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### **BridgeValley Community and Technical College is Partnering with Southridge Chick-fil-A to Host Engineering Family Night Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Charleston, W.Va.** — BridgeValley Community and Technical College and Southridge Chick-fil-A will host an Engineering Family Night on Tuesday, February 23 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. There will be hands-on, engineering-based activities for students of all ages.

“Engineering and science are great activities for students of all ages because they teach critical thinking skills,” said Melissa Thompson, Outreach Director for BridgeValley. “The ability to assess a problem, identify obstacles, and formulate solutions benefits children in and out of the classroom.”

The event, designed to introduce students to a variety of fundamental scientific principles essential to engineering, encourages local youth to consider career options associated with STEM professions. Students will participate in exercises that explore the fundamentals of physics, chemistry, and mathematics.

Engineering Family Night is part of BridgeValley’s activities for National Engineers Week. The National Engineers Week Foundation, a formal coalition of more than 100 professional societies, major corporations and government agencies, is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of, and interest in engineering and technology careers among young students and by promoting pre-college literacy in math and science. More information is available at <http://www.discovere.org/>.

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 new Advanced Technology Center.

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