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**BridgeValley Community and Technical College Hosts 21st Annual
Capital City Pumpkin Drop on October 17**

Montgomery, WV - Students from 44 schools representing nearly 15 counties will participate in the 20th Annual Capital City Pumpkin Drop on Thursday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston.

The fun-filled day of competition and activities hosted by BridgeValley Community and Technical College will pit elementary, middle and high school students across West Virginia against each other to see whose pumpkin will survive. Students will follow a set of design criteria to create a secure case to house their pumpkin using math and science. Their container will then be dropped from a designated height and judged by a team of BridgeValley staff and students who will assess the state of the pumpkin, as well as how close it landed to the target. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the top schools in the high school, middle school, and elementary school categories. Additionally, "Most Creative Design" and "Most Sustainable Design" also will be awarded.

This event is designed to help West Virginia's youth become interested in STEM-related activities and fields. While students work on team building and delve into math and physics concepts, they're thinking, designing and creating through this friendly competition.

The following schools have registered:

School - County:
Ansted Elementary - Fayette
Bridge Elementary - Kanawha
Cabell County Career Center - Cabell

Calhoun Middles - Calhoun
Calhoun Gilmer Career Center - Calhoun - Gilmer
Chapmanville Middle - Logan
Chapmanville Regional High - Logan
Clay County Middle Gifted - Clay
Clay County Middle - Clay
Clay County High - Clay
Clendenin Elementary - Kanawha
Dunbar Middle - Kanawha
East Fairmont Middle - Marion
East Fairmont High (STEM) - Marion
Eastern Greenbrier Middle - Greenbrier
Elk Center Elementary - Kanawha
Fayetteville PK-8 - Fayette
George Washington High - Putnam
Greenbrier East High - Greenbrier
Hannan Junior Senior High - Mason
Hayes Middle - Kanawha
Huntington Middle - Cabell - Wayne
Justice Elementary - Logan
John Adams Middle - Kanawha
Leon Elementary - Mason
Logan Middle - Logan
Logan High - Logan
Mason County Career Center - Mason
McKinley Middle - Kanawha
Midland Trail Elementary - Kanawha
Meadow Bridge - Fayette
Nitro High - Kanawha
Point Pleasant Jr. High - Mason
Point Pleasant High - Mason
Riverside High - Kanawha
Sherman High - Boone
Sissonville Middle - Kanawha
Spencer Middle - Roane
Tug Valley High - Mingo
Van High - Boone
Van Middle - Boone
Walton Elementary Middle - Roane
Weberwood Elementary - Kanawha
Western Greenbrier Middle - Greenbrier
Williamson PK-8 - Mingo

This event is free, open to the public and will be held regardless of weather.
The Capital City Pumpkin Drop is presented through generous donations from
BridgeValley Community and Technical College, Endicott Farms, Covestro, I-Doctor,
Toyota Motor Manufacturing-WV, Valtronics and ZMM Architects and Engineers.
Appalachian Power Park, Appalachian Power, The City of Charleston, Gritt's Farm,

Southridge Chick-fil-A and East Coast Tees have provided in-kind donations for the event.

For more information, visit bridgevalley.edu/capital-city-pumpkin-drop

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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