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**BridgeValley-AmeriCorps Partnership Continues
Through 2020-2021 Academic Year**

Grant allows continued support of Veteran & Military Services

(Montgomery, W. VA) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BridgeValley) was awarded an AmeriCorps member for 2020, enabling the continued position of a LifeBridge AmeriCorps member to assist in the Veterans Affairs Office in Fall 2020.

Tammy McClanahan is a veteran, an alumna of BridgeValley and is the LifeBridge AmeriCorps member. She has filled the role of LifeBridge AmeriCorps Liaison to Veteran and Military Affairs since October 2018, and will continue through the 2020-2021 academic year. In this role, McClanahan serves all veterans, active military members and dependents who attend BridgeValley.

"We were thrilled when BVCTC joined our AmeriCorps team," said Robin Bowman, LifeBridge director. "Tammy is a veteran that serves her fellow veterans by assisting them in removing barriers that hinder them from reaching their higher education goals. She has served at BVCTC for 2 years now and has served over 80 veterans during those two years."

LifeBridge AmeriCorps bridges gaps to improve the quality of life for West Virginia's most vulnerable populations. Serving an average of 17,430 people a year, the program utilizes a diverse group of national service participants to build and strengthen West Virginia communities by addressing the most critical needs in the areas of education, financial literacy and veteran's assistance.

McClanahan and other LifeBridge AmeriCorps members serve their community for twelve months and 1,700 hours a year. They are national service participants who are placed at schools and non-profits across the Mountain State. AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance and receive an education award at the end of their term of service, allowing them to go on to higher education or pay education loans.

For more information about Veteran & Military Services at BridgeValley Community and Technical College, visit bridgevalley.edu/veteran-military-services

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:

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