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### **Give Back This Spring Break at BridgeValley**

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(South Charleston, WV) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College is inviting students to turn their spring break into a volunteer adventure with its Alternative Spring Break program. To further the college's efforts to make a real difference in the Charleston metropolitan area, Alternative Spring Break offers the opportunity for students to gain community service hours necessary for graduation and provide them with the chance to visit local organizations to assist with special projects that will better the community.

With two programs, one in South Charleston and a second in Montgomery, students will serve the community between Wednesday, March 13 and Friday, March 15 through full- and- half day service projects that include working at food pantries, visiting senior citizens and participating in beautifying the city.

"Through community service opportunities, we can effect change outside of our campus walls," said BridgeValley President Dr. Eunice Bellinger. "We've created the program in a way to provide students the ability to choose projects, regardless of campus, that mean something to them and will make a measurable difference in our community."

Lunch or snacks will be provided, depending on projects chosen. South Charleston participants will visit Hillcrest Health Care Center (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Wednesday, Manna Meal (9 a.m. to noon), Heart & Hand (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) or Little Victories (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Thursday and Habitat for Humanity (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) on Friday, while students in Montgomery will provide trail maintenance at Fayette County Park in Beckwith (9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) on Wednesday, clean up at the future City Hall building (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.) or pick up litter (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) before playing Bingo and socializing with residents at Montgomery General Hospital Elderly Care (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.).

Students can sign up to participate and receive more information at [bridgevalley.edu/asb](http://bridgevalley.edu/asb)

#### **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.

For more information about BridgeValley Community and Technical College financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education and events, call (304) 205-6600 or; or check the College's website:

["http://www.bridgevalley.edu"](http://www.bridgevalley.edu)