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Accrediting Body Approves Consolidation of Bridgemont and Kanawha Valley Community and Technical Colleges

Montgomery, W.Va. — The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools approved at its quarterly meeting on February 27, 2014, the request for consolidation of Bridgemont and Kanawha Valley Community and Technical Colleges into a multi-campus college to be known as BridgeValley Community and Technical College effective the next academic year.

“This HLC action is the ‘checkmark’ our colleges have been moving toward since the passage of SB 438 in April 2013,” noted Dr. Jo Harris, who serves as shared President of Bridgemont and Kanawha Valley this academic year. “Faculty and staff have worked tirelessly since last April in areas of strategic planning, alignment of courses and programs, determination of organizational structure, review of all operational policies at both colleges, preparation of the HLC self-study reports, and hosting an HLC team site visit. The work involved in creating a stronger, more comprehensive multi-campus community college for the Fayette, Kanawha, Clay, Nicholas, Raleigh, and Putnam county service region has been tremendous.”

BridgeValley will maintain its campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston and will also operate the new Advanced Technology Center for South Central West Virginia located in the West Virginia Regional Technology Park.