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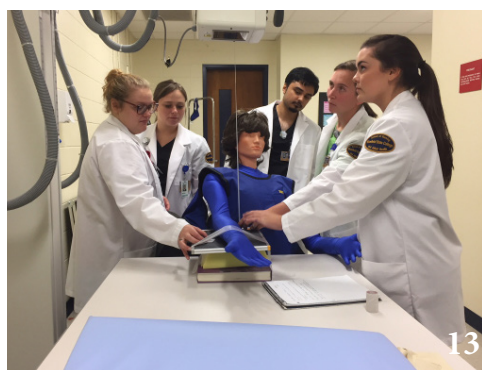
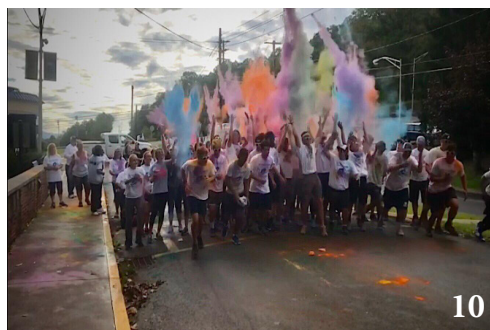
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Welcome to the October 2018 edition of the Blue and Gold Magazine.

With cooler weather upon us, the changing of leaves, and the thought of pumpkin flavored everything, we know that autumn is officially here!

Students and faculty are well into this semester and to think...final exams are just around the corner. Autumn has been my favorite season as long as I can remember. It always brings back fond memories of school. Immersing myself into a new class, meeting new colleagues, and gearing up for cheerleading.

As you read this Blue and Gold magazine, think about your college days, whether they are past or current. What was (or is) your favorite part of autumn? What is your fondest memory of college? Or what are you looking forward to experiencing?

The semesters seem to fly by and so do the years. Take time to create memories today that will last a lifetime.

Bluefield State College is much more than a place to earn your degree. It is much more than a beginning or continuation of your career. It is also a place to call home and a place that always welcomes you back, no matter how long it's been.

Best regards,

Kim L Ross

Editor-in-Chief

BSC Alumna Class of 2013

Special thanks to:

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Dara Fox, former BSC student, and my graphic design assistant.



Throwback to 1991, “Shott Lecture Series” presentation at Bluefield State College. (pictured right), Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State, and (pictured left), former BSC President Dr. Gregory Adkins.



What exactly is an HBCU?

In the year of 1895, Bluefield State College was founded for the purpose of providing higher education to the children of African-American coal miners in the region.

According to The U.S. Department of Education, HBCUs are a source of accomplishment and great pride for the African American community as well as the entire nation.

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, defines an HBCU as: “...any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of black Americans, and that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary [of Education] to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered or is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation.”

HBCUs offer all students, regardless of race, an opportunity to develop their skills and talents. These institutions train young people who go on to serve domestically and internationally in the professions as entrepreneurs and in the public and private sectors.

For more information on HBCUs, visit <https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu>.





Student Leader Selected as a “2018 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar”



Robert Brown (left), pictured with BSC President Dr. Marsha Krotseng

Bluefield State College student Robert Brown was presented a framed letter of congratulations from U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito, recognizing his selection as a White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities’ 2018 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar.

Read the full article on next page.

BSC Proud *HBCU* (Continued)



Student Leader Selected as a “2018 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar” (cont.)

Yogi Berra may have had Bluefield State College’s Robert Brown in mind when he said, “I wish I had his future instead of my past.” Brown was one of an elite group of students selected as a White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities’ 2018 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar. This September, he participated in the Competitiveness Scholars Conference in Washington, DC. He was accompanied at the conference by Dr. Guy Sims, BSC’s Assistant to the President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

The BSC student, a junior majoring in accounting, was selected for the program because of his academic achievement, campus and civic involvement, and entrepreneurial ethos. “The conference’s theme was ‘HBCU Competitiveness: Aligning Institutional Missions with America’s Priorities,’” he explained. Joining student leaders from other HBCUs, Brown attended conference workshops focused upon improving leadership, encouraging ongoing personal and professional development, and discovering areas of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Brown found the vehicle for expressing his interest in entrepreneurship two years ago, founding Lootswaay Clothing in Brooklyn, NY. “At the Competitiveness Scholars Conference, I realized that my professional dreams were truly achievable,” he continued. “We were encouraged to think big, and we learned how to access the resources needed to turn our dreams into reality.”

During the conference, students were grouped into teams of 5-6 members, showcasing their individual and collective talents across the HBCU spectrum. “We concentrated upon adopting a strength of HBCUs for use in our entrepreneurial pursuits,” he said. “Historically Black Colleges have a tradition of using their limited resources most effectively to achieve dreams and goals.”

He now wants to launch an entrepreneurship hub at Bluefield State. The hub would encourage students to think entrepreneurially, augment their financial literacy, and help them to access success-enhancing resources. “The hub will help students learn how to pursue funding and increase their knowledge base by participating in business competitions,” he noted Brown’s enthusiasm is genuine, and his goals are focused. His motivation—“I do what I do because I want to inspire others to think big, then helping them move forward in an informed way to achieve their dreams,”

Brown is also a standout player on the BSC basketball team. He encourages BSC students interested in learning more to contact him @ 980-238-9140.

BSC Proud *HBCU* (Continued)



Bluefield State College joins cohort of HBCUs that will host the Mary Ellen Pleasant Entrepreneur (MEPE) fellowship on campus.



The MEPE Fellowship will provide fellows with an opportunity to build their own startup through a 10-week virtual internship during the Spring 2019 semester. Over the 10 weeks, fellows will:

- Learn key startup principles and the components to successful and sustainable entrepreneurship
- Participate in a virtual curriculum on marketing, the customer funnel, and the business model canvas
- Collaborate with each other across partner institutions through periodic virtual meetings
- Experiment with innovative techniques to assist students on campus in identifying career paths and interests early
- And much more.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://mepe.thewhether.com/>.

BSC Proud *HBCU* (Continued)



#HBCUweek in Appalachia

The more than 100 national Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) celebrated #HBCUweek, September 16–22, 2018.

For nearly three decades, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has been a working group member of the White House Initiative by representing the 14 HBCUs in Appalachia. West Virginia's Bluefield State College (BSC) is another Appalachian HBCU. In 2017, ARC invested \$1.5 million in Bluefield State's Center of Excellence in Manufacturing Education (CEME) as part of the POWER Initiative to diversify the Region's coal-impacted communities. Image taken from the ARC newsletter.

Visit Arc.gov for more information.



The 14 HBCUs in Appalachia are located in Alabama, North Carolina, Mississippi, and West Virginia

BSC Homecoming

www.bluefieldstate.edu



Congrats to the Kings and Queen!

**Ms. BSC:
Lindsey Hatfield**

(pictured center)

Mr. BSC: (tied)

Will Kapke

(pictured left)

Robert Brown

(pictured right)

1st runner up: Kristen Taylor

1st runner up: Levi Dillon



BSC Homecoming Parade





COLOR RUN!



More than 140 Participate in the Delp Family Color Run on Sept. 26 at Bluefield State College.

A field of more than 140 runners took part in the 13th annual Delp Family Color Run on the Bluefield State College campus on September 25. The run was a featured event during BSC's Homecoming Week 2018 celebration.

The Delp Family Color Run and Festival supports the Brian A. Delp Humanitarian Athletic Award in memory of Brian Delp, an outstanding BSC student leader who lost his life when he was struck by a car while helping a stranded motorist.



BSC Community (Continued)



James Monroe High School Students visit Bluefield State College, September 26, 2018

More than 80 James Monroe High School students, faculty, and staff visited Bluefield State College today. The students were greeted by BSC President, Dr. Marsha Krotseng and Director of Admissions & Enrollment Services, James Schlimmer, then took a tour of campus to learn more about BSC's academic programs, students' achievements, financial aid options, and student life activities.

Other area high schools interested in scheduling visits to BSC are encouraged to contact the BSC Admissions Office (304) 327 - 4067.





BSC Workshop Explores Bioinformatics and Genomics



Bluefield State College faculty members Dr. Ping Lu and Dr. Tesfaye Belay, Marshall University Genomics Core co-Director, Dr. Don Primerano, BSC President, Dr. Marsha Krotseng, MU Genomics Core co-Director, Dr. Jim Denvir, and BSC faculty member Dr. James Walters are pictured during a recent Bioinformatics Workshop at the College.

“Technology has advanced to the point where we can efficiently sequence the human genome—the DNA that controls our bodies and how they run—then see the code, letter by letter,” explained Dr. Walters. “This generates a mountain of data that can be invaluable in applications that include diagnosis and medical research.”

Bioinformatics, the collection, classification, storage, and analysis of biochemical and biological information using computers especially as applied to molecular genetics and genomics, provides a way to get a handle on this mountain of data, he added.

Biomedical and microbiology research currently being conducted by BSC faculty and students has grown significantly over the past decade.

BSC News and Events (Continued)



“Phantom Patients” Augment Educational Preparation for Radiologic Technology Students at Bluefield State College

Two new “phantom patients” in the Radiologic Technology lab at Bluefield State College are significantly enhancing RadTech students’ functional understanding of the latest technologies in the field.

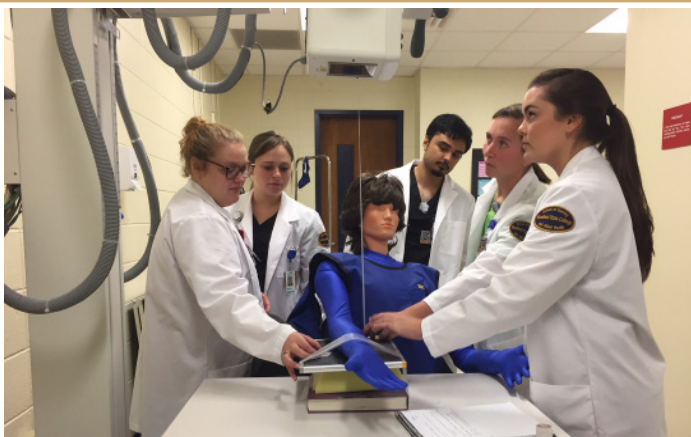
The x-ray phantoms at BSC’s campuses in Bluefield and at the Erma Byrd Higher Ed. Center in Beaver, WV model a human subject’s anatomy and physiology. The phantoms are now being utilized by the first year students in the College’s Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology program. Bluefield State College is presently the only institution of higher Ed in West Virginia with the state-of-the-art models.

“The phantoms are real human cadaver skeletons,” explained Vanessa Godfrey, BSC Instructor of Radiologic Technology. “They have the bone properties and maneuverability of a live human. This enables students to see the results of their good work, or if an error is made, how to correct that error without any harm.”

“Additionally, the phantoms have some simulated embedded organs, adding to the learning experience. Students love working with the phantoms! We are very excited to have two phantoms and to be able to strengthen BSC’s Radiologic Technology program’s position as one of the top programs in this region.”

Each phantom very accurately reflects a very detailed model of a real human skeleton. Details like joint spacing and articulation permit the phantom to be placed in normal x-ray positions. “A vital aspect of simulation is to have a realistic model of a human subject’s anatomy,” observed Godfrey. “The phantom accomplishes this. Computer phantoms are always willing participants and can be altered easily to model different anatomies and medical situations.”

The x-ray phantoms were purchased through the support of the Title III program at BSC.



Bluefield State College Radiologic Technology students (left-to-right) Kyra Kessler, Megann Dobbs, Munish Padan, Alison Beauboef, and Emilee Boone are pictured as they utilize a new x-ray phantom in the RadTech laboratory on campus. The phantoms significantly enhance RadTech students’ functional understanding of the latest technologies in the field.

BSC News and Events (Continued)



BSC Student Brady Shrader’s Academic Travels Strengthen His Career Preparation

“Broadening his horizons” and opening his eyes to a “world of opportunities,” are much more than a pair of shopworn phrases for Brady Shrader. The Bluefield State student has seized the chance to travel throughout the United States and Brazil, participating in academic conferences and research initiatives.

A sociology major from Iaeger, WV, Shrader credits his travel with providing a road map for his future. “I’m from McDowell County, so traveling to larger cities is a big deal for me,” he said. “I took part in several academic camps, and last year won a first place award for my research presentation at the West Virginia Academy of Science.

Building upon that experience, he applied for and was accepted into the McNair Scholars program. “I began to conduct field-specific study which, for me, involved environmental biology, then presented my research at conferences in larger cities like Atlanta. This year, I’ll take part in conferences in Maryland and New Mexico,” he explained.

Shrader has applied for the Study Abroad Program’s Knowledge Exchange Institute. “I’m interested in other cultures,” he observed. “My goal—to earn a Ph.D. in Human Geography—the study of humans in different regions and observe how their behavior impacts the region in which they live.”

The McNair Program has underwritten the cost of his visits to universities in Tennessee, Ohio, Virginia, Alabama, and Mississippi. “Before I joined the McNair Program, I had no idea what I wanted to do after graduation,” Shrader added. “Now I understand the career options and opportunities available for me.”

“I encourage other students to consider McNair and Study Abroad. Through these programs, I’ve grown through new cultural experiences, broadened my world view, and learned what life is like beyond the borders of West Virginia,” he concluded.

BSC News and Events (Continued)



BSC School of Business Launched New 8-Week Compressed Semester Option

A new 8-week compressed semester option for students launched on October 8, 2018 by The W. Paul Cole, Jr. School of Business at Bluefield State College. The compressed format, delivered totally online, is an excellent fit for current students, community college graduates, former BSC students whose degree pursuit was interrupted after they'd earned 75 or more hours credit, and Regents Bachelor of Arts students, according to Dr. Steve Bourne, Dean of the Cole School of Business.

“If you wish you’d enrolled at the start of the fall semester, the compressed semester option now permits you to earn college credit, instead of waiting for the spring semester,” Dr. Bourne explained. “For anyone seeking to prepare for advancement in your career field, the opportunity is now available.”

“The compressed semester is a better fit for anyone with a busy schedule,” he continued. “Students receive the same quality of instruction, cost structure, and financial aid eligibility as students enrolled in the traditional 16-week semester. The format helps students to remain engaged in their studies and earn college credit in half the time.” Dr. Bourne also observed that the compressed semester format could help BSC students who wish to pick up a course to replace one they’d dropped earlier in their college career.

Five of the six courses in the inaugural compressed semester are upper level (junior/senior level) courses, and four require no prerequisite. Courses include Accounting Information Systems, International Business, e-Commerce for Entrepreneurs, Production/Operations Management, Principles of Management, and Human Resources.

Individuals interested in future course opportunities or to get more information, are encouraged to contact Dean Bourne (sbourne@bluefieldstate.edu 304-327-4087).

BSC News and Events (Continued)



Bluefield State College, The W. Paul Cole, Jr., School of Business, and Dabney S. Lancaster Community College Sign Articulation Agreement

(seated, from left) BSC President Dr. Marsha Krotseng and DSLCC President Dr. John Rainone - (Standing, from left) Geoff Hunter, BSC Assoc. Professor, and Dr. Steve Bourne, BSC Professor and Interim Dean, and DSLCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Ben Worth



Bluefield State College, The W. Paul Cole, Jr., School of Business, and Central Virginia Community College Sign Articulation Agreement

(seated, from left) CVCC Student Activity Coordinator, Deanne McDaniel, BSC Interim Dean, Cole, School of Business, Dr. Steve Bourne, BSC Assoc. Professor, Cole School of Business, Geoff Hunter, BSC President, Dr. Marsha Krotseng, and CVCC President, Dr. John Capps, CVCC Assoc. Vice President Workforce, Business and Allied Health, Dr. James Lemons, CVCC Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Muriel Mickles, CVCC Academic Counselor & Advisor, Emily Muniz



Bluefield State College, The W. Paul Cole, Jr., School of Business, and Wytheville Community College Sign Articulation Agreement

(seated, from left) BSC Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Ted Lewis, WCC President, Dr. Dean Sprinkle, BSC President, Dr. Marsha Krotseng, WCC Vice Pres. of Instruction and Student Development, Dr. Lorri Huffard (standing from left) BSC Interim Dean, Cole, School of Business, Dr. Steve Bourne, Dean of Transfer, Business & Social Science, Jacob Surratt, Associate Professor of Accounting, Colene Kilgore, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Cole, School of Business, Diane Belcher

BSC News and Events (Continued)



In the wake of sad news of another student passing, Bluefield State College offered students support during the grieving process.

BSC Cares is co-sponsoring an event on suicide awareness and mental health. We ask that you keep our students, faculty, staff and family in your heart.

NATIONAL

SUICIDE

PREVENTION

LIFELINETM

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

KEVIN HINES

International Speaker, Author, Suicide Awareness and Mental Health Advocate

BSC Cares

Co-sponsored by Bluefield State College Suicide Prevention and Awareness Office and the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Club (SPAC)

#BEHERETOMORROW

Monday, October 15, 2018

11am - 1pm

Bluefield State College

Basic Science Auditorium

FREE EVENT and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



BSC News and Events (Continued)



6TH ANNUAL BIG BLUE MADNESS

Bluefield State College
Shott Gymnasium



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:00PM

SIGN A BANNER TO SUPPORT HOMELESS STUDENTS, SPONSORED BY MVM GREEN TECHNOLOGY

FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Bluefield State College Student Life Parking Lot

6:00pm - 9:00pm

UNLIMITED WRISTBAND

ADULTS 16 AND up \$10 CHILDREN 15 AND UNDER \$5

ADULT w/NO GAMES \$5

Food - Games - Prizes - Cake Walk

Face Painting - Concessions



Sponsored by the BSC Chapter of
Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BSC News and Events (Continued)



**Bluefield State College Emerging Leaders
to host a New York fashion week experience.**

**All proceeds go towards the start of
a new scholarship fund at BSC.**



**This fashion show, “B.L.A.C.K” stands for Brothers for
Love, Assets, Culture, and Knowledge.**

This event is open to the public.

BSC News and Events (Continued)



The Bluefield State College Alumni gathered to celebrate homecoming weekend. The Allen Smith Band entertained with live music, while they enjoyed the evening in style. The alumni continue to celebrate many years of homecomings!

All Bluefield State College Alumni are encouraged to update their contact information, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 304-327-4289 or visit <https://bluefieldstate.edu/community/alumni/alumni-address-update>



BSC Alumni Gathering





ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Raenel Crenshaw - Bluefield, WV
A Sophomore, Volleyball athlete who has been leading the team with her kills (points). She is totaling in at 12 kills, 9 digs, and 69 total attacks, according to the statistics page.



Theo Schell - Scheiufeld, Germany
A Freshman, Cross Country athlete who has had a great start to his collegiate career. In his first Cross Country meet, he came in First Place in the 5k with a time of 17:39:36.

2018 ITA Atlantic Regional Championship

BSC competed in the ITA Atlantic Regional Championship from 9/22/2018 - 9/24/2018. The Big Blues had an amazing showing and put forth their best effort on the tennis court. Arthur Figuiere and Frederick Bau-Madsen barely came in 2nd place in doubles with a score of 6-4, 7-6 (7-2). Figuiere didn't let that close loss discourage him, he came back and won the single to secure a spot at nationals in Rome, GA. To get to nationals he had to go up against his teammate Thomas Schmeita. Good luck at Nationals!



BIG BLUES



Bluefield State College CONGRATULATES HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2018



Natasha Merrell, daughter of honoree, the late Sherman Ross (football),
Melissa Doane (basketball), Tony Mandeville (basketball coach),
and Lisa Smith (basketball)

**Attendees gathered to celebrate and honor the
history of Bluefield State College Athletics**





The Gym Gets a New Makeover on the Court!



Ribbon-cutting ceremony - pictured left to right - BSC Director of Athletics, John Lewis, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Dr. Jo-Ann Robinson, President, Dr. Marsha Krotseng, and Assistant to the President For Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Title III, Dr. Guy Sims





Fall Athletics Schedule

Men's Cross Country

October

Fri 5th	Concord Invitational	4:00 pm
Fri 12th	Livingstone Invitational	4:30 pm

November

Fri 2nd	Hokie Open	4:30 pm
Wed 7th	USCAA Championship	
Thu 8th	USCAA Championship	
Fri 9th	USCAA Championship	

Women's Cross Country

October

Fri 5th	Concord Invitational	4:00 pm
Fri 12th	Livingstone Invitational	4:30 pm

November

Fri 2nd	Hokie Open	4:30 pm
Wed 7th	USCAA Championship	
Thu 8th	USCAA Championship	
Fri 9th	USCAA Championship	

Men's Basketball

November

Mon 5th	@ Bluefield Col	7:30 pm
Fri 9th	Champbellsville	7:00 pm
Tue 13th	Concord	8:00 pm
Fri 16th	@ Johnson C. Smith	7:30 pm
Sat 17th	@ Livingstone	2:00 pm
Tue 20th	Mid-Atlantic Christian	TBA
Sat 24th	@ Virginia Union	4:00 pm
Mon 26th	@ Catawba	TBA

Women's Basketball

November

Mon 5th	@ Bluefield Col	6:00 pm
Fri 9th	@ Penn State	4:00 pm
Sat 10th	@ Penn State	1:00 pm
Tue 13th	Concord	6:00 pm
Fri 16th	@ Rio Grande Univ	4:00 pm
Sat 17th	@ Rio Grande Univ	6:00 pm
Tue 20th	@ Marshall	7:00 pm
Sat 24th	Converse	2:00 pm
Fri 30th	@ Winston Salem State	2:00 pm

Men's Tennis

October

Sat 6th	Belmont Abbey	10:00 am
Sun 7th	@ Catawba	2:00 pm

Men's Golf

October

Sun 7th	USCAA National Championship	
Mon 8th	USCAA National Championship	
Tue 9th	USCAA National Championship	
Mon 22nd	VSU Invitational	
Tue 23rd	VSU Invitational	

Women's Tennis

October

Fri 5th	Fairmont State	2:00 pm
Sat 6th	Belmont Abbey	10:00 am
Sun 7th	@ Catawba	2:00 pm
Tue 9th	@ Charelston	3:00 pm