6, 2018 – This week, the third annual International Faculty Development Seminar (IFDS) begins in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. IFDS is a week-long program that brings together exemplary faculty from Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) across the country and provides them with tools they can use to expand the role of international exchange on their college campuses. Dr. Sean Connolly, and Dr. James Walters represented BSC in this Project Passport initiative, a partnership between CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange and the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions (CMSI), established to increase access to study abroad opportunities by facilitating dialogue about the value of international education at all levels of MSIs, including presidents, faculty, and students.
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School of Business

The W. Paul Cole, Jr. School of Business has recently renewed a total of nine (9) articulation agreements with three Virginia community colleges: Southwest Virginia CC, Virginia Western CC, and Wytheville CC.

The School of Business has proposed 14 new articulation agreements, involving four Virginia community colleges. We anticipate these agreements being finalized within the very near future. Once finalized, we will list the names.

The School of Business will be offering 5-6 courses in a compressed 8-week semester format this fall, with classes beginning October 8 and ending on December 7. This is an exciting new initiative for the School of Business. The compressed semester will provide an opportunity for current students to take additional classes, and it also provides an opportunity for new students and former BSC students to earn credits during this current semester.

Anyone having an interest in our compressed semester courses should contact one of the following Cole School of Business faculty:

Dr. Steve Bourne (304-327-4087); sbourne@bluefieldstate.edu
Professor Geoff Hunter (304-327-4084); ghunter@bluefieldstate.edu
Dr. John Snead (304-327-4012); jsnead@bluefieldstate.edu
School of Education

Dr. Amanda Banks joined the education faculty in the spring of 2018. She graduated with her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction in May 2018 from Virginia Tech.

The School of Education began a K-6 special education endorsement in the spring of 2017 and our first candidate graduated in May of 2018. The numbers are growing in the program and we expect additional graduates this year. We also now offer, first time this fall, two courses required for certification in Autism.

Student teachers began the week of August 25th in both Mercer and McDowell Counties.
School of Engineering Technology & Computer Science

Congratulations Bluefield State Robotics Team! World Champions

The Bluefield State College Robotics Team has performed in exemplary fashion at the international Intelligent Ground Vehicle competition, winning the 2018 IGVC championship and receiving the coveted Paul Lesco Trophy as the overall champion in an event that attracted teams from more than 30 institutions of higher education from throughout the world.

The 2018 BSC team also achieved a first place award in the autonomous navigation category, building on a tradition of excellence in the IGVC, having won the event’s championship in 2008 and finishing in the upper echelon of participating teams in each of the past 12 years.
Enrollment in New Online Degree Programs in Engineering Technology Grows Rapidly at BSC

The Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology degree program at Bluefield State College has quickly grown to become the largest degree generator among all baccalaureate engineering technology programs at the College. Recently, a new Associate of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology (Industrial Track) degree program, also offered online, has been introduced, providing a coordinated two-step approach for nontraditional students seeking to complete a technical degree and develop outstanding career potential in a rapidly expanding field. “Since its establishment at Bluefield State in 2014, the Engineering Management program has been extremely popular,” noted Dr. Shannon Bowling, Dean of the BSC School of Engineering Technology and Computer Science. “Just four years after it was introduced, Engineering Management produced more graduates than any other program in our School.”

“The growth of our Engineering Management program took place because it prepares graduates with the potential for a variety of high demand positions, along with the potential for advancement within those fields,” he continued. “A traditional technical degree doesn’t provide much management experience, but this degree allows students who graduate with a bachelor’s degree in engineering to meet 30-50% of the requirements for the Engineering Management degree,” he continued. Engineering and engineering technology graduates can gain employment in their field, then work while they complete the requirements for the Engineering Management degree, he explained. “Most important, these graduates place themselves in a position to be promoted within a relatively short amount of time.”

Additional information about these degree programs can be obtained by contacting Dr. Shannon Bowling, Dean/BSC School of Engineering Technology and Computer Science, (304-327-4131), sbowling@bluefieldstate.edu
School of Nursing and Allied Health

The AS Nursing program's faculty and students had a busy summer. The Accelerated LPN-RN program had record 28 students complete the summer session of the program in August. They will graduate in May of 2019 after completing a strenuous one year program to complete their ASN and be prepared to move on to the RN-BSC program at Bluefield State College. Nursing faculty attended nursing education conferences in Bridgeport, WV, Savannah, GA, and Atlanta, GA during their time off to gain skills and knowledge to lead BSC AS Nursing into the next decade. Faculty and students also participated in the first Southern West Virginia Nurse Academy in June. This academy was a joint effort between BSC, WVU Tech, Raleigh General Hospital and Beckley Appalachian Regional Hospital to provide rising eighth graders in Southern West Virginia with a 3 day opportunity to look into the field of nursing and learn skills they will need in the nursing profession such as sterile technique and assessment of vital signs. The academy graduated 18 students on the last day with a pinning ceremony hosted by BSC AS Nursing at the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center.

The AS Radiologic Technology program and the BS Imaging Science Sonography Concentration have both received, through Title III funding, lifelike phantoms to assist our students in the laboratory portion of both programs. The AS Radiologic Technology program received two (2) state of the art EZ7200 X-Ray Phantoms to enhance the laboratory experience for the students on both the Bluefield and Beckley campuses. These each contain a real human skeleton which provides the smallest anatomical details. The images that these phantoms provide are void of wires and may be positioned in all normal x-ray positions to assist students in the learning process. The BS Imaging Science Sonography Concentration program received a Fetal Ultrasound Examination Phantom which contains 23 week fetus with full anatomy that can be scanned to provide sonography students routine second trimester screening. The phantom can be placed in varying positions to enrich the training and enhance the learning process. Faculty of both programs are extremely excited to have been provided with these state of the art phantoms to assist in student learning and competency.
Professor Betty Nash (pictured 3rd from left), successfully applied for a mini-grant in support of the “All of Us” National Institute of Health (NIH) program. The BSN program was one of only six nursing school applicants to receive funding from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to expand awareness and participation in this program. The BSN program, in collaboration with the city of Bluefield; “helped NIH in its efforts to improve the health of all Americans through the identification of more effective and tailored prevention strategies and treatment for diseases impacting diverse populations.” The program was held on June 20, 2018 and exceeded its expected outcome of 125 participants. The BSN Director and BSN faculty assisted Professor Nash with the planning and implementation of the program.
Bluefield State College (BSC) has been hosting a cultural immersion a study tour of southern West Virginia and southwest Virginia for two English major students, Adriana Aleixo and Tobias Batista, from UNICENTRO, BSC’s institutional partner in Brazil.

Adriana (pictured far left) and Tobias (pictured 2nd from left) are learning about American family life as home stay guests of Dr. Martha and David Eborall in Salem, Virginia.

During the first phase of their two-week study tour, Adriana and Tobias have participated in Step UP at Virginia Tech, hiked parts of the Appalachian with BSC’s Brian Foy, and with Dr. Eborall as guide and with BSC student Brady Shrader as a traveling companion, they visited several museums in the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and enjoyed the food courts and aquatic offerings at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore.

During the latter phase of their visit, Adriana and Tobias have learned about the former coal barons of Bramwell and met Amish farmers in Burke’s Garden. They have learned about US higher education institutions, having visited Virginia Tech and a community college near Roanoke.

This week, Adriana and Tobias have sat in on classes taught by Communications Professor Dr. Connie Reese; Environmental Science and Biology Professor Dr. Martha Eborall; and, English Professor Dr. Sudhakar R. Jamkhandi.

Adriana and Tobias have invited students of these classes and SGA officers to UNICENTRO where education is free and they have also encouraged BSC students to sign up for Dr. Eborall’s environmental science study abroad program slated for May 2019.

“We will welcome you to stay in our homes,” Adriana told students of Composition I. Tobias concurred and described the Foreign Friends initiative—comprised of UNICENTRO students who know foreign languages besides Portuguese—whose sole purpose is to make foreign students feel welcomed and feel at home in Brazil.

This study tour iterates the intent to engage in collaborative activities outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between Bluefield State College and UNICENTRO. Adriana and Tobias have not only enjoyed a personal visit, but they will take home course syllabi and textbooks to help them in their study of English.

For additional information, please call BSC’s Office of International Initiatives at 304-327-4036 or email sjamkhandi@bluefieldstate.edu.
Bluefield State College at the 6th annual Lemonade Festival in Downtown Bluefield WV.
Color Me Pink
Color Run/Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness

October 11, 2018
Bluefield City Park
Shelter #1
Registration begins at 5pm
Run/Walk begins at 6pm
Call Sherri Cox for more information
(304)327-1651

BRMC Family Medicine and Residency Clinic will speak about Breast Cancer.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and it’s all about pink.
While many participants are breast cancer survivors and supporters, this FREE event is to raise awareness for all cancers.
The finale will be a color toss with a rainbow of colors.

Free Bandana & Sunglasses for first 200 participants

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Delp Family Color Run
Bluefield State College
September 25 5:30PM

$10 BSC Students, Staff and Children ~ $15 in Advance ~ $20 on Race Day
For More Info: Call 304.327.4186 or 304.327.4208
Warm Tribute to an Outstanding Student Athlete

Listening to the powerful stories of Timeyin’s teammates and coaches last evening, I realize how very fortunate we are to have crossed paths with this amazing young man who has touched our lives in so many ways. He smiled and brought smiles to others’ faces. He welcomed newcomers to BSC and made them feel at home. He worked relentlessly to be the best student and athlete he could be. He always cheered for his teammates’ successes, even when he didn’t get to play. He prepared great food, and he brought people together. That’s what a family does. We laugh and cry together. We share the good times as well as the tough times. And, it doesn’t get much tougher than losing one of our own. But Timeyin also taught us to keep moving forward and never give up. That’s what he expects of us now.

As we held our lighted candles, each of us thought of the special light Timeyin brought into our own lives. Keep that light shining bright in your heart every day. Those memories will comfort you in the days and weeks ahead. If you need a sympathetic ear or a shoulder to cry on, call Kristen Taylor in the SGA Office. She’ll help you find someone who is ready to listen. Timeyin clearly left his imprint on the College and on each of us. He loved Bluefield State, and we loved him. During the vigil, his sister reminded us, “All of you have a purpose for him.” The best way we can honor Timeyin is to share his love, compassion, and joyful spirit throughout our campus and community to make a difference. Let’s press forward and make that positive difference for Timeyin as we honor his legacy. He would expect nothing less. Go Blues!

In remembrance,
Dr. Marsha V. Krotsef

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candlelight vigil in memory of BSC student-athlete Oritsetimeyin
Bluefield State College’s Athletic Department would like to congratulate Seth Meadows for having the highest GPA on the Baseball team with a GPA of 3.9. Keep up the hard work.

Bluefield State College’s Athletic Department would like to congratulate Emily Day for having the highest GPA on the team with a GPA of 3.6. Keep up the hard work.
Colton Burgess and Ashton Bennett are both incoming Freshmen who will be on the Golf Team this upcoming school year.

Both of these athletes are true competitors and are leaders on and off the course. Thank you for choosing Bluefield State College and good luck in your upcoming season!

August 31, 2018 Bluefield State College hosted the Battle of the Bluefield's.

On the men's side Theo Schell, a freshman from Germany ran an amazing race. Theo placed first in the 5K for the Big Blues with a time of 17:39:36. Luke Busse is known for excelling in tennis but he decided to bring his talents to cross country. He was able to place third with a time of 19:32:39.

WXC also had strong performances. Rosalie Pozo and Elizabeth Doughty placed 4th and 5th place with the times of 27:36:06 and 27:59:35. This was the first meet of the season and both teams are looking very strong!

For up to date schedules or more info about B-State Athletics visit www.go-bstate.com
BSC Alumni Kimberly Barnes Selected as Rising Business Leader in DC Beltway

Relying on the foundation of life lessons she learned in the Bluefield’s, Kimberly Long Barnes has earned recognition as one of the rising business and community leaders in the Washington, DC beltway. The Marketing Program Manager for Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport, her varied responsibilities include being editor of a prestigious magazine, where she’s interviewed Washington Nationals superstar Bryce Harper and actress Lynda Carter (the original Wonder Woman).

Recently, she took a few moments to reflect upon her roots and her professional journey. On September 6, Barnes will be recognized as one of the Loudoun Times-Mirror’s “40 Under 40” award recipients, honoring 40 rising business and community leaders under the age of 40. “I’ve always had an inner competitive spirit, wanting to win and being willing to try a little harder,” she noted.

In summary, she added, “In my hometown, I grew up learning how to be nice to people, treat others with respect, and do the right thing. I don’t think I would be where I am right now if not for where I’ve come from.” She is the daughter of Chess and Charlene Long, who moved to Winston-Salem, NC a few years ago after many years in Bluefield. In addition to her degrees from BSC, she also received an MBA in Human Resources Management from Strayer University in 2006. She is married to Steve Barnes and they have 2 sons, Charles Talmadge and Asher Easton Barnes. They reside in Leesburg, VA.
BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE FOUNDERS DAY OBSERVANCE & ALUMNI WEEKEND

September 27-30, 2018
THEME: Remembering the Past, Honoring the Present, Charting the Future

Thursday, September 27, 2018

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  BSCAA Executive Board Meeting  
Lunch on your own

5:00 pm - 11:00 pm  Blue & Gold Meet & Greet  
Hebert Gallery  
Featuring The Allen Smith Group  
Attire: Semiformal Blue or Gold  
Cost: $25.00

Friday, September 28, 2018

9:00 am - 12:00 pm  BSCAA General Meeting & Town Meeting  
SC Cafeteria  
Alumni Members and Open to the Public  
• Panel Discussion – Invited Speakers  
• Q and A  
Dr. Ervin Griffin, Moderator

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  Founders Day Observance and Tributes  
**Dinner on Your Own**  
Coronation 6:00 pm  
The Railyard  
(Sign up on the Registration form if interested in attending).

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  Evening Activities  
Silent Auction  
Music  
Cost: $15.00

Saturday, September 29, 2018

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm  Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon  
Hebert Gallery  
Sponsored by the Hall of Fame Committee  
Attire: Business  
Cost: $25.00

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  BSC Wall of Fame Tour  

Sunday, September 30, 2018

9:00 am - 10:00 am  Memorial Service  
Hebert Gallery

For more information or to register, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs (304) 327- 4289