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BridgeValley Student Named Finalist for Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
Pam Hyde among 786 semifinalists moving to final round

Montgomery and South Charleston, WV - BridgeValley Community and Technical College Student Pam Hyde was recently named among 786 students across the country to move into the final round for the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-USA Academic Team scholarship.

PTK's All-USA Academic Team recognizes high achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education to benefit society. Each year, the 20 students are named to the team and receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

"I am so very thankful and honored to be named as a finalist in the All USA Team," said Hyde. "This award could mean some really good things for me, like it will open doors for me to bridge the gap for me to effectively be able to communicate with everyone else on their level. I will finally be able to afford my hearing aids so that I will be able to effectively listen and better understand my fellow students. Hearing the whole conversation will open so many new worlds for me, and also show my children what I have always told them, 'never give up on your dreams, or let someone else set your limitations.' Through hard work and determination all things are possible."

Hyde 51, who lives in Hurricane, said she intends to complete BridgeValley's Business Management degree a 2+2 collaboration with Marshall University. She plans to use her experience as an electrician journeyman inside wireman and education in construction management and business to bridge the gap between construction administration and employees. Additionally, she hopes she can inspire young girls to take more math and science courses while in school and to enter into the trades.

The 20 students chosen for All-USA Academic Team will be presented at PTK's annual President's Breakfast held during the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention, which will be held between March 28 and 30 in Maryland.

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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