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**BridgeValley welcomes the community to celebrate Manufacturing Day on  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Advanced Technology Center**

**South Charleston, W.Va.** – BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BridgeValley) will host a Manufacturing Day event on October 2 at the Advanced Technology Center in South Charleston. The open house will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. School groups are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The theme of the event is “Made in West Virginia.” Manufacturing companies and local partners will be showcasing what they respectively make or manufacture in West Virginia. Companies participating in BridgeValley’s Manufacturing Day Open House include: DOW Chemical Company, Toyota Motor Manufacturing – WV, Gestamp, Greenwood Industries, AC&S, Diamond Electric, and Jacobs Engineering.

Students and educators from local career and technical centers and secondary schools are invited to attend, as are industry professionals and the general public. For more information on BridgeValley’s Manufacturing Day event, or other outreach events hosted by BridgeValley, contact Melissa Thompson at 304-205-6734 or [melissa.thompson@bridgevalley.edu](mailto:melissa.thompson@bridgevalley.edu).

Manufacturing Day<sup>SM</sup> is a celebration of modern manufacturing meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers. With over 500 nationwide events being planned for National Manufacturing Day (MFG DAY), BridgeValley will be joining this movement and with an event that collaborates with our manufacturing industry partners. “BridgeValley is excited to partner with local manufacturing companies to host an event that will highlight the manufacturing industry and the local academic and employment opportunities available in this industry,” stated Dr. Jo Harris, President of BridgeValley.

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. BridgeValley awards one-year certificates and two-year associate degrees in many fields including civil, mechanical and electrical engineering technology, business and health management, nursing, dental hygiene, business technology, medical assisting, diesel technology, computer information technology, and welding.

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