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**BridgeValley Leaders Serve as Panelists for Missouri Community College
Association Webinar**

*Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
among few higher education leaders to lead discussion*

Montgomery, W.VA - In a display of national connection in higher education, Roy Simmons, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, and James McDougale, Dean of Students, at BridgeValley Community and Technical College, recently participated in a panel-style webinar alongside leaders from Western Governors University, Central Methodist University, and Aunt Bertha, for the Missouri Community College Association. The focus of the discussion was how these institutions are working to create and nurture a virtual campus community, focusing on the support services and systems students need to be successful during this unprecedented time.

"We appreciate Roy and James for joining our webinar series to share their unique viewpoints and best practices for supporting students in a virtual environment," said Bobby Remis, Director of Communication for Missouri Community College Association. "This collaboration with BridgeValley not only contributes to the success of Missouri's community colleges, but also those across the country and we look forward to learning how colleges incorporate the lessons learned during this challenging time."

Mr. Simmons and Mr. McDougle brought a unique perspective to the panel, being leaders at a community college where they focus extensively on connecting students from across their 50 mile service region to the campus community and each other.

"We were thrilled to participate in the MCCA's webinar discussing how to virtually connect with and support students during this unusual time," said McDougle. "We understand that it's imperative to a student's success to have access to educational and advising services, as well as their peers, professors, and administrators. As the whole higher education community faces new challenges and obstacles, we must support each other and share knowledge and tips. We were glad to do that with our fellow educators and are grateful to have learned from their experience."

To access the webinar, [click here](#).

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