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Online Student of the Month

“The people at Valley are so wonderful.”

Congratulations to Tara Morris, our Online Student of the Month for October! Tara is currently enrolled in the Business Administration Online (BAO) program at Valley College. She currently holds a 3.5 GPA. Tara lives in Hedgesville, WV with her husband and two young daughters. Tara said that her daughters are her inspiration for continuing her education and that she chose Valley College over other institutions because the people she encountered at Valley College were so wonderful. When asked why she chose Business Administration as her field of study Tara stated, “I want to open my own bakery someday and I already know I can bake, so I wanted to attain the skills necessary to handle the business side of things.” Other than spending time with her family and taking online courses, Tara loves cooking, fishing, traveling, and taking care of animals.



Please join us as we welcome Amanda Ciochetty to our online team. Amanda will be assuming the roll of Student Success Advisor. We are extremely happy to have Amanda as a part of the team.

Who Has Time? Time Management Tips

“Acknowledge that you can do it and you will.”

~ Tara Morris

“Turn off social media.”

~Rebecca England

“Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well.”

~ Theodore Roosevelt

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Study Tip of the Month!

Make sure you read your syllabus and understand what is expected of you so you can better prepare for exams.

Meet Your Instructor



Beverly Lafferty, B.S.N.

Mrs. Lafferty is currently an instructor at our Beckley Campus for our Medical Clinical Assistant program and has recently begun teaching online courses. Beverly holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree and is currently working towards her Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) degree. Beverly said she loves working and interacting with people. Beverly enjoys the friendly environment at Valley College and adds that it is the best place she has ever had the pleasure to work. When asked what advice she would give to future students Beverly said, “You are changing your life for the better and your training may take you to a place where you can make a positive change in someone else’s life—never give up on yourself.” Mrs. Lafferty has been married to her husband Randall for nineteen years and together they have two children, of whom they are very proud. Their son Ethan is fifteen and daughter Brooklynn is twelve. Beverly said, “It is nothing for me to leave a ballet and head straight to a football game and rock each one—my family is my life.”



Getting Connected

The Online Student Government Association (OSGA) is currently working out the details for a canned food drive in the month of November and would like input from online students on areas where collection boxes may be placed. If you know of a good place, please let an OSGA member know as soon as possible so they can make the proper arrangements.

Pictured is Charles Yates completing a drop-off of school supplies from the OSGA’s last successful project.

Beckley Campus will be holding an open house on Friday, October 17th from 12p.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for hot dogs, games, prizes, and a tour of our facility at 120 New River Town Center Suite C (beside Ollie’s Bargain Outlet).

