

COMING SOON: Fort Mill Campus Expansion for Laurel Institute Of Technology



Laurel Institute of Technology first opened its doors in May 2023 as the newest addition to its growing network of locations. Currently located at 127 Ben Casey Drive, Suite 101, the facility welcomed the first group of students in the fall of 2023. Thanks to strong support from the community the campus is set to expand to a newly built 9,500 square feet of instructional and lab space in the same Gipson Office Park complex in Fort Mill. The school plans new programs and expanded enrollment as the new facility opens its doors. The facility renovations should be completed in late summer 2024.

“Laurel’s aim is to become part of the fabric in the communities we serve to build sustainable educational programming that meets the needs of both the employers and our students,” states Douglas Decker, Executive

Vice President of Laurel Institutes, “we look forward to training qualified graduates to meet the local growing workforce, and we know that this move will be vital to that.”

Laurel Institute of Technology currently offers a 16-month Cardiovascular Technology diploma 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 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 local areas.

“We have researched and seen the needs of trained

technicians in this sector of healthcare,” states Douglas Decker, Executive Vice President of Laurel Institutes, “The 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.”



Laurel Technical Institute Announces New Culinary Arts Degree Program

Laurel Technical Institute has announced the launch of its new hands-on, campus-based Culinary Arts specialized associate degree program. This program is now elevated from a diploma to a 16-month AS degree designed for those seeking an accelerated, college-level curriculum with a culinary and restaurant focus. Laurel’s new Associate of Specialized Business Degree in Culinary Arts is exclusively available at the Sharon, PA satellite campus at 200 Sterling Avenue. The degree can be completed in 16 months with 63-credits.

The degree program will be taught on campus, 3 days a week, and is composed of four semesters. The degree program features 400 hours of targeted general education and career development courses to prepare students of the program to understand the dynamics of their future careers. It will continue the integral use of on and off-site internship courses, broadening the development of skills and understanding of the field. Laurel’s updated degree program will include courses in Baking, Pastry & Dessert Essentials, American Regional Cuisines, Introduction to Hospitality Management, and International Cuisines. “At Laurel, our goal is to provide each student with an ever evolving opportunity for growth and education,” said Laurel’s Executive Vice President, Douglas Decker, PhD.

“We wanted to provide the opportunity for students to gain essential culinary arts skills in a more developed setting.”

Laurel’s updated Culinary Arts program includes updated curriculum including:

Specialized Culinary Courses

- Lessons in fundamental cooking techniques including roasting, braising, grilling, sautéing, and the preparation of stocks and sauces
- A deep dive into the essential flavor profiles and classic international dishes
- The art of cooking through theory, technique, palate development, and teamwork
- Education in the fundamentals of pastry and baking, which can be applied to sweet and savory cooking, restaurants and catering
- The on-site C.H.E.F.S Garden, sponsored by Buhl Mansion, provides a unique live-garden lab promoting culinary horticulture education and food sustainability where students experience a more comprehensive and holistic approach to our food ecosystem

Restaurant & Culinary Management

- Lessons on the interplay between concept development, menu design, pricing and profitability

- A deep dive into the basics of cost control and restaurant accounting, including the development of a business plan
- On-campus student run restaurant that operates for the public during the week providing real-world restaurant experience, catering, and event management from the classroom

Culinary Education & Career Exploration

- Exploration of the interconnections between cuisine, historical events and international locations, and the growth of America’s culinary culture
- Lessons in the connection between personal, professional and financial goals to examine how they contribute to career and personal success, as well as the importance of leadership and team-building
- Courses in written and verbal communication skills as they relate to recipe writing, reviewing, food blogging and culinary demonstrations
- Education on the basics of nutrition and the relationship between diet, health, nutrients and how a culinary professional can use this knowledge
 - Required 400-hour off-site internship placements
 - Exciting and informative fields trips to a variety of culinary destinations, from Cleveland to the Laurel Highlands



Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to sit for the American Culinary Federation’s Certified Culinarian exam, showcasing their professionalism and readiness for the industry. An ACF certification validates knowledge and skills, making the culinarian a more valuable candidate for the workforce. Laurel has Premier Employer Partnerships with local restaurants to promote and strengthen employer/educator relationships to enhance the workforce of our local community. Local partnerships for the Culinary Arts program include The Avalon Country Club, Joy Baking Group, and The Grand Resort. These partnerships are a great pathway for students and graduates of Laurel’s Culinary Arts program to experience internships during their education and potential career placement upon graduation!

Laurel Highlights Styling One as Premier Employer Partner

Laurel is excited to add another local company to their growing network of Premier Employer Partners, Styling One Salon and Spa in the Hermitage community. Styling One has been a part of the Hermitage community for 17 years, and Laurel is excited to welcome them into the fold to further support graduates of their School of Cosmetology programs.

In the past, Styling One has regularly stepped into PAC meetings, showing a commitment to the students at Laurel and their programs. By doing so, they have provided necessary input to the development of all the programs offered under Laurel’s School of Cosmetology umbrella to keep curriculum current and practical for students and graduates. “Our partnership not only allows the students

to create positive relationships with us as their potential employer, but also allows us to recommend any additional education to help the instructors,” says Lori Moore, Salon Manager at Styling One, “which is beneficial to us as students complete their program.”

As Laurel continues to grow our relationship with the network of partners, it’s great to see how dedicated the local employers are to every aspect of Laurel and their students. As a premier partner, Styling One offers salon tours to students to help them find the perfect fit for their future careers, mock interviews in a salon setting, attend career fairs, appearances at the school as guest speakers and go into classrooms and do demonstrations of different services that they provide.



LTI Joins Community for Local Event

Last March, Laurel Technical Institute had the opportunity and pleasure of being the starting point for the 10th Annual Shamrock ‘n Run hosted by the Primary Health Network. The Culinary Arts students served breakfast for all the participants, featuring green pancakes and other assorted goodies. It was a wonderful event, and we can’t wait for next year!

LCOT Enjoyed Week of Service



Laurel College of Technology held their annual Week of Service on June 10th through the 14th at their Morgantown campus, located at 200 Wedgewood Drive in Morgantown, WV, just off of Van Voorhis Road.

Laurel got the community involved as they dedicate this week to raising funds for Animal Friends of North Central WV and the WVU Children's Hospital Radiothon hosted by WVAQ & WKWV later this fall. Laurel had a great week of events, including raffle ticket drawings, student salon services, on-site food trucks, STEM projects for children in the community, and live on location appearance from WKWV and their boombox! "It's always great to see this week come to fruition, our staff and students do a great job and we are always excited to see members of the community," says Doug Decker, VP of Operations at Laurel. "We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support us here at Laurel, as always, we appreciate how involved this community is when it comes to giving back."



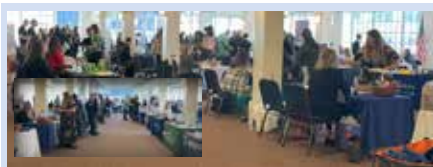
LTI Cosmetology Students Engage with Local Community

This past May, the second and third semester Cosmetology students had the opportunity to visit Garden Way, providing the residents with manicures for Mother's Day. The students also engaged in bingo and painting pottery with the residents, making the day one to remember for everyone. A big thank you to Garden Way for hosting our students; it was a wonderful experience!



LBI Celebrates Practical Nursing Students During Nurses Week

We celebrated our Practical Nursing students during Nurses Week with a little pizza celebration! This special week recognizes the invaluable contributions made by nurses everywhere because we know nurses make the difference! Thank you to ALL nurses for your passion, dedication, and perseverance!



LBI Hosts Spring 2024 Career Fair

Laurel Business Institute held their Spring 2024 Career Fair in March, inviting thirty-eight local employers to the campus. Students had the opportunity to meet with everyone, learning more about their future industries and the various career opportunities in the community. A big thank you to all the employers who stopped by and interacted with the students; it was a great learning experience for everyone!



LTI Cosmetology and Esthetic/Nail Technician Students Engage in Esthetics Demo

Earlier in our spring semester, Laura Felix from Body Beautiful Laser Med Spa stopped by the Hermitage campus. Our Cosmetology and Esthetic/Nail Technician students had the opportunity to witness her demonstrate several facial machinery and devices. Thank you Laura for stopping by; it was an amazing experience!

LTI Culinary Arts Students Host Capstone Dinner

This past spring, Laurel Technical Institute's Culinary Arts students held their Capstone Dinner! The Capstone Dinner has students collaborating together to prepare a flavorful feast for their friends and family, showcasing their culinary skills. The students prepared dishes from Puerto Rico, Japan, Morocco, and many other countries to go with their "Around the World" theme! It was a night full of delicious food and cultural celebrations. We are so proud of our culinary students and how far they've come. Good job everyone!



LBI Hosts Bake Sale Raising Money for Local Business



Last spring, LBI Hosted their Broken-Hearted Bake Sale, raising \$86.00 for the Crime Victim's Center of Uniontown. Out of all the treats made by students, first semester Welding & Fabrication student Matalyn Mowry's red velvet and funfetti cupcakes were named most popular of the bunch. A big thank you to everyone who engaged with the bake sale.

LTI Welcomes New Students for Summer Semester

Laurel Technical Institute is super excited to welcome another wonderful group of students to campus for an exciting educational journey! Happy Summer Semester everyone!



LTI Hosts Spring 2024 Career Fair

Last April, Laurel Technical Institute welcomed fifty-two local businesses onto the Hermitage campus for LTI's Spring 2024 Career Fair. A big thank you to the following businesses who attended the fair and met with our students, giving them insights on their future industries and career opportunities: add businesses later.

LTI Electrical Technician Students Tour Local Facility

Earlier this past spring, Laurel Technical Institute's Electrical Technician students and instructors had the opportunity to tour the Joy Cone factory. A big thank you to our tour guides and the rest of the team there, we appreciate your time! This was an amazing experience for our students!



LCOT Celebrates Pinning Ceremony

This spring we were able to celebrate these incredibly hard working students at our Spring Pinning Ceremony! We had nine Nursing graduates and twelve LPN/Paramedic to ADN graduates who were presented their pins by Program Director, Dr. Michelle Borland, and Clinical Director, Mrs. Hillary DeWitt. It has been a great honor to have each of you on our campus, and we are so excited to see what your futures hold!



LBI Cosmo Students Invite Family In



Last spring, the Cosmetology students and the Esthetic/Nail Technician students each held family days, inviting their loved ones to campus to experience first hand what their student has been learning. It was wonderful to see so many people stop by and support our students through their educational journeys. Keep up the good work everyone!

LBI Clinical Medical Assistant Students Participate in Local Youth Panel

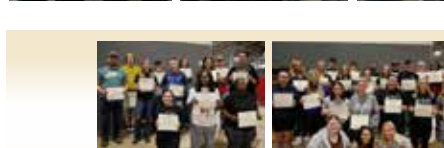
Two CMA students had the opportunity to participate in a youth panel during the Westmoreland-Fayette Healthcare Industry Partnership meeting held at the Uniontown campus. Madison Votjkofsky and Salena DeLuca shared their feedback regarding what the next generation of healthcare professionals are looking for when they industry, and provided employers in attendance valuable insight into how to best recruit and retain healthcare employees.

Laurel Technical Institute Welding & Fabrication Students Tour Local Facility

This semester, the LTI Welding & Fabrication students had the opportunity to partake in a tour of Chambers Steel. Students were able to tour the entire facility, learning all about the history of the company and their field. A big thank you to Chambers Steel for opening their doors for our students!



LBI Celebrates Dean's List Recipients



Congratulations to our Deans' List Award recipients! These hard working students were presented with Highest Honors, High Honors, Honors, Perfect Attendance, and I'm Involved Community Service awards at our Graduate Luncheon! Congratulations to each of you, keep up the good work!

LTI Celebrates Dean's List Recipients

<p>Laurel Technical Institute is pleased to announce our Dean's List recipients for the Spring 2024 Semester:</p> <p>HAVING EARNED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 4.0 TO 3.8 TO BE ON THE HIGHEST HONORS DEAN'S LIST:</p> <p>Contessa Adamo Esthetics/Nail Technician</p> <p>Jenna Argiro Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Izabelle Beichner Cosmetology</p> <p>Wesley Brantner Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Benjamin Brown Electrical Technician</p> <p>Malaiah Burns Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Kayla Chmelik Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Hannah Coyer Cosmetology</p> <p>Sierra Crawford Cosmetology</p> <p>Aaron Dennis Network Administration & Security</p> <p>Maureen Dora Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Jennilyn Ferguson Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Regan Frampton Network Administration & Security</p> <p>Anthony Frasure Electrical Technician</p> <p>Ella Gallo Esthetics/Nail Technician</p> <p>Shaye Graham Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Nathan Grubb Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Rowan Hall Cosmetology</p> <p>Jayla Ham Esthetics/Nail Technician</p> <p>Taylor Heriger Cosmetology</p>	<p>Savannah Hinkle Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Hayley Hites Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Robin Howells Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Madison Kreider Cosmetology</p> <p>Scott Kurtz Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Blair Langos Master Teacher of Cosmetology</p> <p>Anna Mailliard Esthetics/Nail Technician</p> <p>Michelle Martin Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Peyton Mazzant Electrical Technician</p> <p>Kylee McIntyre Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Jonathan Melhorn Electrical Technician</p> <p>Madison Moody Cosmetology</p> <p>Zoei O'Brien Culinary Arts</p> <p>Alexander Rice Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Maegan Russell Cosmetology</p> <p>Bryan Sinkus Electrical Technician</p> <p>Hailee Stinedurf Cosmetology</p> <p>Michael Vallas Network Administration & Security</p> <p>Michael Wade Electrical Technician</p> <p>Kendall Wansack Cosmetology</p> <p>Tyler Welsh Network Administration & Security</p> <p>John Zawacki Electrical Technician</p>	<p>HAVING EARNED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.79 TO 3.5 TO BE ON THE HIGH HONORS DEAN'S LIST:</p> <p>Joseph Arana Electrical Technician</p> <p>Marissa Austin Culinary Arts</p> <p>William Bork Computer Network Security Technician</p> <p>Brooke Bryson Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Victoria Delgado Culinary Arts</p> <p>Sydney Evanko Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>David Heaberlin Electrical Technician</p> <p>Jacob Kytchak Computer Network Security Technician</p> <p>Ja'Kendra Langford Electrical Technician</p> <p>Noel McMuldren Network Administration & Security</p> <p>Dajunonna Mikulin Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Luke Mild Electrical Technician</p> <p>Autumn Mills Cosmetology</p> <p>Alana Myers Esthetics/Nail Technician</p> <p>Kenneth Nalepa Culinary Arts</p> <p>Erin Phibbs Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Madison Pipes Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Zhanna Ray Cosmetology</p> <p>Allison Sauerwein Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Oriana Smith Cosmetology</p>	<p>HAVING EARNED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.49 TO 3.25 TO BE ON THE HONORS DEAN'S LIST:</p> <p>Maxwell Tiber Computer Network Security Technician</p> <p>Callie Adams Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Danielle Brubaker Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Arabella Cook Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Mackenzie Davis Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Aahleyah Diffenbacher Esthetics/Nail Technician</p> <p>Madisyn Duck Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Breanna Hanley Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Kelvin Henry Electrical Technician</p> <p>Jessica Hunt Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Bailey Lindauer Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Jeremiah Marol Welding & Fabrication</p> <p>Alexis McLoskey Esthetics/Nail Technician</p> <p>Ava Mott Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Melvin Osorto Culinary Arts</p> <p>Leticia Rea Respiratory Therapy</p> <p>Caidence Sloss Cosmetology</p> <p>Madison Soukovich Cardiovascular Technology</p> <p>Kelly Vanepps Esthetic/Nail Technician</p> <p>Anthony Yauger Respiratory Therapy</p>
--	---	--	---

Congratulations to these hardworking students!

Learning you Experience

Laurel College of Technology Celebrates May 2024 Graduating Class



Laurel College of Technology held their Spring 2024 graduation ceremony on May 17, 2024. Opening comments were given by CEO and President of Laurel Institutes, Nancy Decker, saying "it's not always easy, so we are excited to be here to celebrate your success and the wonderful support system you had throughout this educational journey."

First to be recognized were the class Valedictorians, Kyra Rottler, Isaac Talkington, Stacey Peterson, and Mela Stewart. The Salutatorians we also recognized, Kaela Bowers, Carley Hazlett, and Sydney Fink. Next to be recognized were the May 2024 Distinguished Graduates, Gina Campbell, Alissa Payne & Gabrielle Riggelman. Kathleen Spoltz, Director of Education, then presented the Degrees and Diplomas to the graduates. Campus President, Sherri Rimel also reported that 40% of the May graduating class have already accepted an employment offer within their program of study! The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas in the following programs:

- | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| Accounting & Business Administration
Tara Phillips
Jessica Craig | Cardiovascular Technology
Myah Gross | Electrical Technician
Delton Logan
Issac Talkington
Evan Wiseman | LPN/Paramedic to ADN Transition Program
Sloane Arco
Julia Budzinski
Madison Burchill
Gina Campbell
Sadie Daniel
Destiny Matusky
Andrea Mayle | Coral Mossburg
Laina McConnell
Tara Phillips
John Phiri
Melissa Rogers
Dana Webster
Ayeesha Ridgely
Shelby Wilmoth
Sara Yacup | Emily Hunter
Alissa Payne
Kendra Pryce
Emily Rowe | Nursing
Stacey Anderson
Leeanna Downey
Skyla Dulin
Edward Goodwin
Gabrielle Riggelman | Diploma Programs:
Cosmetology
Anna Downs |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|

Laurel Business Institute Celebrates May 2024 Graduating Class



Laurel Business Institute held graduation on May 23, 2024, at the State Theater in Uniontown, PA. Opening comments were given by Nancy Decker, President and CEO of Laurel Institutes. "Graduation is one of my favorite parts of the year, because I know that it took hard work and dedication for you each to get here, and I enjoy celebrating this moment of new beginnings with you!"

Campus President, Bonnie Marsh, recognized the class Valedictorians, Mayla Berrios, Rodney Ohler, Autumn Shaulis, Emilie Wilson, and Heather Yoder. Salutatorians we also recognized, Nicholas Michael, Kenzie Whipkey, and Heather Rodenheaver. Next to be recognized were the May 2024 Distinguished Graduates, Kenzie Whipkey, Mayla Berrios, Karen Kern, Philip Steve, and Samantha Tarr. Laurel Business Institute's Director of Education, McKenna Gower, then presented the Degree and Diplomas to the graduates. The Career Services department reported that 42% of the May 2024 graduating class have accepted employment offers within their program of study. The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas in the following programs:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| Degree Programs:
Accounting & Business Administration
Jessica Craig
Issak Schon
Alene Smith
Kenzie Elizabeth Whipkey
Early Childhood Education
Chayse Landon DaCosta
Electrical Technician
Mayla Berrios
Nicholas Michael
Network Administration & Security
Emmanuel Reed
Ellie Suich
Zachary Thomas
Respiratory Therapy
Kira Baird
Kathryn Barch
Danielle Booker
Riley M. Davis
Maranda Ann Hanlin
Morgan L. Holloway | Sara Stroder
Chane Thompson
Diploma Programs:
Clinical Medical Assistant
Erkia Lynn Keffer
Jessica Rice
Christina Marie Upton
Cosmetology
Kima Harris
Ariona Rachelle Woods
Esthetics & Nail Technician
Jailynn Call
Celene Gowton
Karen Kern
Holly Lesko
Avory Pratt
Autumn Shaulis
Emilie Wilson
Massage Therapy
Bria Korynn Lewis
Rebecca Ann Mattoon
Kylah Raelyn Richardson
Heather Marie Rodeheaver | Heather Kaylene Yoder
Nail Technician
Renee Dingle
Miranda Jo Kleitz
Practical Nursing
Ashlee Nicole Dalton
Cheyenne L. Deal
Brittany R. Jackson
Jayda Chantel Johnson
Michaela Philips
Deeva Paige Ritz
Victoria Robinson
Jennifer Shumar
Adrienne N Sisler
Kendall Snyder
Samantha Marie Tarr
Amanda Lorraine Thompson
Natasha Young
Welding & Fabrication with Pipeline Technology
Cordell Aldrich
Rodney Wayne Ohler Jr.
Philip Andrew Steve |
|---|---|--|

Laurel Technical Institute Celebrates May 2024 Graduating Class



Laurel Technical Institute held its Summer graduation on May 9, 2024, at the Hickory High School Auditorium in Hermitage, PA. Opening comments were given by Doug Decker, VP of Operations at Laurel Institutes, then Director of Education, Lauren Chaney, presented the Degree and Diplomas to the graduates. 60% of the May 2024 graduating class have accepted an employment offer within their program of study. The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas in the following programs:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| Degree Programs:
Accounting & Business Administration
Isaak Schon
Alene Smith
Electrical Technician
Benjamin Brown
Jonathan Melhorn
Angel Sanchez
Michael Wade
Medical Laboratory Technician
Krista Anzevino
Melissa Dillen
Network Administration and Security
Tegan Frampton
Hayden Gould
Noel McMuldren
Evan Owens
Tyler Welsh | Respiratory Therapy
Erin Bobby
Sydeny Evanko
Jennilyn Ferguson
Erin Phibbs
Madison Pipes
Leticia Rea
Julian Scarbrough
Diploma Programs:
Cosmetology
Rowan Hall
Taylor Heriger
Hailee Stinedurf
Culinary Arts
Matthew Ammann
Victoria Delgado
Kenneth Nalepa
Esthetics & Nail Technician
Contessa Adamo | Aashley Diffenbacher
Ella Gallo
Jayla Ham
Cameron Harker
Katherine Kish
Anna Mailliard
Alexis McLoskey
Sa'Mya Moore
Alana Myers
Isabella Pebbles
Haylee Urey
Master Teacher of Cosmetology
Blair Langos
Welding & Fabrication with Pipeline Technology
Joshua Bender
Scott Kurtz
Michelle Martin
Christopher Smith
De'Asia Whitehead |
|---|---|--|



LCOT Instructor Receives Highest Licensure

Laurel would like to congratulate one of our fantastic Electrical Technician instructors, Mr. Nathan Doss! Mr. Doss is now officially a West Virginia Master Electrician, which is the highest

recognition and licensure that can be obtained as an electrician in West Virginia! Congratulations Mr. Doss, we are so proud of you and thankful to have you on the Laurel team!



LBI Staff Receive NISOD Excellence Awards

Laurel is excited to celebrate five 2023 NISOD Excellence Awards recipients! The NISOD Excellence Awards were established in 1991 to provide NISOD member colleges with an opportunity to recognize individuals doing extraordinary work on

their campuses. Each Excellence Award recipient receives a unique silver medallion engraved with The University of Texas and NISOD insignias and adorned with a burnt orange ribbon. Congratulations to each of our recipients, our campus is proud to have you and we appreciate the things you do to make things happen for us!



LBI Electrical Technician Students Receive Awards

Congratulations to two of our Electrical Technician students, Zaidan Bochnak and Chase Soltis! Both students received awards from the Fall 2023 term for their academic accomplishments.

Good job everyone!

LTI Electrical Technician Student Receives Scholarship



We are proud to announce the first recipient of the George R. Smalley INC. Co. scholarship, Mayla Berrios. This scholarship provides financial assistance for students excited about the career path they've chosen in our Electrical Technician program. Mayla is in her final semester of the program, "Growing up my father has always worked in the power plants, and I have always been fascinated by the work he does," says Berrios. "He always came home from work and told me stories and showed me pictures of his day to day job. It has always sparked my interest to learn how to run and maintain a power plant and how it powers the grid so seamlessly. As I got older, I wondered if I could actually do this as a female, but as I continue through schooling with determination and hard work I know that I definitely can! I am determined to be not only a great electrician, but a great female electrician!" states Berrios. Congratulations Mayla, we're so excited to see what your future holds!



LBI Celebrates First Practical Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Laurel excitedly celebrated these hard working Practical Nursing graduates with our very first Pinning Ceremony! It's hard to believe that a little more than a year ago these students were the first ones sitting in orientation for our newest program, and now your hard work has paid off! Congratulations to each of you, our instructors, and your loved ones because we know this wasn't easy! We are so excited to see what your futures hold!



Laurel Institute of Technology Celebrates Dean's List Recipients

Congratulations to our Deans' List Award recipients! These hard working students were presented with Highest Honors, High Honors, and Honors awards today! Congratulations to each of you, keep up the good work!



LCOT Students Added to Aspiring Nurses Program

Congratulations to the newest additions of WVU Medicine's Aspiring Nurses Program! Laurel College of Technology is proud to be the educational home of 13 out of the 17 students added to this cohort. Congratulations to the following students, we cannot wait

to see what your future holds; Bella Baker, Kendall Brice, Ashli Grimm, Laynie Gunnoe, Taylor Hampshire, Angela Hartley, Paris Hooper, Charity Kraushaar, Alisa Lockett, Taylor Miller, Maggie Page, Whitney Rosenberger, and Kiara Wilson.



LTI Honors Distinguished Grads for Spring 2024 Semester

We're excited to recognize our Distinguished Graduates this semester: Marissa Austin from our Culinary Arts program and Savannah Hinkle from our Welding & Fabrication program! These students are recognized for the amazing effort they've all put into learning, helping, and going above and beyond in their programs. Congratulations everyone! This recognition is very well deserved!



LBI Celebrates Graduates at Graduate Luncheon

Our Respiratory Therapy graduates and instructor Tara Morris were some of our wonderful guests from last week's Graduate Luncheon! Each semester, we hold our Graduate Luncheon to celebrate our bright, outstanding students! You have all worked so hard on your education and we are very excited to see all of your future success! Good luck in your last couple weeks here, we'll see you at Graduation!

LCOT Announces New Evening Nail Technician Option

Beginning this September, Laurel will offer a newly re-designed 8-month Nail Technician program as an evening option. The program teaches students comprehensive knowledge and instruction in the understanding of nail care and design. The program also provides students skill development in areas such as natural manicuring, pedicuring, nail design, and artistry! Laurel also included instruction in traditional and contemporary techniques for nail enhancements and nail extensions! With classes held three days a week, Tuesday through Thursday, in the evenings from 5 PM - 9:30 PM, students will complete the state required 400 hours of theory

instruction and skill practice.

Laurel has designed the curriculum 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. The Nail Technician program offers real-life experience in our on-site Student Cosmetology Clinic, used for student training and skill development. Laurel is a Redken Premier partner school, which is reflective of Laurel's commitment to preparing exceptional, job-ready professionals in a way that addresses the ever-increasing need for qualified professionals in our area.



Laurel College of Technology believes in providing career and professional education with specialized associate degrees, diploma programs, and professional certifications

for a variety of industries. For further information, visit www.laurel.edu, send an email to contactform@laurel.edu, or contact the Morgantown campus directly at 304-381-4097.

LCOT Receives Accreditation For Nursing Program Through ACEN

The ADN Nursing program of Laurel College of Technology at the Morgantown campus located in Morgantown, West Virginia is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and

the West Virginia RN Board. The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing is located at 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326. The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the ADN nursing program is initial accreditation. Laurel offers a direct route for ADN and an LPN/Paramedic to ADN route. Public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program on the ACEN website.

Laurel's Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN), a 71 credit program that spans over 5 semesters, and the LPN/Paramedic to ADN, which is 4 semesters, are designed to prepare the graduate to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for Registered Nurses and to enter a career as a beginning practitioner of nursing. Laurel's coursework provides students with an awareness of the value and dignity of people, a view of the patient as a unique individual that requires nursing knowledge and skills. The program and simulation center is reflective of Laurel's commitment to preparing exceptional, job-ready professionals in a way that addresses the ever-increasing need for qualified nurses.

"Our program, and the students in it, will be held to rigorous expectations for the safety of future patients and the care our students will provide the community," states Douglas Decker, Executive Vice President of Laurel. The nursing program has a well-designed and equipped simulation lab that students will utilize throughout the program to prepare them for the Next-GEN NCLEX, critical thinking, and patient care. Laurel also adopted

Virtual simulation in class learning to provide educational and useful scenarios. The curriculum students will take includes courses in Human

Growth & Development, Fundamentals of Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, and much more!

Laurel is also pleased to have Dr. Michelle Borland with them as the Director of Nursing throughout the development and accreditation process. Dr. Borland is a resident of Uniontown, PA and owned and operated a rehabilitation and fitness center where she provided rehabilitation therapy and taught aerobics and martial arts for 17 years. She has over 20 years of teaching experience; teaching in high schools, hospitals, and universities. She also has an extensive educational background including a Doctorate in Nursing Practice, a Post-Master's certificate as Nurse Practitioner, a Master's degree in Nursing Education, Bachelor degrees in Nursing, Physical Education, and Athletic Training! She holds certification as Family Nurse Practitioner both in WV and PA, Nurse Educator, ACLS & BLS instructor as well as a license as an RN in WV and PA. She has multiple publications in journals,

text, and online editorials. Dr. Borland states she is very excited to continue her journey with Laurel and is ready to assist our students in becoming future nurses!

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 Encompass Health and Select Specialty Hospitals in Morgantown, as well as Washington Health System in Pennsylvania. The students in Laurel College of Technology's healthcare programs will receive invaluable clinical experiences from all affiliations.

LTI C.H.E.F.S. Garden Gets Revamped for Summer Semester

With nice, sunny days comes the return of our Culinary Art's C.H.E.F.S. Garden! Ferris Farms stopped by to help install drip irrigation and plastic tarping in the garden beds, and Penn West Tree Service donated wood chip mulch to spread between the beds. The mulch will help deter weeds, keep the soil moist, and limit mud. We were also

fortunate to have student volunteers from West Middlesex High School, accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Hessman, who worked side by side with our Culinary Arts students in preparing the beds. A big thank you to Ferris Farms, Penn West Tree Service, and Mrs. Hessman and her student volunteers for dropping by our campus!



LTI Assistant Campus Director Receives Promotion to Campus President



Please join Laurel in congratulating Lauren Chaney on her recent promotion to Campus President at the Hermitage, PA campus! Lauren began her journey at Laurel as a Human Resources Assistant and shortly after moved to Director of Education, then Assistant Campus Director. Lauren has been a wonderful, and helpful representative of Laurel for all employees and students. She has taken on a variety

of high-level challenges already in her young career, such as reaccreditation visits, PDE reviews, new program submissions, and student issues, and she's more than ready for the next chapter. Lauren holds a Masters of Education degree, and was recognized by the Shenango Valley in the 30 under 40 awards in the spring of 2023. Laurel is excited to offer our congratulations and thanks!

LTI Hosts Graduate Luncheon

On Monday, April 8th, we held our Graduate Luncheon to celebrate our bright, outstanding students! You have all worked so hard on your education and we are very excited to see all of your future success! Good luck in your last couple weeks here, we'll see you at graduation!



Laurel Cosmetology Department Attend Hair Show

Cosmetology department students from Laurel Business Institute, Laurel College of Technology, and Laurel Technical Institute alongside their instructors had the opportunity to travel up to Seven Springs Mountain Resort to attend the PA Beauty Expo! Everyone had the opportunity to meet and learn from Cosmetologists, Estheticians, and Nail Technicians from all over the world! This was an amazing experience for everyone.



LTI Hosts Local Chamber of Commerce for Event



Laurel Technical Institute hosted the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce at the Sharon satellite campus for the Chamber's latest Chamber Connect event. Member were invited to the student-run restaurant Gigi's Table, with lunch provided by LTI's Culinary Art's program. Executive CP Dr. Doug Decker spoke to the attendees about LTI's post-secondary education programs.

Laurel Administration Attends Event

Laurel Administration had a great time at the Annual Morgantown Area Partnership Dinner held this past spring! It was a great opportunity to catch up with some area businesses! A huge thank you to MAP for a great event, we're looking forward to another great event next year!



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