

Laurel News



LTI Medical Students Volunteer at Blood Drive

Laurel Technical Institutes Clinical Medical Assistant students volunteered their time at American Red Cross Blood Drive in November. They had a lot of fun helping out and interacting with the donors! We are so proud of the hard work and dedication of these awesome students! Practicing skills in the real world is a great way to get hands-on skills and patient interaction!



Uniontown Networking students take local trip

Our Networking students took a field trip last week to Ford Office Technologies to tour their facility and speak with the company about what they do! Thanks for having us Ford- our students had a great time!

Laurel Signs Articulation Agreement with Thiel



On November 2, Thiel College Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Greg Q. Butcher, Ph.D. and Laurel Institutes Executive Vice President Doug Decker, Ph.D. signed an agreement that would provide a pathway for Laurel graduates to complete a bachelor's degree.

According to the agreement, Thiel College would provide an individualized review of Laurel graduates and potential admission to students who met predetermined criteria.

"Part of the Thiel College strategic plan is being a resource for the region," Butcher said. "This agreement creates an additional entry point for students who want to expand on their career and

professional training and complete a bachelor's degree."

Laurel Technical Institute is an accredited institute with campuses in Hermitage, Pa., Sharon, Pa., Uniontown, Pa., and Morgantown, W.Va. as well as offering online courses. It provides career-focused training, Associate Degrees and professional certifications.

"We are excited to renew our partnership with Thiel College," Decker said. "We have worked together for a long time and this signing signifies taking the next step. Working with Thiel offers our graduates outstanding opportunities to continue their education and expand their career pathways."



LCOT Holds First Pinning Ceremony

Laurel College of Technology was very excited to hold our first Pinning Ceremony for our first graduating class of nurses! This time-honored tradition is different from the formal graduation, and many nurses say it's even more meaningful. The pinning ceremony signifies that you have joined the sisterhood and brotherhood of nurses and are ready to serve society as a

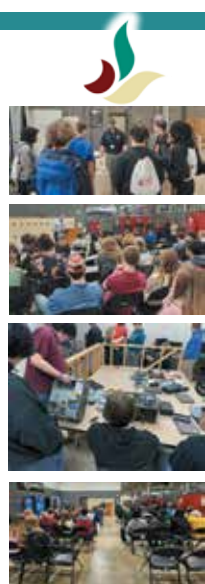
healthcare professional. The pinning ceremony is a special way to recognize the hard work it takes to complete your nursing education. Laurel was honored to hold this ceremony in recognition of the hard work, dedication, and perseverance demonstrated by these outstanding students! Congratulations to each of you, we are so excited to see your future success!



LTI Hosts T2W

TEENS TO WORK

Together with United Way of Mercer County, Laurel Technical Institute hosted a Teens2Work event where local high school juniors and seniors visited our Hermitage and Sharon campuses to get a hands-on experience of the programs Laurel has to offer! We enjoyed working with other community businesses and were honored to host local high school students!



LAUREL COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCES HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

As the world changes, the healthcare industry must evolve to meet new needs and provide care. Not only does the world need more healthcare professionals, but the career itself can be rewarding to the individual. Laurel College of Technology is excited to offer two new programs in the healthcare sector; Cardiovascular Technology and LPN/Paramedic to ADN Transition program.

Laurel's 16-month Associate Degree of Cardiovascular Technology program. Laurel has designed the courses to provide the students with an awareness of the value and dignity of people - helping shape them into integrated, unique individuals ready to take on career opportunities in this growing field. This new program, along with the on-site simulation experience, is reflective of Laurel's

commitment to preparing exceptional, job-ready professionals in a way that addresses the ever-increasing need for qualified technicians in our areas. The material covered in the CVT program provides preparation for graduates to take the national certification examination to become a Certified Cardiographic Technician (CCT) and Certified Rhythm Analysis Technician (CRAT) RCS235 through Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI).

Our LPN/Paramedic to ADN transition program is also a 16-month program with classes being held in the evening to accommodate the working professionals interested in returning to school to further their education. Students that complete this program will receive an Associate's Degree in Nursing. In this new traditional

bridge program, experienced LPN's and Paramedics will gain knowledge such as: advanced skills required of a registered nurse, assessing patients' histories and presenting symptoms, how to provide compassionate nursing care, make critical decision and clinical judgment, learn to work with an interprofessional team, and utilize the latest in healthcare technologies.

"There's a large need for healthcare professionals in the area, we feel these new programs are essential to the area as it grows in population." states Douglas Decker, Executive Vice President of Operations of Laurel Institutes, "These new program options will train students to be vital contributors to the health and well-being of our communities, which we feel is so important right now."

Both programs will have access to a well-designed and equipped simulation experience that students will utilize throughout the program to prepare them for certifications, critical thinking, and patient care. With small class sizes and great faculty, Laurel has high hopes of helping build great healthcare workers for the community and surrounding areas! In addition, Laurel College of Technology has established healthcare affiliations with Mon-Health, WVU Medicine in Morgantown and Uniontown (PA) as well as Highlands Hospital in Connellsville (PA) and Washington Health System in Pennsylvania. The students in Laurel College of Technology's healthcare programs will receive invaluable clinical experiences from all affiliations.



LTI Makes Donation to Local Cancer Center

Cosmetology Director, Melissa Blair presents a \$1,000 check from Laurel Institutes to Amy Hines of the Hillman Cancer Foundation and Adam Nowland of UPMC Healthcare Foundations. The money was raised during the Laurel Technical Institutes Fights Cancer Week for the Dr. Lob Memorial Cancer Care Fund which supports cancer patients being treated locally through the Hillman Cancer Centers at UPMC Horizon.



LCOT Nursing Students 'Escape the ED'



Learning in a simulated environment allows students to make mistakes without the need for intervention by experts to stop patient harm. By seeing the outcome of their mistakes, learners gain powerful insight into the consequences of their actions and the need to "get it right."

That's one of the most vital parts of our LCOT Nursing program, the opportunity to learn in a safe, encouraging environment that values correct procedure over speed of learning! These Nursing students played a simulation game called 'Escape the ED' where instructors set up practical real-world learning situations in our simulation lab!

Laurel Technical Institute Announces New Cardiovascular Technology Associate Degree Program

Laurel Technical Institute is excited to share the news of its new 16-month Cardiovascular Technology program. Laurel has designed the courses to provide the students with an awareness of the value and dignity of people - helping shape them into integrated, unique individuals ready to take on career opportunities in this growing field. This new program, along with the on-site simulation experience, is reflective of Laurel's commitment to preparing exceptional, job-ready professionals in a way that addresses the ever-increasing need for qualified technicians in our areas.

"We are excited to begin training students in this sector of healthcare," states Douglas Decker, Executive Vice President of Operations of Laurel Institutes, "The new Cardiovascular

Technology program will train students to be vital contributors to the health and well-being of our communities, which we feel is so important right now." The material covered in the CVT program provides preparation for graduates to take the national certification examination to become a Certified Cardiographic Technician (CCT) and Certified Rhythm Analysis Technician (CRAT) RCS235 through Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI).

This program will have access to a well-designed and equipped simulation experience that students will utilize throughout the program to prepare them for certifications, critical thinking, and patient care. The curriculum students will take includes courses in Anatomy

& Physiology, Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Medical Law & Ethics, Cardiac Sonography, Cardiovascular Technology, Non-invasive Cardiology, and much more! With small class sizes and great faculty, Laurel has high hopes of helping build great healthcare workers for the community and surrounding areas! In addition, Laurel Technical Institute has established healthcare affiliations with local healthcare systems so students of the new Cardiovascular Technology program will receive invaluable clinical experiences from all affiliations!

Laurel is excitedly accepting applications for our May 2nd class start! Find more information on the program and admission requirements at laurel.edu/laurel.edu/cardiovascular-technology.



LTI Holds 'Trunk or Treat' during the Local Farmer's Market

Laurel Technical Institute hosted an exciting "Trunk or Treat" on October 26th at the Sharon Farmer's Market! Our students were excited to help bring this event full circle by decorating the classrooms and

hallways for everyone to have a spook-tacular time! Local vendors and community members handed out treats and sweets for all ages during the 'Trunk or Treat' attraction in the parking lot.



PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND CHILI COOK-OFF: A SPICY SHOWDOWN

On Saturday, February 18th, 2023, LTI in downtown Sharon had a sizzling good time at the President's Day Weekend Chili Cook-Off, a spicy showdown between local firefighters and LTI Culinary Students!

They were joined by firefighters from the Sharon Fire Department, Hermitage Fire Department, Sharpville Volunteer Fire Department, South Pymatuning Volunteer Fire Department, Farrell Fire Department, and West Middlesex

Volunteer Fire Department, this event was a blast for chili lovers and foodies alike.

The community was able to sample chili from the area's best firefighters and LTI Culinary Students and vote for their favorite! A portion of the proceeds went to the World Central Kitchen, which provides chef-created meals to communities affected by natural disasters and ongoing humanitarian crises.



LTI Clinical Medical Assistants Celebrate the Holidays

Our Clinical Medical Assistant students enjoyed their program Christmas party before the holiday break! These ladies were kind enough to share their delicious food with other faculty and staff to celebrate some holiday spirit!



LTI Culinary Students Host Special Guest Demonstration



On December 21st we had a special guest, Sean Kirzyc, Culinary Director for Voodoo Franchise Group who stopped by Laurel Technical Institute's Culinary Department! He did a great demonstration on preparing

Black Pepper & Garlic Mussels for our students. Our students also learned about regional recipes, menu development, and employment possibilities!

Learning you Experience

Certification Success

Uniontown Respiratory Therapy Students pass certification exams

Congratulations to these May 2022 Respiratory Therapy graduates on their new certifications! We're very proud of you and can't wait to see even more success in the future!

 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Certified Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>Kaitlyn Dodson</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Registered Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>Donald Fenton</p>
 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Certified Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>Anthony Martinelli</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Registered Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>Tracy Freeland</p>
 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Registered Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>John Proud</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Certified Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>Ashton Taylor</p>
 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Registered Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>Trisha Schobert</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Registered Respiratory Therapist</p> <p>Malaysha Taylor</p>

Morgantown Nursing Students pass certification exams

Congratulations to these Spring 2023 Nursing graduates on their new certifications! We're very proud of you and can't wait to see even more success in the future!

 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION January 2023</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Jessica Detamore</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION January 2023</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Eric Dunbar</p>
 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION January 2023</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Grace McMillen</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION January 2023</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Abigail Shillburg</p>
 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION January 2023</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Kayla Swisher</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION January 2023</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Jessica VanEtten</p>
 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION May 2022</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Jessica Webber</p>	 <p>LAUREL Certification Success</p> <p>GRADUATION January 2023</p> <p>PROGRAM OF STUDY Nursing</p> <p>CERTIFICATION Licensed Registered Nurse</p> <p>Nick Yokojovich</p>

Laurel Business Institute Announces New Practical Nursing Program

In an effort to meet the growing need for nursing staff in local healthcare systems, Laurel Business Institute is excited to announce the addition of another pathway into the healthcare profession with its one-year Practical Nurse program. Students will learn current industry skills in the new simulation lab before they start their direct client care clinicals that are coordinated and supervised by Laurel's faculty and local clinical partners. "This program offers a unique curriculum designed to provide the student with clinical experiences up to four days a week prior to graduation," states Tammy Allison,

Practical Nursing Program Director of Laurel Business Institute, "This will better prepare the student for the role of the practical nurse in today's healthcare environments in long-term, acute and primary care settings" This 12-month diploma program is offered to students in Uniontown, P. A., and surrounding areas. It provides students access to a new learning simulation lab and provides hands-on experience that students will utilize throughout the program to prepare them for certifications, critical thinking, and patient care. The curriculum students will take includes courses in Nutrition Therapy, Fundamentals of Nursing,

Human Growth & Development, Medical Surgical Nursing, Certification Prep and much more! With small class sizes and great faculty, Laurel has high hopes of helping build great healthcare workers for the community and surrounding areas! In addition, Laurel Business Institute has established healthcare affiliations with WVU Medicine-Uniontown Hospital, Ruby Memorial Hospital, Mon Health Hospital, as well as Excela Westmoreland Hospital and Jefferson Hospital. We also have great partnerships Mt. Macrina, LaFayette Manor, Quality Life Services -South Fayette Nursing Center and Henry Clay



laurel.edu/practical-nursing

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Laurel is excitedly accepting applications for our May 2nd class start! Find more information on the program and admission requirements at laurel.

Hermitage Recognizes Honor Students

Congratulations to the following students on earning the honor of student of the semester for their respective program!



Cameron Buckley - *Electrical Technician*



Joseph Garcia
Accounting & Business Administration



Meika Dennis - *Esthetics*



Zack Rodgers - *Culinary Arts*



Hermitage Celebrates Deans' List Award Recipients

Congratulations to our students who earned awards at our October 2022 at our Dean's List honors ceremony. You all have worked so hard every semester and we are so proud of all of your accomplishments!



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Laurel's Working Spotlight



GRADUATION
January 2023

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Cosmetology

REAL JOB
Aella Salon & Day Spa
as a Stylist



Haley Bates

Cosmetology Ladies Enjoy "Prom Night"

Our Hermitage Cosmetology ladies held "prom" where they worked hard to create the perfect prom looks! Our prom queens we're crowned but everyone looked beautiful and did such a great job!



Laurel Technical Institute Hosts Grand Opening for Commercial Kitchen at Sharon Campus

Laurel Technical Institute announced the grand opening and open house of their new commercial kitchen – The Laurel Kitchen Incubator on Wednesday, Oct. 26. The commercial kitchen is located at our Sharon campus at 200 Sterling Avenue, Sharon. The special open house included tours, free food samples and demonstrations and meals available for purchase in Gigi's Table Café. "Funding from the City of Sharon was a catalyst for us being able to do this," said Doug Decker, VP of Laurel Technical Institute, referencing the ARPA funds that were committed to the project. "That investment will multiply and be reinvested with real business startups that become part of the economic development of the city."

or food trucks that need a place for a brick & mortar event, among other ideas.

"The idea is to ultimately build concepts that can be expanded or replicated into the City of Sharon and surrounding areas," said Decker, referencing aspiring food entrepreneurs, those with a restaurant concept they want to try out and those that bake at home who want to take their wares commercial. "Say a home entrepreneur has a great sauce that they want to can and produce to sell to the public. Now you have a place to do this that doesn't break the bank and you can test the concept with low risk as well as being surrounded by an eco-system of support."

offers lunch to the public during set times throughout the semester.

Expectations for the commercial kitchen include a food-related business spinning out of the kitchen incubator every year, then two and three, with the goal to have incubated ten culinary businesses into the community and region at the end of 5 years. "It's ambitious but I think also reasonable," explained Decker "If we give people a place to start and a culinary community to be a part of, who knows what can happen when the momentum grows."

Currently the culinary program has created internships with the local business community including Vey's Pub & Grille, Hermitage; The Springfield Group; J Hicks in Mercer; Avalon Country Club and most recently Nemaocolin Resort in southwestern PA and Woodland Cellars in Hubbard, OH. "The culinary program has really taken off in the past six months as industries have reopened," Decker said, adding that their goal with the culinary program and the kitchen incubator is to "really focus on standing it up so it can also help support graduates of the culinary program as well as the community."

Created in the style of Fulton Commons in Pittsburgh and Commonwealth Kitchen in Youngstown, OH, the commercial kitchen project opens the culinary location for public rentals with the shared space, including two kitchen spaces, the Gigi's Table restaurant space and in early 2023 it will also include commercial walk-in coolers and freezer space with the full-blown kitchen incubator completely set up by next spring. The rentable space could be used for small graduation parties, showers, funeral meals,

The eco-system Decker references is the culinary school that opened in Fall 2020 that is already located in the Sharon campus. The school, which encompasses the kitchen and restaurant space as well as a community garden and shared greenhouse with Whole Life Services in Hermitage, has already graduated 6 students and currently has its highest enrollment since it opened at close to 20. "We also foresee graduates of our programs developing their own culinary concepts out of this kitchen space," Decker said, adding that the school currently



GRADUATION
September 2021

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Welding & Fabrication

REAL JOB
Holtec Manufacturing
as a Welder



Dominic Coldren



GRADUATION
September 2021

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Cosmetology

REAL JOB
Marigold Layne Salon
as a Stylist



Quinn Thomas



GRADUATION
January 2023

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Early Childhood Education

REAL JOB
Franklin Senior High School
as a Teacher's Aide



Amber Wolfgang

Culinary Arts students Visit Nemaocolin

Our Culinary Arts students took a field trip to Nemaocolin last week. They were able to tour and experience first hand the fine dining experiences Nemaocolin has to offer as well as tour the beautiful resort. Thank you so much Nemaocolin for providing our students with such a wonderful experience!



Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students can be found at www.laurel.edu/consumer-information

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