BridgeValley Wins Developmental Education Award

South Charleston, WV – BridgeValley Community and Technical College's Developmental Education program was selected as the "Developmental Education Program of the Year" by the West Virginia Association for Developmental Education at the organization's annual conference on November 12, 2015. Dr. Calisa Pierce, chair of the Developmental Education program at BridgeValley accepted the award on behalf of the college and its Developmental Education faculty.

Over the past year and a half, the college has not only completed a merger between two institutions (Kanawha Valley and Bridgemont), but also, at the same time, created a re-imagined and innovative developmental education program. This program was developed after several years' worth of research and course pilots on the part of both institutions. The impetus was the desire to eliminate exit points in order to facilitate college completion. This new program uses components of Math Pathways design, the Accelerated Learning Program (co-requisite) approach, integrated reading and writing, and a tiered placement method, in addition to relying on a partnership with Adult Education providers housed on both campuses of BridgeValley.

Larry Tackett, president of the West Virginia Association for Developmental Education, presented the award.

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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