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## [Black River Technical College Announces Spring 2021 Commencement Plans](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 04, 2021 08:00 am*



Fall 2020 Graduation Ceremony POCAHONTAS, AR May 4— Black River Technical College's Spring 2021 graduation ceremony will be held in the Randolph County

presented their diplomas on the KCDC stage while their family members and friends are ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC's Corporate and Community Education Department Hosts Kite Flying Event](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 03, 2021 08:00 am*



Small Flyers Callum, Sadie, Brody, and Parker White and Staley Weber PARAGOULD, AR May 3— On April 17, 2021, BRTC's Corporate and Community Education Department hosted a Kite Flying Event. Adults and children started the day by learning about the various types of kite designs and how to fly them. Participants then assembled a kite ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Board of Trustees Meeting to Be Held May 6](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Apr 30, 2021 08:00 am*



POCAHONTAS, AR April 30— The next BRTC Board of Trustees meetings is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, at 12:30 p.m. on the Pocahontas Campus in the BT Conference Room. Visitors will be able to access the meeting through Zoom at <https://blackrivertech.zoom.us/j/98983824784>. [Read in browser »](#)

## [Top Cadets Honored at BRTC’s Law Enforcement Training Academy Graduation](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on Apr 29, 2021 08:00 am*

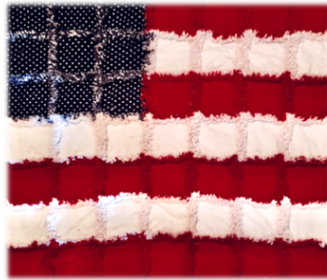


2021 LETA Class-A POCAHONTAS, AR April 29— BRTC’s Law Enforcement Training Academy (LETA) held its Spring 2021 graduation ceremony on Friday, April 16 for the 37 officers who completed the Basic Police Training Course. Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin served as the guest speaker during the ceremony held in the Randolph

## Patriotic Rag Quilting

*By Cally Shore on Apr 28, 2021 04:29 pm*

# Patriotic Rag Quilt



Take this opportunity to make a custom Patriotic Rag Quilt. In this class participants will learn sewing machine and fabric facts, how to plan your project, and quilting shortcuts. Patriotic Rag Quilt kits will be available for purchase onsite. The class will begin on Monday, May 10 & 17, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 ... [Read in browser »](#)

## BRTC Alumni Return to Campus as Guest Speakers

*By Elizabeth Collins on Apr 28, 2021 08:00 am*



Craig Weisenbach speaking to BRTC's CTC students PARAGOULD, AR April 28— On April 9, BRTC's Career and Technical Center (CTC) students heard from Craig

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hours and pay associated with the ... [Read in browser »](#)

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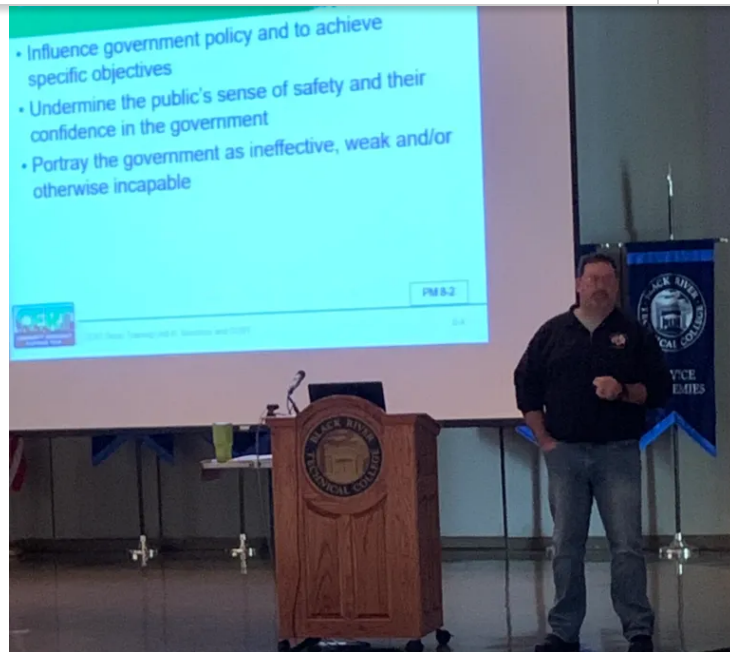
*By Elizabeth Collins on May 11, 2021 08:00 am*



CTC Student in the CDL Simulator POCAHONTAS, AR  
May 11— BRTC's Career and Technical Center (CTC) students, high school juniors and seniors enrolled in college classes, recently visited the Corporate and Community Education Department at BRTC to hear about its CDL program. Patti Blaxton, Director of Corporate and Community Education, told the students about the ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC's Career and Technical Center Students Hear about Disaster Preparedness](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 10, 2021 08:00 am*

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Director Haskins discussing Basic Disaster Preparation  
POCAHONTAS, AR May 10— Alan Haskins, Fire Science Director at BRTC, recently gave a 3-part lecture series on the key components of disaster preparedness to BRTC's Career and Technical Center (CTC) students. During the lecture series, Haskins also explained the various types of disasters that the community could face, ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Foundation Board Member Appointed to Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 07, 2021 08:00 am*



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Graycen Bigger, Black River Technical College Foundation Board Member POCAHONTAS, AR May 7—Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson has appointed Graycen Bigger, Black River Technical College Foundation Board Member, to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Bigger of Pocahontas was appointed to the Higher Education Coordinating Board in 2021 and is serving a term that will expire ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Black River Technical College Group to Tour Greece in 2023](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 06, 2021 08:00 am*

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## Greece

June 15-24, 2023



**Trip Price through June 16, 2021:**

**\$5,284.00**

**Payment plans available!**

**Included:** Round-trip airfare, 4 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms, 4 overnight stays in cruise ship cabins, breakfast and dinner daily, 4-day Aegean cruise, 3 shore excursions on cruise, unlimited non-alcoholic beverages on cruise, lunch and Greek evening on cruise, tips to Explorica trip director, full-time bus driver, and cruise ship staff



**1st 5 BRTC Students to enroll receive \$500 in trip assistance provided by the SGA!**

**For more information, contact:**

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Dr. Derek Allen Clements (248-4000 ext. 4145)  
[derek.clements@blackrivertech.edu](mailto:derek.clements@blackrivertech.edu), HSC234



Parthenon, Athens, Greece



Santorini



Patmos

POCAHONTAS, AR May 6—A group of BRTC students and community members will be touring Greece June 15-23, 2023. Participants will visit Athens, Santorini, and Patmos. While in Athens, the group will visit the ruins of the Parthenon, the famous temple dedicated to the goddess Athena. Contact Courtney Clements at 248-4000 ext. 4135 or Dr. Derek ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Black Hawks to Start a Competitive Flag Football Team](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 05, 2021 08:00 am*

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POCAHONTAS, AR May 5— During the Fall 2021 semester, Black River Technical College will be starting a competitive, co-ed flag football team to compete against other 2-year colleges in the Northeast Arkansas area. Interested students should contact Neal Harwell, Dean of Students, by phone at 870-248-4000 ext. 4158 or by email at [neal.harwell@blackrivertech.edu](mailto:neal.harwell@blackrivertech.edu). [Read in browser »](#)



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Kelly Aaron speaking to CTC Students POCAHONTAS, AR May 18—Kelly Aaron from the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services recently spoke to Black River Technical College’s Career & Technical Students about how to be successful at work. Aaron explained that the focus of the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services is to provide individuals the tools they ... [Read in browser »](#)

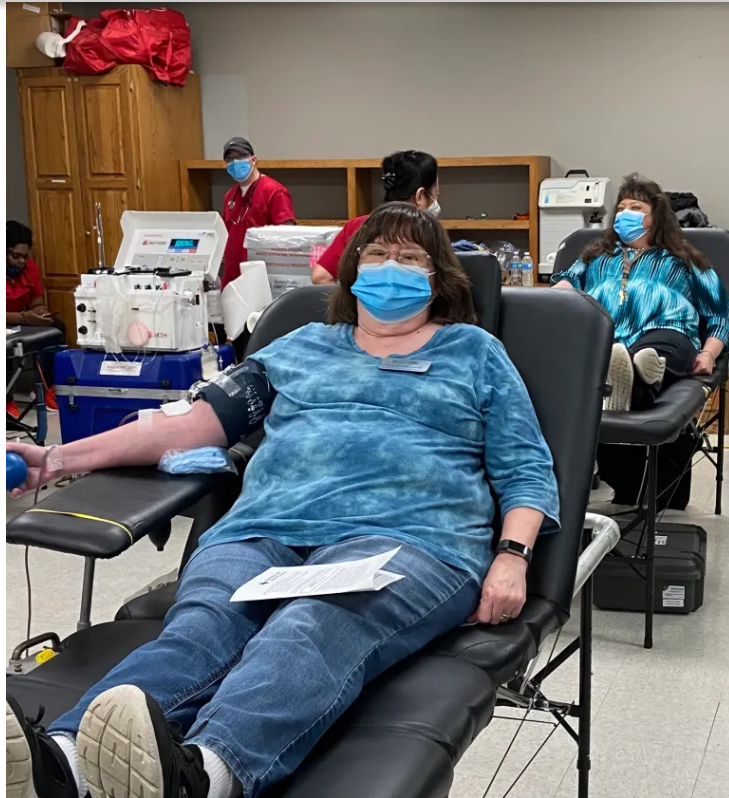
## [Food Preparation Specialist](#)

*By Amber Green on May 17, 2021 03:09 pm*

Black River Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Food Preparation Specialist. This position will be a full-time, twelve-month staff position and is classified as a Grade C104 with the State Classification and Compensation System. Position: The Food Preparation Specialist is responsible for assisting in the food preparation, service, storage and cleanliness ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Paragould Hosts Blood Drive](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 17, 2021 08:00 am*



Katrina Bozarth donating blood PARAGOULD, AR May 17 — On May 4, 2021, BRTC Paragould hosted an American Red Cross blood drive. At the blood drive, 10 units were collected and there were 3 first-time donors and 30 potential lives saved. BRTC has hosted 2 blood drives this academic year, collecting 21 units total. Katrina Bozarth, ... [Read in browser »](#)

## Rosson Steele Signs with BRTC

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 14, 2021 08:00 am*



Rosson Steele signs with BRTC POCAHONTAS, AR May 14—Rosson Steele, a senior at Brookland High School, signed a letter of intent, committing to attend Black River

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Business Administration. The Signing Day took place on Saturday, May ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Gunsmithing Technology Instructor](#)

*By Amber Green on May 13, 2021 05:27 pm*

Black River Technical College is accepting applications for the following technical faculty positions for the 2021-2022 academic year with the semester beginning on August 16, 2021. GUNSMITHING TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR The person filling this position will be responsible for course curriculum development, course and laboratory instruction in the gunsmithing technology department at Black River Technical College ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Hosts First Annual Firefighter Games](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 13, 2021 08:00 am*



Dakota Johnson, 1st place winner POCAHONTAS, AR May 13—On Tuesday, May 4, Black River Technical College hosted the first annual Firefighter Games. Approximately 80 students from Cave City, Corning, Greene County Tech, Marmaduke, Paragould, Pocahontas, and Sloan Hendrix gathered on the Pocahontas campus to enjoy the festivities. Around 40 students competed in two scored firefighter ... [Read in browser »](#)

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## BRTC Named Best Of NEA

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 25, 2021 08:00 am*



Jason Smith J.D., Vice President for Student Affairs, accepting the award POCAHONTAS, AR May 25—Black River Technical College was voted Best Vocational School

award on behalf of the college. BRTC is honored to have received this award for ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Arkansas Tech University Approved to Offer Degrees at BRTC's University Center](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 24, 2021 08:00 am*



Alan Haskins, Fire Science Director; Dr. Jeff Aulgur, Interim Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Brad Baine, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Donna Statler, Dean for General Studies POCAHONTAS, AR May 24—The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved Arkansas Tech University’s request to offer degrees through Black River Technical College’s University Center. ATU will ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Baylee Gonser Signs with BRTC](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 21, 2021 08:00 am*



Baylee Gonser signs with BRTC POCAHONTAS, AR May

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Technical College in the Fall of 2021. Gonser accepted the Hard Tech Scholarship and will seek a degree in Industrial Electricity/Electronics. The Signing Day took place on Saturday, May ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Campus Police Officer](#)

*By Amber Green on May 20, 2021 01:08 pm*

Black River Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Campus Police Officer position on the Paragould Campus. The position will be hired to be present primarily during evening and/or Saturday classes. Therefore, the hours and times may fluctuate on a semester-by-semester basis. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Maintains security of assigned areas and enforces parking ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Machine Tool Technology Instructor](#)

*By Amber Green on May 20, 2021 10:24 am*

Black River Technical College is accepting applications for the following technical faculty positions for the 2021-2022 academic year with the semester beginning on August 16, 2021. MACHINE TOOL TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR – Pocahontas Campus The applicant will be responsible for course curriculum development, course and laboratory instruction in the machine tool technology department at Black River ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [New Exhibit on Display in BRTC's Mini-Museum](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 20, 2021 08:00 am*

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Student Curators: Makenzie Warner, Austin Hayes, Rebecca Klutts, Alex Roberts, Marcy Howard, Samantha Forehand, Samuel Freeman, Jon Borland, Whitney Judd, and Faith Waymon PARAGOULD, AR May 20— The second exhibit in BRTC's student-led Mini-Museum opened recently. The new exhibit is a collection of Frankoma pottery which is made from red clay found in Oklahoma. Dr. ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [Watercolor Painting Workshop](#)

*By Cally Shore on May 19, 2021 03:20 pm*

# Paint Yourself Happy

## with Rayna



Take this opportunity to learn how to create an abstract painting similar to Clarissa Hagenmeyer Designs. With fun and easy paint techniques, the mixing of watercolors, and the freedom to complete a piece of art for any occasion.

## RESCHEDULED - Spring Make-n-Take Door Hanging

*By Cally Shore on May 19, 2021 12:24 pm*

## Spring Make-n-Take Door Hanging



Take this opportunity to learn basic weaving techniques for projects, the art of floral arranging, how to make decorative bows, and methods of layering materials for a beautifully completed project. The class will be on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the BRTC Pocahontas Campus. Registration will be taken through ... [Read in browser »](#)

## T-Shirt Quilting Class

*By Cally Shore on May 19, 2021 12:08 pm*

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# T-SHIRT



# QUILTING

GET OUT THOSE OLD T-SHIRTS AND TURN THEM INTO A KEEPSAKE! Take this opportunity to learn about color, texture, cohesive design, symmetry, and how to add finishing touches with backing and borders. The class will be held on Tuesdays, June 1 & 8, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on the BRTC Pocahontas Campus. Registration will ... [Read in browser »](#)

## [BRTC Paragould Instructor Recognized](#)

*By Elizabeth Collins on May 19, 2021 08:00 am*

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Joan Linnstaedter, BRTC English Instructor PARAGOULD, AR May 19— Joan Linnstaedter, BRTC English Instructor, was recently recognized by the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) and the American Council on Education (ACE). After a year-long training, Linnstaedter completed a Certificate in Effective College Instruction, demonstrating “the comprehensive knowledge and skills that constitutes the ACUE ... [Read in browser](#) »



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