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CULTURE ON DISPLAY

By: Michael Syner

A cultural fashion show was held Oct. 13 at Carter Hall here as a part of WVU Tech's Diversity Week. The participants modeled clothes unique to their respective cultures, offering a small glimpse into the traditions of locations around the world.

"What other way to celebrate the diverse here at WVU Tech than to show off the students here at campus?" Tyesha White asked in her opening comments of the show. White was the principal student organizer of the show.

WVU-Tech has a large international student body, said Scott Robertson, an assistant dean here and the faculty advisor for Tech's Diversity Week.

"Everyone came from somewhere, and they all have a story to tell," Robertson said.

Countries that were displayed include Ghana, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Cameroon, the U.S., Curacao, Nigeria, the Bahamas, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Alondra Gutierrez, one of the models, wanted to help educate others, "I wanted to show that Mexico isn't all sombreros." Gutierrez displayed a vibrant traditional dress of Jalisco.

The fashion show served as the final event of Tech's Diversity Week, wrapping up a period designed to encourage learning about others. Other events from the week included interactions with police, training to resist the bystander effect, and analyzing the effects of prominent creators who didn't 'fit the mold.'

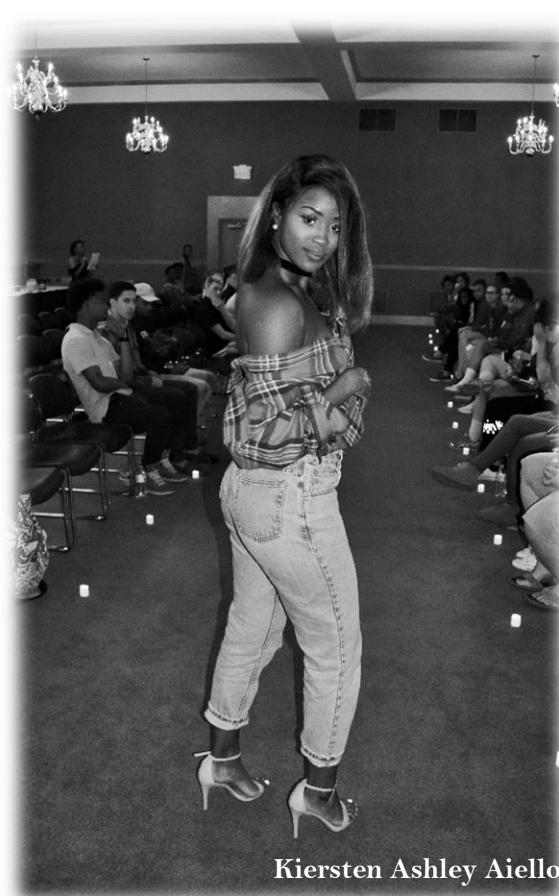
"No matter where you're from, we're all Golden Bears," Robertson stated.



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DRAGGING OUT

By: Dakota Bennett

On October 11th, WVU Tech celebrated National Coming Out Day. This is a day for any questioning person to 'come out' and reveal who they really are to everyone. However, some are not always accepted by their friends and family, so this day a day of support for them.

Here at WVU Tech, we want to make everyone feel welcomed to our golden bear family which is why they hosted an event to celebrate National Coming Out Day. This event consisted of a viewing of "*RuPaul's Drag Race*" hosted Mr. Scott Robertson, advisor of Tech Alliance, in Carter Hall. This event was a way to show that it is okay to be different, and it is okay to be who you are. This, personally, was an eye-opening experience because it showed me that being a drag queen is more than just men in dresses. For the drag queens, this is a chance for them to be their selves and not be ashamed.

The atmosphere in the auditorium was very welcoming and enjoyable. After showing the episode, Scott opened the floor to questions. The questions consisted of the history of RuPaul and a discussion about the girls on the show. Jessica Nettleton said she wished that more people would have showed. Antonio Jenkins said that all people should watch this show and become more informed about the LGBT community.

CAMPUS EVENTS

WVU TECH BUSINESS FAIR

By: Pedrito Delgado

Are you ready for the business world?

On Thursday, October 19th, WVU Tech hosted a business fair in the Van Meter Gym for all WVU Tech students. Over 50 businesses from different fields such as engineering, medical, business, and the creative arts attended the event to provide Tech students with great opportunities for internships and even future careers. While touring the fair, businesses were willing to share some advice of what kind of employees they're seeking, and the opportunities that come from that. Many employers had similar answers - they seek students that are trustworthy, dependable, hard-working, and have a desire to excel in their education (in and out of the classroom).

Central Scribe (Founded 2015) is one of the many fascinating businesses that are currently looking for WVU Tech students to welcome to their team of publishers. They're seeking students with a specialty in software development and web design, with respectable knowledge in user interface design and/or proficient in AngularJS. Central Scribes CEO Al Martine stated "We're seeking students that are good communicators, that aren't afraid to ask questions when troubled, and seek to gain experience in the job world."

The United bank also decided to attend WVU Techs career fair, in hopes of gaining the interests of future accountant, business and even engineering majors. Anyone interested in applying for a position at The United Bank should have good work ethic, teamwork skills, and -most importantly - integrity. "United bank has offices in several areas, so it's very entrepreneur-like and workers are free to choose their own path, you basically make it how you want it to be." (United Bank Branch Manager)



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GOLD- AACN CEREMONY 2017

By: Halie Gibson

I had an amazing privilege of attending the Gold - AACN White Coat Ceremony for Nursing on the evening of October 24, 2017. This ceremony brought a huge amount of honor to the WVU Tech Nursing Program. The event was made possible with a grant provided by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, in order to support and honor the Gold-AACN White Coat Ceremony for Nursing. Twenty - One well deserving sophomores were recognized in this ceremony by one of the Sophomore Instructors, Hilary Parcell. I also had the honor of witnessing and speaking with the wonderful Crystal Sheaves, The Chair of the Department of Nursing based out of Morgantown. Crystal mentioned how ecstatic she was to be on the Beckley Campus meeting all of the friends and family of these amazing students, these accomplishments are something to be proud of. Being able to see all the family and friends interact with one another to celebrate these wonderful student's accomplishments was truly amazing! It was a fabulous ceremony to be apart of that expressed how much challenging work pays off. As a West Virginia University School of Nursing student, these students have a lot of important morals and standards to live up to. I feel without a doubt that each and every one of the recognized students will do amazing things not only in their future at WVU Tech, but in their careers as well. WVU Tech has an amazing Nursing Department, which acts as a wonderful aid to our Nursing students. The Nursing Degree at WVU Tech is an amazing route to take.



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CREPES!

By: Halie Gibson

Some students at WVU Tech have formed an International Organization. This organization is a fun and different way to learn about all of the diverse cultures and what they have to offer. I had the opportunity to attend one of these events which happened to be based on the French culture. I spoke with Geoffroy Gaureau, the leader of the organization who is originally from France. He explained to me that “This group was a wonderful experience for the international students to learn about various places, their cultures, and in this case, their foods.” At this particular meeting, the group was learning about Crepes, which are very thin, pancake like pastries, originated from France. While attending this event, I watched the students in action and seen how exactly they made crepes. One thing I found most interesting about crepes is how customizable they are, no matter what topping you decide on they are always delicious! You can add anything from bananas, strawberries, sugar, Nutella, whip cream, honey, and you can even add ham and cheese for a different taste! There truly is a topping choice for anyone’s taste. If you have not tried crepes, I would definitely recommend that you do so soon. Also, if this organization is something you find interesting, you should consider joining! This is a terrific opportunity for college students to branch out and try new things.

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FUTURE OF ENGINEERING

By: Michael Syner

WVU-Tech is host to numerous student organizations, including the Civil Engineering Club (CEC), which is actually a student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The ASCE is a national organization of civil engineers, holding a variety of conferences and events for both students and career civil engineers. The CEC primarily prepares for ASCE events, namely the Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge competitions.

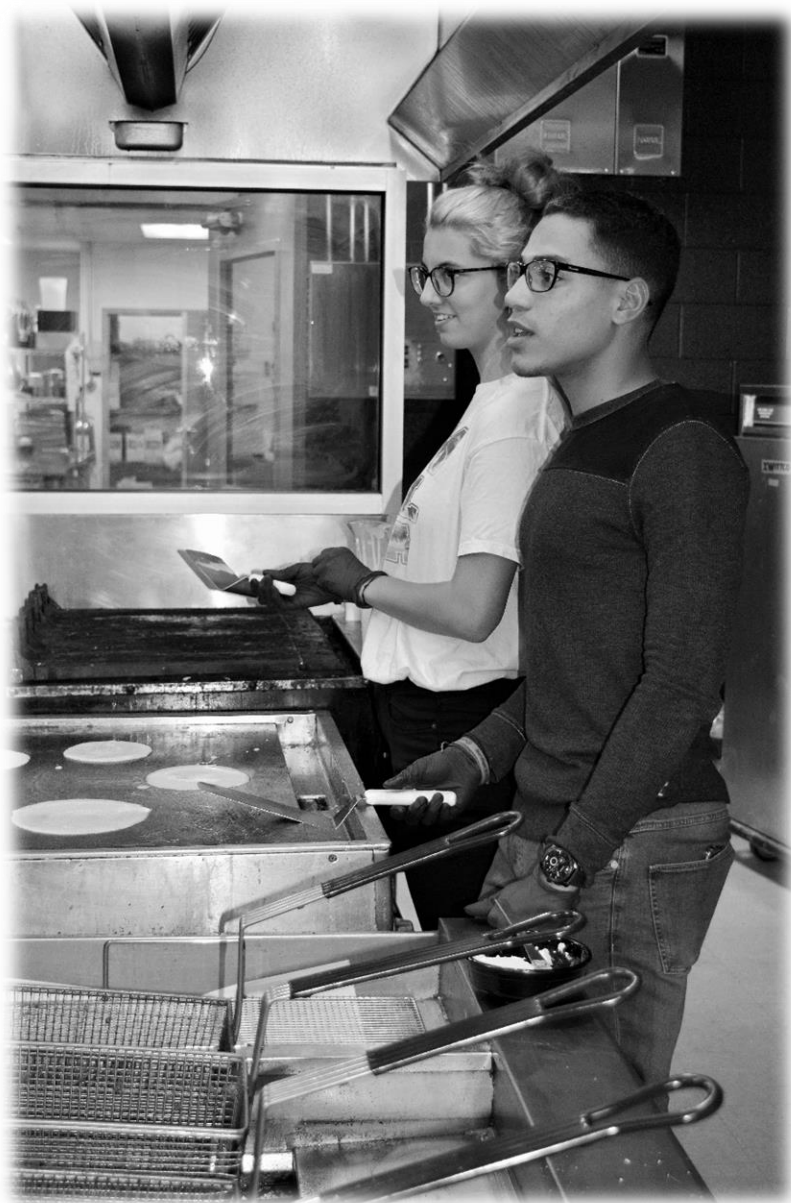
“The ASCE highlights big aspects of civil engineering,” said Dakota Smith, the chapter president. “They hold conferences, lectures, and keep engineers up to date.”

Some of the club’s largest activities are the Concrete Canoe and Steel Bridge competitions, where the members attempt to build the sleekest, fastest canoe out of concrete and construct the strongest, most cost-effective bridge out of steel. The participants are given guidelines for each event, which must be followed closely. Competitors are ranked based on their ability to create schematics that meet the requirements, as well as oral presentations and the final product’s ability to perform.

The next big event coming up for the CEC is the WVU-Tech ASCE Fall Technical Conference, being held here at Carter Hall from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Nov. 16. The conference provides an opportunity for students, engineering professionals, and faculty to network and hear presentations from subject matter experts and employers.

“It’s a good way to get experience and network,” Smith said. “It’s a taste of the kind of stuff that engineers deal with, and helps to get the foot in the door.”

The club meets twice a month. To learn more, Dakota Smith may be reached at drsmith2@mix.wvu.edu.



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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
CAMPUS EVENTS CAN BE FOUND
ONLINE AT CALENDAR.WVU.EDU.

THINGS TO KNOW

APPLICATIONS FOR NEXT SEMESTER

By: Jamie Cook

It's already time to start planning for the spring semester and next school year. Students need to schedule classes, complete the FAFSA, and fill out the housing application.

To schedule classes, students who don't know who their advisor is can make an appointment at the Student Success Center (SSC). It is recommended that students first check their holds to see if anything is preventing them from scheduling. Students are also recommended to play with schedule builder and have some classes in mind before their appointment. Since classes can fill up fast, don't wait too long to get started. Upper level students should be looking for emails from faculty.

The FAFSA opened October 1st, and students are advised to start it sooner rather than later. It takes time for the FAFSA to be processed, and some cases may be more complicated, requiring more documentation. For the 2018-2019 school year, students will need 2016 tax returns, which should already be completed. WVU Tech is using WVU's school code for the FAFSA, 003827. If you have any questions or simply want help, stop by the financial aid office.

The housing application for the 2018-2019 academic year opened October 16th, 2017. The housing deposit is \$200. Students can finish the application now, but they will not be able to select rooms yet. They will be notified through their mix account when to pick rooms. Returning students who complete the application by February 28th may re-select their current room assignment between March 5th-9th. All other students who have completed the application will be able to select rooms starting from March 12th. Since rooms fill up relatively fast, students are encouraged to complete their application as soon as possible. The application can be found at myhousing.wvu.edu.

WV STATE LEGISLATURE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

By: Dakota Bennett

On October 14th, the people of West Virginia went out to vote on a road bond created by Governor Jim Justice and sponsored by some members of the state legislature. The reason why it was brought up to the people for a vote is because the Governor and the legislators that supported it, felt that it would not pass through the legislature. Therefore, to avoid the issue of the bill dying, Governor Justice decided it would be up to the people to decide if it will pass.

Although the bond passed with 73% of the 10% of the population that actually voted, some bills required action by the state legislature. So, the Governor used his constitutional power to reconvene the state legislature to extraordinary session to pass bills relating to the road bond. Even though that this special session was called to vote on bills related to the road bond, few but necessary bills, were also passed. The following bills were passed during this two-day special session:

- HB 201 (SB 2001)- exempting military retirements pensions from state income tax
- HB 203 (SB 2004)- increases tax credits for rehabilitation of historic buildings and structures
- HB 205 (SB 2006)- strengthens the West Virginia Jobs Act
- SB 2003- implementing special hiring procedures for DOH and Tax Division
- HB 202 (SB 2002)- allowing certain tax information to be shared with certain employees of Commissioner of Highways
- HB 204 (SB 2005)- finding and declaring claim against state

This special session only lasted two days, and the reason is so it wouldn't cost the tax payers any more money than necessary because most legislators were there for meetings. I asked Britney Coleman, a freshman criminal justice major, how she felt about the special session and she said "It was needed to pass these other important bills, even though, it cost a little bit of money, I feel a lot of good came out of it."



UP-COMING IN NOVEMBER

BY: JAMIE COOK

Every Friday: WVU Tech holds Bingo in the Bears Den from 11:30AM to 1:00PM

Nov. 4th – 5th: The Upward Bound Senior Retreat event will be held off campus from 8:30am on the 4th to 11:00am on the 5th.

Nov 7th: Advice with a slice-LinkedIn Photo Booth will be held in the Blue Room of the Benedum Center from 12:15pm to 1:00pm.

Nov 8th: Trio SSS Doughnuts with the Director event will be held in the Benedum Center in Room 130 from 1:00PM-3:00PM

Nov 8th: Do You Know Your Roommate? Event will be held at Carter Hall at 7pm to 8pm.

Nov. 9th: Poetry Night at The Raleigh Playhouse and Theater from 7pm - 8pm.

Nov 11th: Fall Open House from 9am – 1pm.

Nov 14th: Home for the Holidays event will be held in the Student Life house from 12pm -1pm

Nov 14th: Student Government Association will have a meeting in the Benedum Center from 1:05 pm to 1:30pm

Nov 15th: Ball-A-Palooza Dodgeball Tournament will be held from 6pm - 8:30pm in the Van Meter Gym.

Nov 16th: WVU Tech ASCE Fall Technical Conference will be held in Carter Hall from 9:00am - 4:00pm

Nov 18th – 26th: Fall 2017 Break

Nov 27th: Classes resume



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Need an Elective for Spring?



Register for English 331: Detective Fiction & the Literature of Crime

English 331 explores films, comics, podcasts, and short stories. Questions? Ask Dr. Terry, dterry5@mail.wvu.edu

No prerequisites required.