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Rachel Harper Elected WVSACS Chair

South Charleston, W.Va. – BridgeValley Community and Technical College Student Government Association President, Rachel Harper, was elected chair of the West Virginia State Advisory Council of Students during the September meeting in Charleston. The group was established in 2004 in order to increase communication between college students and state leaders in higher education. The Council is directed to communicate to the Higher Education Policy Commission and the West Virginia Community and Technical College System matters in which the student members have an interest. In the past, issues have included textbook affordability and tuition/fee increases. Membership in the organization includes representatives from all four-year and two-year public colleges in West Virginia. Ms. Harper is the first community college representative to serve as chair. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6 and will be hosted by BridgeValley.

BridgeValley Community and Technical College was founded on March 20, 2014 and 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 awards one-year certificates and two-year associate degrees in many fields including civil, mechanical and electrical engineering technology, business and health management, nursing, dental hygiene, business technology, medical assisting, diesel technology, computer information technology, and welding.

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