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**BridgeValley Community and Technical College's Presidential Search Committee  
Endorses Dr. Eunice Bellinger to be the College's Next President**

**South Charleston, W.Va.** — In a special session, the BridgeValley Community and Technical College Board of Governors endorsed Dr. Eunice Bellinger to replace the college's current president, Dr. Jo Harris, who will retire in July. The West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education must concur with the Board's recommendation of Bellinger and approve her contract at their next meeting.

"The Board concluded Dr. Bellinger's experience and leadership would benefit BridgeValley as it continues to lead the state in the collaboration of higher education and industry," said David Lewia, Chair of the BridgeValley Board of Governors. "Eunice's experience with community colleges coupled with her time as a professor allows her to enrich student success as she navigates the challenges facing the college."

Bellinger has a Ph.D. in the Sociology of Education and an Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology from SUNY/Buffalo, as well as a B.S. in Personnel Management from Niagara University. She demonstrated a broad range of experience, including international, and has held upper level administrative positions at Niagara County Community College, Genesee Community College, Massachusetts Bay Community College, Empire State College and Abu Dhabi University. She also has nearly 23 years of teaching experience holding the rank of Professor of Social Sciences.

Upon approval from the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, Bellinger would begin serving as BridgeValley's president effective July 6th.

*BridgeValley Community and Technical College was founded on March 20, 2014 and serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the Advanced Technology Center.*

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