

**BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**



**2019-2020
ANNUAL REPORT**

A REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

FROM PRESIDENT EGGENSPERGER



MISSION STATEMENT

Black River Technical College transforms lives through quality academic and career education to enhance the community we serve.

Through this annual report we hope to convey our enthusiasm for our incredible students, a passion for our mission, and a surefootedness as we strive to transform lives. This report demonstrates the deliberate manner in which BRTC looks toward the future.

This has been a challenging year and the wisest path forward involved minimizing considerable disruption. Such unexpected change was difficult and required sacrifices and accommodations by every member of the BRTC community. The accomplishments this year are the product of a shared commitment and dedicated collective effort. The staff, faculty, community members and alumni consistently demonstrated an unmatched dedication to BRTC.

After extensive conversations among College leadership—including the Faculty Forum, the College Council, and the Board of Trustees—the college moved to limit the number of people on campus and to teach the latter portion of Spring 2020 and all summer courses remotely. Our faculty and staff have undertaken something extremely difficult on singularly short notice.

As a result of the most significant state funding cut in the history of the college, vice presidents, deans, and directors have prioritized, justified, and documented the reasoning behind each campus position and expenditure. Faculty and staff have offered innumerable thoughtful suggestions to assist the BRTC community. The expressions heard from many of our team about their willingness to serve our students under these challenging circumstances is humbling.

We are profoundly grateful to the BRTC Community for your support as we continue our commitment to our students' education and our community's health.

Martin Eggenesperger, Ph.D.

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NEW PROGRAMS

BRTC has been approved by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) to offer new programs and certificates.

In some instances, additional accrediting bodies must also give approval.

“I have a very good job after taking only a 1-year trade course.
-Student post

2019-2020

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY 1 SEMESTER

Accounting
Agriculture
Criminal Justice
Firefighter Essentials
Nutrition and Foodservice Management
Phlebotomy
Welding Technology

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE 1 YEAR

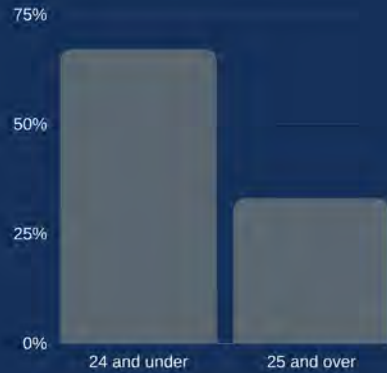
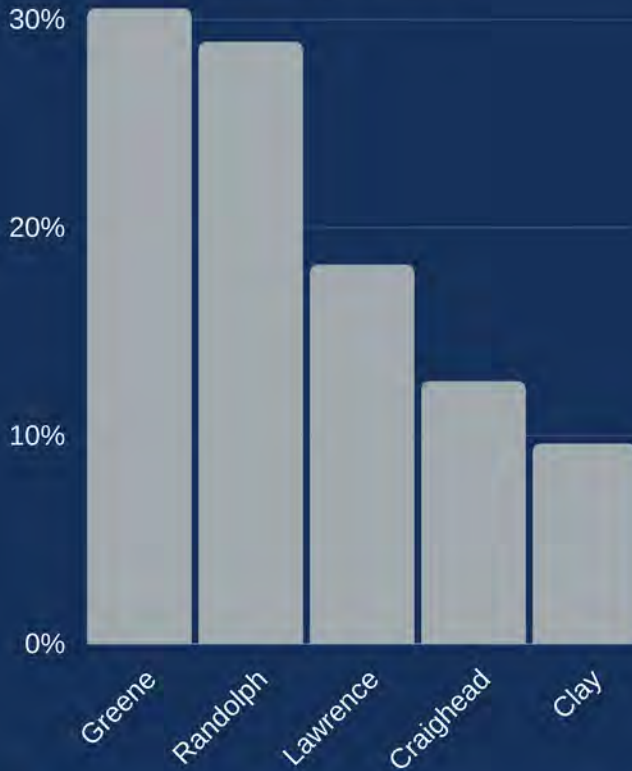
Criminal Justice
Medical Transcription
Nutrition and Foodservice Management

ASSOCIATE DEGREE 2 YEARS

Associate of General Studies
Associate of Science in Business

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment by County



1,476

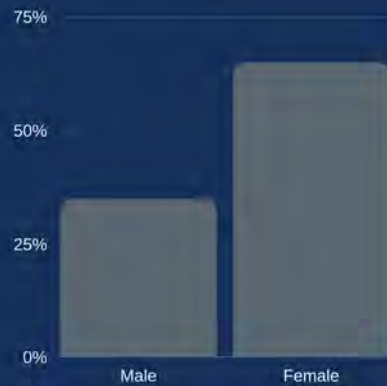
Fall 2019 Enrollment

1,295

Spring 2020 Enrollment

285

number of high school students taking BRTC classes



WE ARE PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS

1-Industrial electric and maintenance students wiring fuse boxes, 2-LETA students in physical training, 3-Ducks and Bucks duck calling competition, 4-BRTC auto body and auto service students rebuilding the BRTC Humvee



Outstanding Alumni
Tom Hazlewood of Paragould
Plant Manager
The Greenbrier Companies



Outstanding Student
Heather Claude
Paragould



Mascot Selection

The BRTC community selected the black hawk to be its mascot.

Ruth Patterson, right, drew the hawk above, now on display in the president's office.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRTC signs Memorandums of Understanding with four-year universities to create a University Center to begin in academic year 2020-21



Southern Arkansas University (SAU)
Dr. Trey Berry



Arkansas Tech University (ATU)
Dr. Robin Bowen



Arkansas State University (ASU)
Dr. Kelly Damphousse



The only gunsmithing program in Arkansas approved in January 2020. Legislators and supporters, left, Governor Asa Hutchinson and BRTC personnel, right

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GRANTS AND DONATIONS

1-Blue & You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas awarded BRTC **\$148,387** to purchase equipment for traditional RN classes at AMMC

2-Delta Regional Authority's (DRA) States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) awarded **\$153,139** to prepare the space at AMMC for traditional RN

3-Delta Regional Authority (DRA) grant for **\$100,000** for the CDL program to purchase a new truck

Federal work study program awarded BRTC \$60,000 to offset student worker program

The **Arkansas Community Foundation** Giving Tree Grant awarded the BRTC Food Pantry **\$1,000**

The **Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance** awarded the BRTC Food Pantry **\$1,000**

4-Arkansas Career Education (ACE) awarded BRTC over **\$22,000** to purchase a hydraulic trainer to teach students about hydraulic systems.

COLLEGE VALUES

STUDENTS



Jason Smith, J.D.
Vice President of
Student Affairs

“The Division of Student Affairs is tasked with providing a robust, holistic student support structure to empower students to realize their academic pursuits. Our student affairs professionals strive daily to create meaningful co-curricular experiences outside of the classroom that produces well-rounded career-ready graduates.

Through their learning and experiences, BRTC graduates are equipped to compete in the global marketplace and strongly positioned to become the future leaders of their communities.



QUALITY



Rhonda Stone
Vice President of
Finance &
Administration

“The Office of Finance and Administration is tasked with safeguarding the value of QUALITY and we feel a tremendous responsibility to ensure the college provides a safe, state-of-the-art learning and working environment.

Providing a support role in the mission of the college, we work with faculty, staff, and students to find ways, even during challenging times, to remove barriers to student success and ensure a quality education.



LEARNING



Dr. Brad Baine
Vice President of
Academic Affairs

“Black River Technical College faculty and staff are dedicated to providing our students with the highest quality academic and training offerings. Our faculty is fully committed to preparing students for their professional and educational pursuits.

All of our academic and training programs are tailored to the individual learning needs of the student. By providing an excellent education, BRTC can transform the lives of our students.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Karen Liebhaber
Vice President of
Institutional
Advancement


“The Office of Institutional Advancement represents the college to local, regional, state, and national stakeholders. Through marketing and advertising, digital media and communications, and legislative and community relations, office staff increase awareness of the college.

With the BRTC Foundation, the Office of Advancement works to identify resources, build relationships, and acquire community input to address and enhance college programs, student support, and institutional needs.



RECOGNIZING FACULTY AND STAFF

Left: BRTC employees helping the community during the Jonesboro tornado and COVID-19 pandemic.
Below: faculty and staff in workshops



Dr. Dianna Fraley
Published "Seventy-Five years of Social Activism in Arkansas: Adolphine Fletcher Terry" in *Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times*

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE



**Chosen by their
BRTC peers**

Outstanding Staff
Trent Ingram

Outstanding Faculty
Darenda Kersey

were honored at the
Arkansas Community
Colleges annual
conference in Little Rock



Tammie Lemmons, left, awarded Garland Hankins Award for adult education. Karen Liebhaber, right, was named 1 of 10 Top Women in NEA Business

Ramonda Housh, second left, nominated by Holli Nitzsche, right, awarded the Patriot Award from the Secretary of Defense's Employer's Support of the Guard and Reserve for her support of enlisted employees



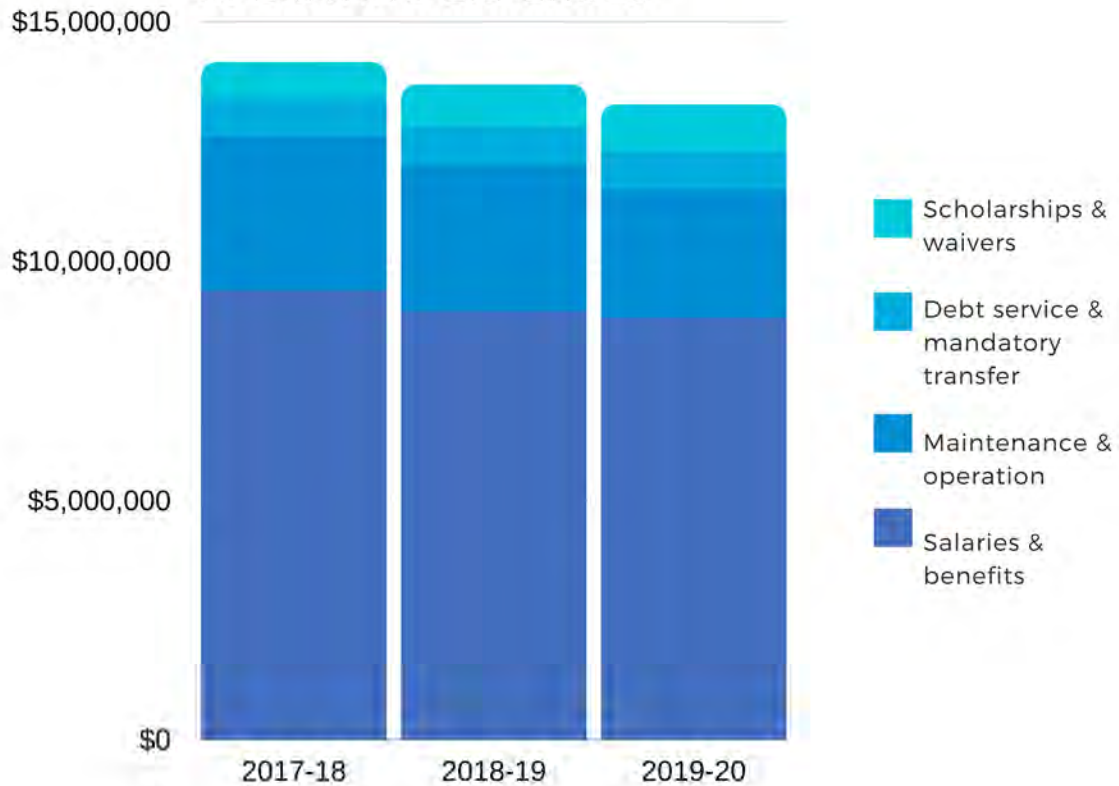
BRTC Faculty and Staff Earn Advanced Degrees

Mark Mosier and Dane Dillion, left, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Holly Looney, Master of Business Administration; Shauna Throesch, right, Master of Science in Agriculture

INSTITUTIONAL FINANCES



OPERATING EXPENSES

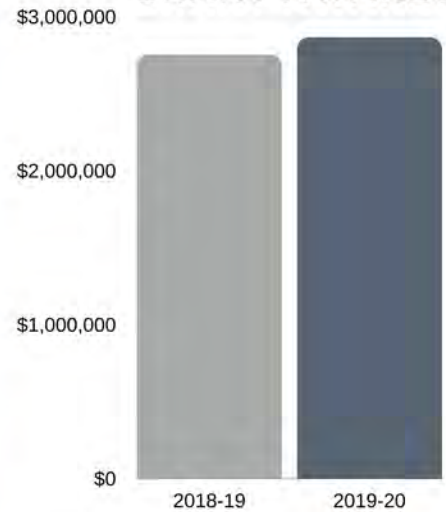


“Through significant and intentional efforts by both faculty and staff, BRTC was able to end 2019-20 in an overall positive position.

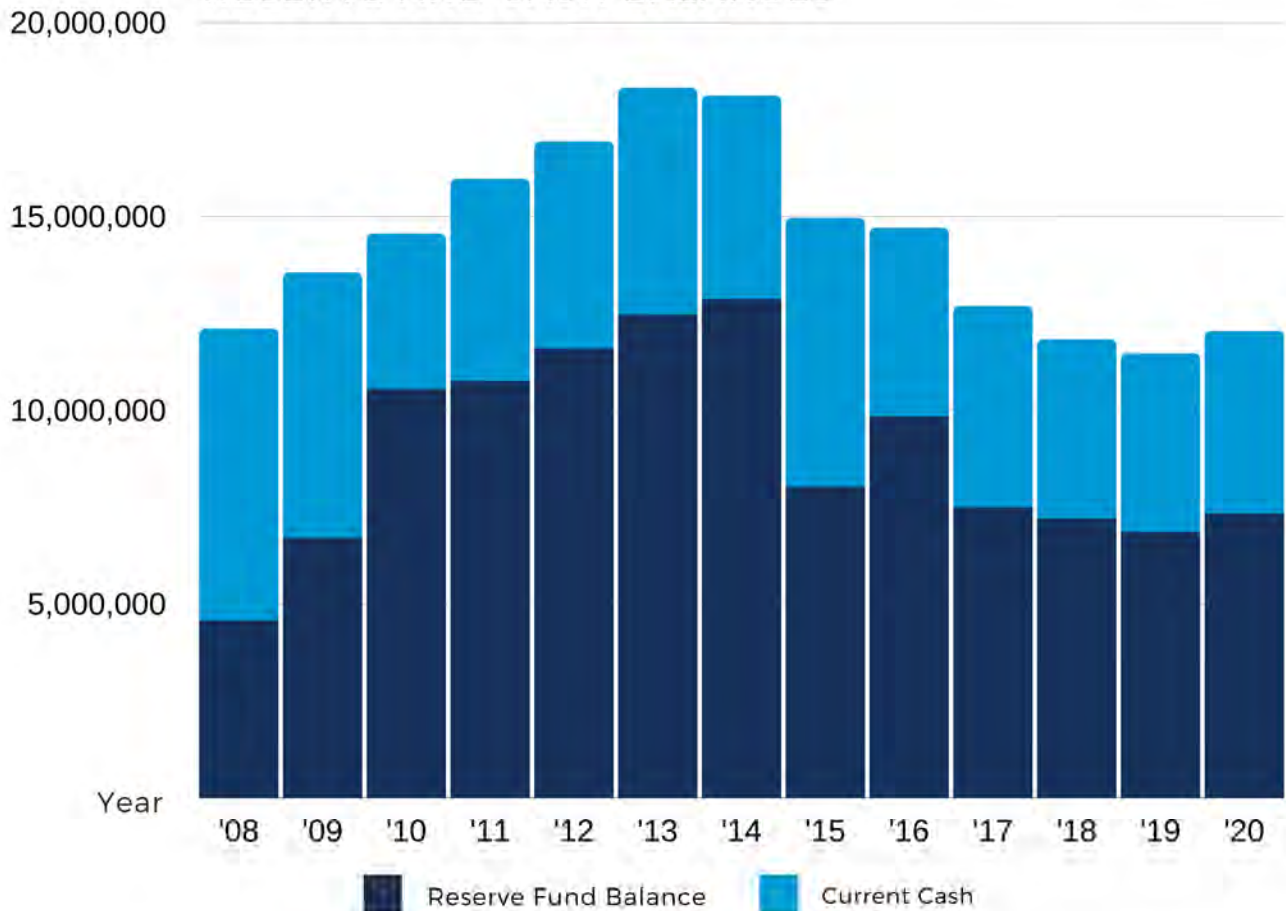
We anticipate a revenue decline for 2020-21 based on the uncertainty due to COVID-19. However, we have put contingency plans in place to enable us to continue our positive trend.

Rhonda Stone
VP of Finance & Administration

GRANT AWARDS



RESERVE AND CASH BALANCES



OUR GRADUATES ARE OUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT!



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BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION



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FOUNDATION AND DONOR ACTIVITY

FOUNDATION BOARD OFFICERS

MISSION STATEMENT

The Black River Technical College Foundation is committed to serving, supporting, and enhancing the mission of BRTC.

The Black River Technical College Foundation board members work to find resources for the college and its students.

Resources include donations and gifts to the college whether monetary or in-kind.

In addition to the Foundation's two main fundraisers--the iBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament and the BRTC Foundation Gala--the Foundation works with individuals, businesses, and organizations to support college needs and student scholarships.

“
Everything about Black River Technical College is exemplary. I would not change anything about this College.
-Student post

STEPHANIE SUTTON

Chair
PECO, Inc.

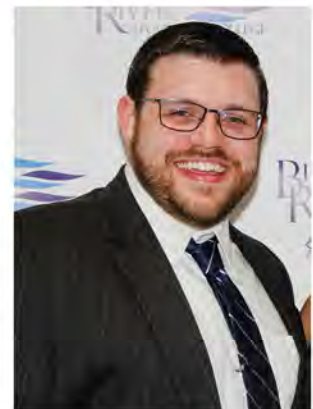


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Vice-Chair
Darragh Corporation



ROB
OLVEY
Secretary
Martin Agency



FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS



**JEREMY
BALTZ**

Ag
Headquarters,
Baltz Feed



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iBERIA Bank



**MELISSA
WRIGHT-
DAVIS**

Retired



**MILTON
SMITH**

1st National
Bank of
Walnut Ridge

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOUNDATION



1-Holocaust Survivor Series; **2**-Black History Month Speaker Series; **3**-BRTC Foundation Gala; **4**-iBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament; **5**-Archer Realty at the golf tournament

25%

Increase of Gala proceeds over last year. The President's Reception and moving the Gala to the Randolph County Development Center on the BRTC campus in Pocahontas were instrumental in increasing proceeds

19%

Increase of the 26th annual iBERIABANK/BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament. Thanks to the generosity of ESNA at the end of the tournament, sponsorships reached \$50,000 for the first time ever



DONATIONS

1-Laubach Freight donated a flatbed trailer to the BRTC Foundation worth more than **\$6,000** for the CDL program.

2-NEA Intermodal donated \$2,000 to the BRTC Foundation for the CDL program

3-PECO Foods, Inc., donated **\$1,000** to the BRTC Foundation for the CDL program

“*Definitely my first choice of a college. I love BRTC!*”
~Student post

Thank you so very much for choosing me for this scholarship. This reward made my going to college and being a single, teenage mother possible. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for giving me the opportunity to make my daughter's life so much better! ♡
Thank you for being so selfless and providing people like me with such an honorable reward.

-Hannah



WE INVEST IN STUDENTS!

The BRTC Foundation's first focus is to help students achieve an education to improve the lives of students and their families. Without you, our donors, this would not be possible!

“I wanted to take a moment and thank you for considering me for the 2019-2020 ProMed Paramedic Scholarship. I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to advance my education in EMS. I have dreamed of becoming a paramedic since I was a young boy, and with the help of this scholarship, that dream is coming true.

I learned at an early age that the best things in life are those you work hard for, and my education is no exception. I will complete this paramedic program through BRTC, and I plan on having a long and successful career as a paramedic. I am fully aware of the need that our communities have for competent EMS providers, and that good paramedics are getting harder to come by. I want to be counted upon. I want to be trusted. I want to make a difference, and I have you all to thank for it.

Again, my family and I want to thank you for this opportunity. It really does mean a lot to us.

74

*number of individual students
awarded a scholarship*

\$47K

*amount of scholarship money
awarded to BRTC students in
2019-2020*

89

number of scholarships awarded

OUR DONORS ARE OUR HEROES!

Thank YOU for helping BRTC students
and academic programs be successful!

(Gifts below were received between
July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020.)

Above & Beyond Home Care
Dane and Kim Adams
AgHeritage Farm Credit
Services, FLCA
David and Heather Akins
Catherine Alderman
Aleene's on the Square
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Brian and Linda Anderson
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Axis, LLC
Back in Motion Chiropractic
Dr. Brad and Meredith Baine
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Jeremy and Lisa Baltz
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Linda Bly
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Brett and Dana Bradford
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Mr. Rick and Dr. Angie Caldwell
Mike and Jana Caldwell
Nathan Camp
Janie Campbell
Melissa Carter
Carter Realty
Carter-Cox Seeds
Roy and Glenda Causbie



MEET SOME OF YOUR STUDENTS!

From left to right, top to bottom

VALIC Community Spirit Scholarship
Ragan Rapert-Gott of Bono

Dr. Karla Baltz, DDS Scholarship
Brecken Rusing of Paragould

Harps Foods, Inc., Scholarship
Julia Ann Fisher of Walnut Ridge

BRTC Agriculture Scholarship
Anthony Condray of Paragould

Colby Hostler Memorial Scholarship
Hannah Williams of Pocahontas

Don's Steakhouse in Memory of Fredia Finch Scholarship
Brandi Wells of Ravenden



\$109K

Total money raised this year despite the COVID-19 pandemic. This amount includes the iBERIABANK /BRTC Foundation Golf Tournament, the BRTC Foundation Gala, and the President's Reception proceeds as well as Growing Strong gifts.

274

Total number of donors this year. Donors are the heart of the Foundation. We want to thank you, the businesses, individuals, alumni, students, and employees who help support BRTC and our students!

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Mr. Don and Rep. Fran Cavanaugh
Cavanaugh Auto Group
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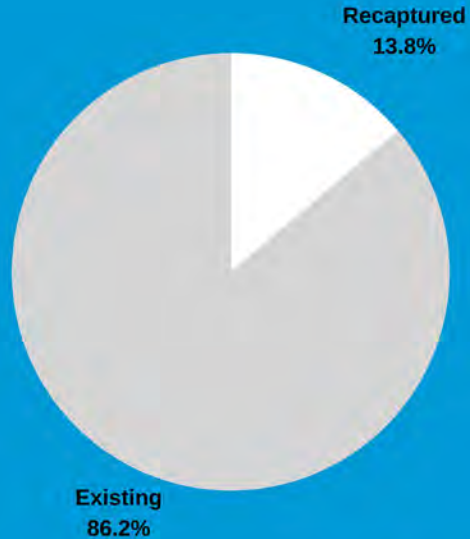
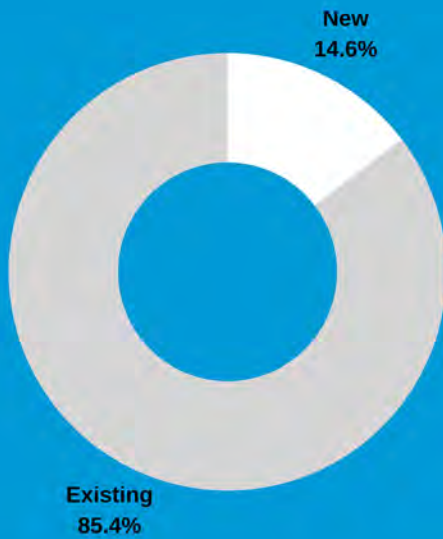
Declerk-Throesch Engineering &
Surveying
Phillip and Lisa Dickson
Don's Steakhouse
Downtown Playhouse
Mike and Barbara Dunn
Eddie A. Jones, Business
Eddie Mae Herron Center & Museum
Dustin and Susie Eddington
Dr. Martin & Jennifer Eggensperger
Danny and Ruth Ann Ellis

"I absolutely love this college. Everyone is so nice and they all want to help and make sure you succeed."

Encore Bank
Epsilon Delta
Family Dental Care of Pocahontas, Inc.
Jo Farmer
Farmers and Merchants Bank
Fears Family Funeral Home
Nancy Felts
First National Bank of Paragould
First National Bank of Walnut Ridge,
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Harps Food Stores, Inc.
Melinda Harris
Robie Harvey
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Dr. Phillip and Terri Jansen
Jimmy Smith's Pawn Shop and Trading
Post
Amy Johnson
Senator Blake and Tricia Johnson



Even during the pandemic, many donors have restarted their giving to the BRTC Foundation. Thank you for your support!

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Eddie and Phillis Jones
Dr. Joe and Pat Jones
Jonesboro Overhead Doors, LLC
Amanda Junkersfeld
Karla Baltz, DDS
Keith DeClerk Insurance Agency
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Lawrence County Seed Co.
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Apprenticeship
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Carolyn Towell
Tri State Truck Center
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VALIC
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