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BridgeValley Student Landon Crowe Receives Whyne-Walker Caterpillar Scholarship

(Charleston, W. VA) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BVCTC) Diesel Technology student Landon Crowe was recently awarded the Whyne CAT - Walker CAT Scholarship.

"Right after graduation I plan to go straight into the workforce," said Crowe. "With my scholarship from Caterpillar, I hope to have a foot in the door into a long successful career."

The Whyne-Walker Caterpillar Scholarship is an award provided by the company and administered by BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BVCTC). Selected high school seniors, graduates, or post-secondary students can receive scholarship awards to pursue a post-secondary diploma in Diesel Technology at BVCTC Montgomery Campus.

"What makes our program so unique is the partnerships and support that we receive from our local business and industry," said Joe Young, Instructor and Program Coordinator. "They have assisted with curriculum development, scholarships and equipment for training. They know that there is a shortage of workers and they are willing to come visit our classrooms and support in any way they can to train the future workforce we need in our region."

The BVCTC Diesel Tech program is designed to prepare graduates for positions as diesel technicians for both on and off highway equipment. The program has been developed in response to industry demand in conjunction with various consortium members. This program offers individuals the opportunity to complete the full outline of courses or transfer diesel technology credit from various Career Technical Centers which offer similar programs. Credit may also be transferred from individuals completing industry training from Caterpillar, Komatsu, Cummins or Detroit.

"These scholarships are a huge motivator for our students," Young added. "They

are a confidence booster and a motivation tool to stay focused on their coursework, work hard and maintain their GPA requirements."

Recipients of the Whyne-Walker Caterpillar Scholarship must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA and may receive up to \$1,500 per year for program tuition and books which is up to \$750 for fall and spring semesters for two years.

"I never dread going to class. I would absolutely recommend the BVCTC Diesel Tech program to anyone," added Crowe. "Our instructor Joe Young, or as we call him 'Bossman,' is a great teacher and he also understands that sometimes the best way to learn is to let you figure it out on your own. He is well educated and does everything he can to assist and benefit us in our learning."

For more information on the Diesel Technology Program, please contact Joe Young, Instructor and Program Coordinator, Joe.Young@bridgevalley.edu or 304.734.6661. For more information regarding scholarships at BVCTC, please visit <https://www.bridgevalley.edu/institutional-aid>



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