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BridgeValley Community and Technical College Recognizes Staff Member Bridgette Denise Lewis and Student Chelsey Hamilton



(South Charleston, WV) - In an effort to recognize its unsung heroes, BridgeValley Community and Technical College has rolled out a new Employee and Student-of-the-Month award program. Last month, BridgeValley President Eunice Bellinger began recognizing one employee and one student each month who goes the extra mile for the college and named Admissions and Records Assistant II Bridgette Denise Lewis and nursing student Chelsey Hamilton as the first recipients of the Employee and Student-of-the-Month awards.

Lewis, a resident of South Charleston, is a BridgeValley alum and single mother of two children. Knowing firsthand the struggles many BridgeValley students face, Lewis was given the award for the guidance, support and empathetic ear she provides students when they need it most.

Hamilton is also a single mother of two. Despite the pressures of being a single mom and nursing student, Hamilton maintains a "can do" attitude. She maintains a 3.10 GPA,

represents BridgeValley as a Student Ambassador and participates in the work-study program by working in the South Charleston campus Admissions Office. Hamilton was additionally recognized for her willingness to lend a helping hand assisting with campus events and activities.

President Bellinger will treat Lewis and Hamilton to lunch and each was presented with a certificate of recognition. Nominations for Employee-of-the-Month are submitted to Special Assistant to the President Alicia Syner and voted on by the President's Cabinet, while nominations for Student-of-the-Month are submitted to Dean of Students James McDougle and voted on by a committee.

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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