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BridgeValley Teams up with The Citadel for Bachelor of Science in Business Administration



(South Charleston, WV) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College is pleased to announce it has entered into a partnership with The Citadel to offer a joint bachelor of science in business administration.

"This partnership is an excellent opportunity for our students to begin their bachelor's degree here at home and save money while preparing to transfer to a prestigious institution like The Citadel," said Dr. Eunice Bellinger, BridgeValley President. "We will continue to forge partnerships like this as they benefit our entire region and especially our students."

"We are very excited to partner with BridgeValley Community & Technical College in providing an option for their students to complete their bachelor of science in business administration at the Citadel," said The Citadel's Director of MBA and Undergraduate Competition Programs Jeremy Bennett, Ph.D. "BridgeValley has opened up the first

door for West Virginia students to transfer to the Citadel and stay in their local communities."

By promoting and facilitating the transfer of courses taken at BridgeValley to The Citadel's School of Business and Evening Undergraduate Studies program, students will be able to begin their B.S. in Business Administration at BridgeValley and seamlessly transfer those units to The Citadel to complete their undergraduate program.

"This is an excellent opportunity for BridgeValley business studies' students to continue their undergraduate studies towards a bachelor's degree from The Tommy & Victoria Baker School of Business at The Citadel," said Management Program Coordinator Austin O'Connor. "This newly forged partnership demonstrates the importance of how a community college and a university can work together to serve students who can stay in their local communities while having greater opportunities to advance their educational goals and their future careers."

As part of the partnership, BridgeValley will offer courses academically equivalent to the lower division requirements of The Citadel's business administration degree offered through the Evening Undergraduate Studies program.

All students participating in the program who have a GPA of at least 2.0 and no less than a "C" in transferrable courses will be provided guaranteed admission into The Citadel's degree completion program, pending they are not ineligible to attend the school due to disciplinary or behavioral factors.

The new partnership went into effect at the beginning of the fall 2018 semester and will be reviewed annually by representatives of each institution.

About The Citadel

The Citadel, with its iconic campus located in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women profoundly focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The 2,300 members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military but about one-third of each class earn commissions to become officers in every branch of U.S. military service. Graduates of The Citadel have served the nation, their states and their communities as principled leaders since the college was founded in 1842. The Citadel Graduate College offers 26 graduate degree programs with 42 concentration options, 27 graduate certificate programs, and 8 evening undergraduate programs, through an all-evening schedule with many courses now available online. The Citadel was named Best Public College in the South by U.S. News & World Report for eight consecutive years, and No. 1 Best Public College for Veterans in the South as well as Best Value out of all South Carolina colleges and universities by Forbes.

About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities.

BridgeValley Community and Technical College 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 new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

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