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## **Consolidated Multi-campus Board of Governors select name for new college**

**Charleston, W.Va.** — An important milestone was passed in the consolidation of Bridgemont Community and Technical College and Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College as the newly established Board of Governors selected BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BVCTC) as the name of the new multi-campus institution.

“The BridgeValley name represents the fusion of both colleges, reflects the uniqueness of our region, and illustrates that a college education will provide a pathway to successful careers,” said Dr. Jo Harris. “The colleges will continue to operate as Bridgemont and Kanawha Valley next year while consolidation of systems and approvals are completed; Fall 2014 students will be registered under the new name.”

During the initial meeting of the consolidated Board of Governors, Harris was named President of the new multi-campus college; she has served as President of Bridgemont since the college’s inception. Mark Dempsey, previously the chair of the Kanawha Valley Board, was elected as the chair of the new Board; David Lewia, previously chair of the Bridgemont Board, was elected Vice Chair; and Jan Vineyard, a member of the Kanawha Valley Board, was named secretary.

“The appointment of Dr. Harris and the election of Board officers creates an experienced and balanced team to lead BridgeValley through the challenges ahead,” said James L. Skidmore, Chancellor of the WVCTCS. “The consolidation combines the strengths of both colleges and provides additional opportunities for the citizens of the region to earn college credentials that are critical in today’s workplace.”

The consolidation is in accordance with Senate Bill 438, which called for the reorganization of Bridgemont and Kanawha Valley into one multi-campus institution. Existing locations will be maintained in Montgomery and South Charleston with one governing board and administrative structure.

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