



## *MEDIA ADVISORY*

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### **PUMPKIN DROP TO GET STUDENTS DESIGNING, THINKING, CREATING**

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**EVENT:** The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital City Pumpkin Drop hosted  
by BridgeValley Community and Technical College

**DATE & TIME:** Thursday, October 18, 2018. Opening ceremony at 9:30  
a.m. Competition at 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Appalachian Power Park in Charleston

**ATTENDANCE:** 38 schools have registered from eleven different counties,  
with approximately 100 pumpkin drops. More than 1000  
students are expected to attend.  
Event participants must be pre-registered through BridgeValley CTC.  
The event is free and open to the public. The event will be held rain or  
shine.

**BACKGROUND:** Students in elementary, middle, and high schools from across  
West Virginia will participate in the Capital City Pumpkin Drop  
competition. The object of the Pumpkin Drop is to design a container  
to protect a pumpkin using math and science skills. Then, the  
container with the pumpkin inside is dropped from a designated  
height.

Pumpkins will be judged by a team of faculty and staff from BridgeValley and American Electric Power based on whether they stay intact and how close they land to the target. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top schools in each of the high school, middle school, and elementary school categories. Awards such as "Most Creative Design" and "Most Sustainable Design" also will be awarded. Students were asked to submit video presentations prior to the event. Sponsors include BridgeValley Community and Technical College, Appalachian Power, Covestro, DOW, Toyota Motor Manufacturing - WV, Valtronics, Endicott Farms, and ZMM Architects and

Engineers. In-kind sponsors include Appalachian Power Park, West Virginia Power, Southridge Chick-fil-A, Gritt's Farm, and East Coast Tees.