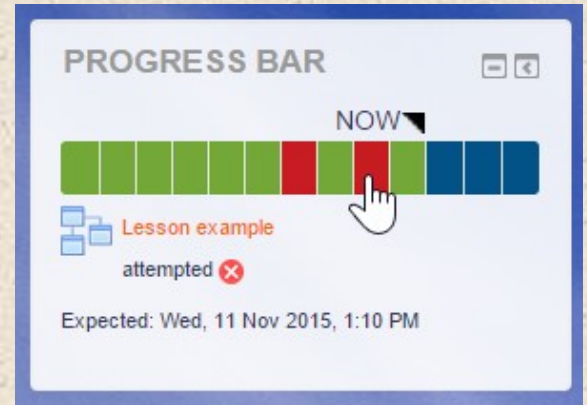


THE VALLEY COLLEGE ONLINE GAZETTE

Coming Soon: Progress Bar!

Starting with your January 9 classes, you will see a new block containing the “Progress Bar” (pictured on the right). This is a convenient visual to see what assignments you have completed and what is due soon. Let us know what you think of it!



Left: Ugly sweater contest!

Right: Santa visits the Beckley campus!



Six Job Interview Tips from your Placement Advisor, Brian Higgins

- 1. Arrive on time:** Always plan for to be there at least 15 minutes before your interview.
 - 2. Have questions prepared:** Do your research on the company where you're interviewing and have one or two questions prepared. Don't ask about salary or benefits, ask about their long term plans or to clarify something about them from their website.
 - 3. Dress professional:** Men, wear a tie and jacket. Women, dress professional but conservatively.
 - 4. Talk about how you can help them:** When they ask you why you want the job, talk about how you can help them. Speak to solving the problem the job vacancy created.
 - 5. Practice!** The day before the interview do a practice interview with friend or loved one. You can also contact one of the Career Services Advisors at Valley College to set up a practice interview.
- Bonus Tip: Send a thank you note:** After the interview always send a thank you email or thank you card through the mail to the person who interviewed you. Thank them for their time and let them know to contact you if they have any questions.

Staff Spotlight: Jessica Snyder, Student Success Coach

Most of you know Jessica as a Student Success Coach here at Valley. What you didn't know: Jessica served in the United States Army for 9 years. In those 9 years, she did two tours overseas where she put her skills to use as an Ammunition Specialist. While overseas her Company, the 811th Ordinance, started an ammunition supply point and maintained several others, making sure troops had anything from rockets, grenades, mortars, and any caliber of ammunition you can imagine. Jessica enjoys her free time with her 8-year-old daughter Leah and pursuing her education online. She also enjoys sushi!



Recent Graduates!

Health Services Administration

Shayna Davis
Shanita Holmes
Tracy Standish-Heironimus
Caylia Taylor
Kayla Twyman

Medical Records Specialist

Gina Eaves
Corrina Flack
Thomasina Jennings

Medical Front Office, Billing and Coding

Alyssa Couture
Thedia Harris
Stormy Lawless
Cynthia Monk
Krista Delphrey
Amanda Russell

Reminder: Who to Contact



- Questions about your **class schedule** or **other problems** that may interfere with school work? Contact your **Student Success Coaches**, Maria and Jessica, at mwines@valley.edu or jsnyder@valley.edu
- **Tech problems**? Contact **Help Desk Specialists** Cheryl and Nick through the Help Desk block on the right side of the Moodle homepage
- **Textbook problems** or questions? Contact the **Online Director of Academic Affairs** Shelly Smith at ssmith@valley.edu



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