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BridgeValley Community and Technical College and Pierpont Community and Technical College to Participate in Advanced Technology Center Day

(South Charleston, WV) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College and Pierpont Community and Technical College are poised to participate in a joint collaboration event, Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Day at the Legislature on Monday, February 18.

Highlighting the successes of each college and the importance of each school's ATC, ATC Day at the Legislature additionally promotes community and technical college education.

"As an economic development driver, Advanced Technology Center Day at the Legislature, allows BridgeValley to showcase the importance of community college education through our technology program," said BridgeValley President Dr. Eunice Bellinger. "Our ATC programs provide students with hands-on lab experience using state-of-the-art technology and ATC Day gives us the opportunity to showcase all that we have to offer."

BridgeValley's ATC is considered the Advanced Technology Center of South Central West Virginia, while Pierpont's ATC is the Advanced Technology Center of North Central West Virginia. The two centers are designed to service the northern and southern regions of the state and are focused on fulfilling the workforce needs of the Advanced Manufacturing, Energy and Information Technology industries.

"Pierpont's Advanced Technology Center plays an essential role throughout North Central West Virginia in providing the latest technologies, programs, and expertise to increase regional economic growth, focusing on job creation,

economic development, and encouraging more students to enter Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) careers," said Pierpont President Johnny M. Moore.

The ATC at BridgeValley houses the college's Advanced Manufacturing Technician Program in partnership with Toyota, welding, chemical processing, natural gas and cyber security while Pierpont's ATC houses its Applied Process Technology, Electric Utility Technician and Petroleum Technology programs in addition to its school of health careers, including its respiratory care, laboratory assistant, licensed practical nursing and phlebotomy offerings. ATC Day the Legislature is scheduled for Monday, February 18 between 9 a.m. and noon at the West Virginia State Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Blvd E Charleston, 25305. The event will take place in the Upper House and Upper Senate Rotundas.

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.

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