

THE VALLEY COLLEGE ONLINE GAZETTE

Recent Events



Left: Beckley Campus held a Blood Drive on behalf of American Red Cross on February 9th. 40 people donated blood!

Upcoming: March is Drug Awareness Month. Tonya Green, a Psychologist who specializes in Drug Counseling, will be on campus to speak to the student body about the issue Tuesday, March 28th.

Right: The Princeton campus celebrates Valentine's Day!



Student Success Story: Shanita Holmes, HSA Graduate

We want to give special congratulations to one of our recent graduates, Shanita Holmes. She completed her Health Services Administration Associates, with a concentration in Medical Front Office Billing and Coding last year. Not only has she moved out of state, she has also started a new position at Tidewater Orthopaedic Associates! She's worked very hard for her accomplishments and we're all proud of her!

Student Success Story: Aleshia Lester, MFOBC Graduate

Student Aleshia Lester answers questions about her recent hiring!

- **What activities did you undertake in the job search process?** Prepared a resume and searched for people hiring in the billing department.
- **What exact steps led to you landing this particular job?** I sent my resume in after finishing school, and went in for the interview. Within a couple of weeks, they informed me that I received the Billing Clerk position at Tug River Health Association.
- **How did you find this particular job?** A family member told me about it.
- **How did you apply? Did you mail in a resume, fax in a resume, or go in person?** I emailed my resume.
- **How much attention did you pay to perfecting your resume?** After having my resume revised by Nathan through Valley, I corrected all of the mistakes and saved the updated copy.
- **How much did you invest in attending sessions with your Career Planning Advisor?** I tried to attend all that were required of me. I stayed in contact with Nathan.
- **How much did you invest in preparing for in-person interviews?** I researched the company that I was interviewing for. I feel that it made a huge difference in knowing specific information about the company.
- **Why did you take the NHA CBCS certification exam?** I wanted to be certified in my field of study.
- **What do you think your new employer would say was the reason you landed this job?** I landed the position due to having training in coding.
- **What advice would you give to your classmates to maintain motivation or persistence in this process?** Work hard and study!



Right: Our fun-lovin' staff and students team up to provide Singing Candygrams to the Martinsburg campus on Valentine's Day!



Left: One of our smiling students receives flowers from a secret admirer!



The following students are now NHA certified. Congratulations!

- Hannah Cook - CMAA
- Shanita Holmes - CBCS
- Sheila Penwell - CBCS
- Aleshia Lester - CBCS

Congrats to these February Online Graduates!

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| • Lezlee Blackburn | • Reneira Jones |
| • Melissa Copenhaver | • Ruby Milam |
| • Betty Delong | • Ashley Sapp |
| • Janna House | • Jessica Skupnick |
| • Skyler Johnson | • Keely Warfield |



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