

Laurel News



LTI Honors Distinguished Grads

This week Laurel recognized our Spring 2023 Distinguished Graduates! We're excited to recognize these hard-working graduates as they come to the end of the educational journey with us! We're so glad that you chose Laurel and we can't wait to see all of your future success!



LTI Director of Education Named in Top 30 Under 40

Please join LTI in congratulating Lauren Chaney on her recognition as the top 30 under 40 in the Shenango Valley! Lauren's done an amazing job in her role as Director of Education, overseeing a stellar reaccreditation visit, completing her Master of Education degree, and completing the Leadership Shenango program- all in the past 12 months. We are excited to celebrate at the awards ceremony that will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2023.

Laurel Business Institute Announces New Practical Nursing Program

In an effort to meet the growing need for nursing staff in local healthcare systems, Laurel Business Institute is excited to announce the addition of another pathway into the healthcare profession with its one-year Practical Nurse program. Students will learn current industry skills in the new simulation lab before they start their direct client care clinicals that are coordinated and supervised by Laurel's faculty and local clinical partners.

"This program offers a unique curriculum designed to provide the student with clinical experiences up to four days a week prior to graduation," states Tammy Allison, Practical Nursing Program Director of Laurel Business Institute, "This

will better prepare the student for the role of the practical nurse in today's healthcare environments in long-term, acute and primary care settings" This 12-month diploma program is offered to students in Uniontown, P. A., and surrounding areas. It provides students access to a new learning simulation lab and provides hands-on experience that students will utilize throughout the program to prepare them for certifications, critical thinking, and patient care. The curriculum students will take includes courses in Nutrition Therapy, Fundamentals of Nursing, Human Growth & Development, Medical Surgical Nursing, Certification Prep and much more! With small class sizes and great faculty, Laurel has high hopes

of helping build great healthcare workers for the community and surrounding areas!

In addition, Laurel Business Institute has established healthcare affiliations with WVU Medicine-Uniontown Hospital, Ruby Memorial Hospital, Mon Health Hospital, as well as Excelsa Westmoreland Hospital and Jefferson Hospital. We also have great partnerships Mt. Macrina, LaFayette Manor, Quality Life Services -South Fayette Nursing Center and Henry Clay Villa. The students of Laurel Business Institute's healthcare programs will receive invaluable clinical experiences from all affiliations.

LBI Hosts 12th Annual Golf Outing

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library project began in Fayette County in 2007, with the goal of providing one book a month to children from birth through 5 years of age. The program passed the 100,000 books delivered milestone at the end of the 2021 calendar year. The program is funded each year with its Annual Golf Outing. In its 12th year, the Annual Golf Outing was scheduled Friday, July 28 at Duck Hollow Golf Course and was open to the public for registrations, donations, and volunteers. This single event funds the nearly 500 children in the Uniontown area who benefit from the literacy initiative. Children in the program receive a book a month, mailed directly to them.

Fayette County has one of the highest illiteracy rates in the state of Pennsylvania. Imagination

Library seeks to improve the literacy rate and help the children of this county be prepared for school and work. Its goals are to promote a love of reading and learning; regard for diversity of people, their roles, culture, and environment; promotion of self-esteem and confidence, appreciation of art and aesthetics. It also seeks to promote literacy among the families by providing opportunities for parents and children to read together.

The original goal was to have a continuous enrollment of 500 children in the Uniontown School District. Imagination Library partnered with the Redstone Foundation of Fayette County to administer the funds and with the Uniontown Public Library to handle the operational aspects of the program. To date, the chapter has exceeded their



goal and currently have over 500 children enrolled and receiving books monthly.

The Annual Golf Tournament at Duck Hollow is the main fundraiser for the year. The proceeds help to sustain and expand the program. For the 12th year in a row, the event was held at Duck Hollow Golf Course on Friday, July 28. This year the event raised a grand total of \$20,543.00, allowing the program to sponsor over 650 books for children within the program!



LCOT Students Sharpen Skills

One thing that every Laurel campus is very proud of is the hands-on skill practice our students get early in their education. From cutting, styling, and coloring, these are very important skills they need to be employable in their field!



LTI Highlights Ellwood Group as Premier Employer Partner

This semester's company spotlight is one of our Electrical Technician program Premier Partners, The Ellwood Group, whose metallurgy company provides critical materials and engineered solutions to the industries they serve. Over the course of the last semester, The Ellwood Group has been intertwined with both the Electrical Technician program and with Laurel Institutes as a whole.

The Electrical Technician department has attended field trips to the Ellwood forge and aluminum casting facilities. Dena Baptiste, Ellwood's Director of Human Resources who coordinated this trip and other events, represented The Ellwood Group during the LTI Career fair and

connected directly with our students. Quayrus Epps, Director of Member Relations, and Carissa Sechrist, the Human Resources Generalist, also stopped by the LTI campus to speak with students about their facility and its benefits.

Outside of the classrooms, The Ellwood Group has stepped into our PAC meetings, showing a commitment to our students and programs. Dena Baptiste, alongside Facilities Manager Nate Cesene, attended PAC meetings for the Electrical Technician program, and Richard Owrey, the VP of Information Technology, has begun to take steps towards joining the PAC meetings for the Computer Network & Security Technician program.

As we continue to grow our relationship with The Ellwood Group, we see how dedicated they are to every aspect of Laurel and its students, agreeing to sponsor an Electrical Technician room for our upcoming Trunk or Treat event in October at the Sharon campus of LTI. Our students benefit from a Premier Partner like The Ellwood Group, who are committed not only in the classroom, but outside



of it, especially with the community. We at Laurel Institute appreciate the connection we have formed with The Ellwood Group and look forward to continuing the engaging activity in the years to come.



LTI Holds Respiratory Therapy Pinning Ceremony

Our Respiratory Therapy students held their annual pinning ceremony last night to honor and celebrate our May RT graduates. Our graduates were presented with pins to signify completion of the Respiratory Therapy program here at Laurel. Congratulations all, we are so excited to see your future success!

LTI Culinary Brings Home Awards



The culinary students of LTI have recently brought home two prestigious awards at the 13th Annual Chili, Chowder, and Soup Cook off hosted by the Meadville-Western Crawford County Chamber of Commerce. The competition, which took place on a chilly day in March, brought together some of the most talented chefs and culinary students from the region, all vying for the coveted titles of Best Soup and Most Creative Chili. Despite the tough competition, LTI's culinary students emerged as winners, impressing the judges with their Red Pozole and Homestyle Beer Chili. The Red Pozole, a traditional Mexican soup made with pork, hominy, and a variety of spices. The students added their own twist by smoking the pork for their soup, and wowed the judges with bold flavors and perfect texture.

Meanwhile, the Homestyle Beer Chili, made with ground beef, tomatoes, kidney beans, and a generous splash of beer, stood out for its unique combination of flavors and creative use of ingredients. To take it to the next level, the students topped the chili with chili braised beef and fresh cornbread.

The LTI culinary team was understandably thrilled with their victory. "We put a lot of hard work and effort into creating these dishes, so it feels great to have them recognized," said culinary student Emiley Schultz, who helped prepare the Red Pozole. "We wanted to make something that was both delicious and authentic, so we drew on our own experiences and cultural backgrounds to create something truly special."

For the LTI culinary students,

the awards are a testament to their passion and dedication to the culinary arts. "We love cooking and experimenting with different ingredients and techniques, so it's an honor to be recognized for something that we're so passionate about," said culinary student Tiffany Arnott, who helped prepare the Homestyle Beer Chili. "We're excited to see where this takes us in the future."

Overall, the 13th Annual Chili, Chowder, and Soup Cook off was a resounding success, showcasing the culinary talents of some of the best chefs and students in the region. For the LTI culinary team, it was a particularly memorable experience, as they demonstrated their skills and creativity to the delight of the judges and spectators alike.



LTI Culinary Students Showcase Skill in Capstone Dinner

The Capstone Dinner: Summer 2023 was a remarkable event that showcased the talents and growth of the third-semester culinary students that are graduating at the end of this semester. The purpose of this project was to provide a platform for students to demonstrate their culinary skills and creativity, while also teaching them essential aspects of menu planning, cost management, and job assignments in the hospitality industry.

Over a six-week period, the students worked collaboratively as a team to design a 6-course menu based on flavor profiles, ingredients, and presentation that reflected the summer. They conducted extensive research to cost out the ingredients needed for their menu. The students took a vote and designated Katie Hurst as their sous chef and team leader.

Throughout the project, the students practiced and refined their dishes in the kitchen. In the week leading up to the final event, they made final adjustments to their dishes ensuring everything was perfect for the guests.

The highlight of the project was the private dinner held in the final week. The students served their meticulously prepared dishes to the guests which included their friends and



family, truly showcasing their talents and growth. This event provided an excellent opportunity for the students to interact with the guests and receive valuable feedback, enabling them to further enhance their culinary abilities.

The Capstone Dinner: Summer 2023 not only provided a hands-on, practical learning experience for the culinary arts students but also developed their teamwork and communication skills. By successfully executing their assigned roles and collaborating effectively within their teams, the students gained valuable experience in working in a professional kitchen setting.

Moreover, the event achieved its objective of providing a platform for students to showcase their individual talents and growth for their friends and family. Through their carefully crafted menus and culinary creations, the students left a lasting impression on the guests, setting a solid foundation for their future careers in the hospitality industry.

LBI Honors Dean's List Recipients

Congratulations to our Dean's List award recipients! We know how hard you each works and it shows! Also awarded during the ceremony were recipients of Perfect Attendance and LBI'm Involved! Keep up the good work, we are proud of each of you!



Laurel College Of Technology Holds Annual Week Of Service

Laurel College of Technology was excited to invite the community to their annual week of service in June 2023. With events planned beginning on June 12th through the 16th, Laurel was excited to get the community involved as they dedicated the week to raising funds to donate to Read WV and WVU Children's Hospital Radiothon sponsored by WVAQ & WKKW.

On Monday, June 12th, we had Raffle Basket Drawings on campus where the community was invited to come in and purchase tickets and place them in the drawing of their choice. They collected a total of 18 basket donations from local businesses to make the event a success! The evening Esthetics class offered facial services in the student clinic!

Tuesday, June 13th, was our Literacy and STEM Day. We had reading and project stations set up throughout the campus to help engage and expand young minds! We also had a local favorite food truck, Rollie Pollie Egg Roll, Factory on site for the day to

offer some delicious lunch options!

Wednesday, June 14th, was a big day for this week-long event! The School of Healthcare hosted the American Red Cross for a Blood Drive from 12 - 6 PM. The blood drive was held in Laurel's simulation lab, giving participants the chance to see the classroom our students get to learn in! We also had WVAQ join us for a Live on Location event with their huge boombox in support of the event! Laurel's School of Cosmetology offered salon appointments during the day, as well as evening appointments for our Esthetics Clinic!

Lastly on Friday, June 16th, the School of Cosmetology hosted more appointments for family, friends and the community!

With the help and participation of our student and local community, Laurel College of Technology raised \$1,285.50! We donated \$1,000 to the WVAQ & WKKW WVU Children's Hospital Radiothon that was held in September, and \$285.50 to WV Reads!

LCOT Nursing Students Get Vital Simulation Skills

There's never a dull moment during sim lab here on the LCOT campus! These nursing students have great hands-on learning activities when it comes to pediatric medicine! A huge thanks to our little volunteers and their parents, for helping in our learning labs!



LBI CMA's Volunteer at Community Event

Our CMA's visited and volunteered at Penn Rose Community Days this summer! They spent some time taking blood pressures, giving out LBI swag, and interacting with the guests!! *Thank you for having us!*



Laurel Campuses Enjoy Mass In-Service Day

Laurel had the opportunity to get together last week for our Annual Spring In-Service day! We had all of our faculty and staff come together for insightful training sessions designed to create better classrooms for all current

and future students! A huge thank you to those who put this together, those who led training sessions and departmental meetings, and to our LCOT campus for hosting this year!



LTI Staff & Students Volunteer with Local Charitable Foundation



A huge thank you to Meszaros Family Charitable Foundation for the opportunity to help this week! We had staff volunteers Deb Anderson and Sarah Wright, along with Culinary Arts students Haily Clarke, Matt Ammann, Victoria Delgado, and

Jereen Moore attend the event to lend some hands where they were needed!

This was a great event for the community and we are glad to have been a part of it! Thank you, Meszaros Family Charitable Foundation, for all you do!



LBI Awards HS Scholarship

Congratulations to our HS Senior 2023 1/2 tuition Scholarship Winner, Kaylee Gluvna! Kaylee joined us this fall for our Respiratory Therapy Specialized Associate Degree program! We're excited to have her join us and cannot wait to see all of her future success.

LBI Hosts Career Fair

We'd like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of these great employers that joined us for the Career Fair last week! It was great to have some many local companies engage with our students!



Laurel Business Institute Announces May 2023 Graduating Class

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Laurel Business Institute held its Spring graduation on May 18, 2023, at the State Theater in Uniontown, PA. Opening comments were given by Nancy Decker, President and CEO of Laurel Institutes, then Director of Education, McKenna Gower, presented the Degree and Diplomas to the graduates. Valedictorians Payton Dimpel, Taylor Wise, and Stephanie Richter, addressed their fellow students, instructors and families with a brief encouraging speech. Salutatorian Jessica Quarrick also addressed the class, thanking fellow students, instructors, and family for the support she received during her education. The Career Services department reported that 74% of May 2023 graduating class have accepted employment offers within their program of study. The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas in the following programs:

Laurel College of Technology held its Spring graduation on May 19, 2023, at the Holiday Inn in Morgantown, WV. Opening comments were given by Nancy Decker, President and CEO of Laurel Institutes, then Campus President, Sherri Rimel, presented the Degree and Diplomas to the graduates. Degree Valedictorians, Lisa Fortner and Krystle Wolfe, addressed their fellow students together with a congratulatory and encouraging speech. They were followed by fellow Valedictorians Mary Hylton, Isaiah Hanna, David Kern, and Madison Olinger. Class Salutatorian, Billy Wright Jr., also addressed the class with heartfelt congratulations and thanks for his fellow students and program instructors. Sherri Rimel also reported that 74% of May 2023 graduating class have accepted an employment offer within their program of study! The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas in the following programs:

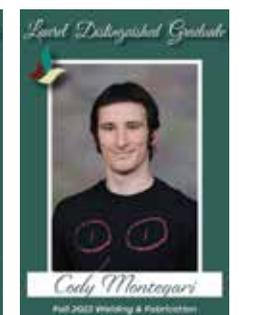
Laurel Technical Institute held its Spring graduation on May 10, 2023, at the Buhl Park in Hermitage, PA. Opening comments were given by Doug Decker, VP of Operations at Laurel Institutes, then Director of Education, Lauren Chaney, presented the Degree and Diplomas to the graduates. Degree Valedictorian, Stephen Rubinoski, addressed his fellow students with a brief encouraging speech. 81% of May 2023 graduating class have accepted an employment offer within their program of study. The following students were awarded Specialized Associate Degrees and Diplomas in the following programs:

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| Degree Programs:
Accounting and Business Administration
Torri Humberston
Brandy Sapp
Joni Swihart
Early Childhood Education
Sara Keffer
Medical Billing and Coding
Cheyenne Kline
Elisa Serrano
Electrical Technician
Westin Miller
Network Administration and Security
Devon Friel
James Frost
Jake Lemley
River Miller | Respiratory Therapy
Rebecca Burrell
Zoe Carson
Rebecca Gessler
Bruce Gunnoe
Makayla Hair
Morgan Hertzog-Short
Rachel Kutzer
Julie Lawson
Chase McAfee
Jessica Meehan
Dustin Miller
Hannah Roebuck
Kasey Ruse
Alyssa Sharrard
Taylor Wise
Kaylee Yeagley
Megan Young
Diploma Programs:
Clinical Medical Assistant
Ashley Lewandowsky
Jessica Quarrick | Cosmetology
Michele Frazee
Sara Helmick
Emily Stuchell
Esthetics
Kara Goddard
Payton Haas
Jennifer Kadonick
Sydney Palya
Esthetics & Nail Technician
Brooke Berdine
Gabriela Cordero
Connie Craft
Lillian Cunningham
Payton Dimpel
Aleshia Dooley
Jonidean Harden
Rachel Jurczak
Amber Myers |
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| Degree Programs:
Electrical Technician
Julian Brown
Isaiah Hanna
David Kern
Madison Olinger
Nicholas Tripplert
Billy Wright, Jr.
William Fearon
Nursing
Kaylee Booth
Scott Cannon
Lisa Fortner | Diploma Programs:
Cosmetology
Mary Hylton
Alexis Marino
Lauren Monti
Hannah Queen
Hellen Reel
Kendra VanKirk
Lydia Demyon
Jayden Reese
Hairstyling
Alyssa White | Eric Godfrey
Zachary Hillsman
Katharine Landreth
JoAnn Laurita
Kiersten Lear
Ashley Myers
Natalia McKahan
Nicholas Rush
Miranda Sisk
Debera Smith
Parker Wilhelm
Krystle Wolfe |
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| Degree Programs:
Medical Laboratory Technician
Courtney Johnson
Network Administration and Security
Aaron Armstrong
Austin Bacon
Torrance May
Justin Ramsey
Respiratory Therapy
Breanna Critcher
Morgan Gelesky
Kylie Longstreth
Colleen McCartney
Destiny Pterson
Gina Powers | Stephen Rubinosky
Kayla Stiles
Kristopher Studer
Brandy Weingartner
Diploma Programs:
Clinical Medical Assistant
Jasmine McCurdy
Cosmetology
Paige Langos
Culinary Arts
Tiffany Arnoto
Emiley Schultz
Esthetics & Nail Technician
Shawnte Bratten
Breann Williams | Master Teacher of Cosmetology
Diamond Lewis
Ariel Oquendo
Phlebotomy Technician
Arianna Brown
Ainsley Hall
Olivia Minor
Danielle Aites
Olivia Gahagan
Kathryn DeForest
Cinnamon Tyler
Welding & Fabrication with Pipeline Technology
Cameron Waid |
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Laurel's Fall 2023 Distinguished Graduates



LCOT Nursing Grads Pass NCLEX



We would like to congratulate these recent graduates of our Nursing program! They recently passed their NCLEX and we are excited to welcome them to a wonderful profession! We are proud of you all and hope you do the best in your future careers!

LCOT Presents Dean's List Awards



Congratulations to these hard working students! We know it's not always easy to balance school, work, and home life but these awards prove you are all more than capable! We're proud of all of our students and love to see these smiling faces after each Dean's List Award presentation!

LTi Announces Spring 2023 Dean's List Recipients

Laurel Technical Institute is pleased to announce our Dean's List recipients for the Spring 2023 Semester:

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| HAVING EARNED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 4.0 TO 3.8 TO BE ON THE HIGHEST HONORS DEAN'S LIST:
Kaleigh Beasley
Cosmetology
Mitchell Boltrott
Welding and Fabrication
Benjamin Brown
Electrical Technician
Aaron Dennis
Computer Network Security Technician
Cole Doolin
Welding and Fabrication
Tegan Frampton
Computer Network Security Technician
Hayden Gould
Computer Network Security Technician
Essence Harris
Cosmetology
Katie Hurst
Culinary Arts
Carlee Huston
Cosmetology
Edward Marsch
Culinary Arts
Catherine Martin
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Ashley McCausland
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Joshua McCurry
Welding and Fabrication
Noel McMuldren
Computer Network Security Technician
Robert McMurdy
Electrical Technician
Jonathan Melhorn
Electrical Technician | Montana Minor
Electrical Technician
Aiden Mohr
Electrical Technician
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Erin Phibbs
Respiratory Therapy
Briana Porterfield
Cosmetology
Destinee Smith
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Torree Smith
Cosmetology
Michael Wade
Electrical Technician
Abigail Wheeler
Cosmetology
Sydney Wylie
Cosmetology
Robert Ziminick
Welding and Fabrication
HAVING EARNED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.79 TO 3.5 TO BE ON THE HIGH HONORS DEAN'S LIST:
Easton Campbell
Electrical Technician
Dina Conroy
Clinical Medical Assistant
Jessica Craig
Accounting and Business Administration
Chayse DaCosta
Early Childhood Education
Kylie Deeter
Cosmetology
Chad Fullum
Computer Network Security Technician
Justin Huffman
Culinary Arts | Sampson Mains
Cloud Computing Technology
Jenna Mattocks
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Heather Nay
Medical Billing & Coding
Leticia Rea
Respiratory Therapy
Torrence Shearer
Welding and Fabrication
Tyler Welsh
Computer Network Security Technician
HAVING EARNED A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.49 TO 3.25 TO BE ON THE HONORS DEAN'S LIST:
Kaitlyn Atterholt
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Aislynn Deeter
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Savannah Fisher-Madison
Medical Office Administration
Xavier Footman
Electrical Technician
Ashton Garrett
Esthetics/Nail Technician
Makayla Hall
Cosmetology
Dominik LaGamba
Culinary Arts
Claire Lees
Clinical Medical Assistant
Marissa Muszik
Cosmetology
Dyiamond Perkins
Cosmetology |
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Congratulations to these hardworking students!

LBI Massage Grads Pass MBLex

Congratulations to three of our May Massage Therapy graduates on passing their MBLex! All your hard work has paid off and we are very proud of you! Keep up the good work!



Melia Milam

GRADUATION
May 2023

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Massage Therapy

MBLex
(Massage & Bodywork Licensing Exam)



Stephanie Richter

GRADUATION
May 2023

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Massage Therapy

MBLex
(Massage & Bodywork Licensing Exam)



Brittany Watson

GRADUATION
May 2023

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Massage Therapy

MBLex
(Massage & Bodywork Licensing Exam)

LCOT Welcomes New Students

We are super excited to welcome this great group of students to campus for an exciting educational journey! Happy Fall Semester everyone!!



LCOT Hosts Fall Pinning Ceremony

Laurel College of Technology celebrated upcoming graduates with a pinning ceremony for its Associate Degree in Nursing program on Wednesday, August 23rd.

Twelve students made up the Fall 2023 pin recipients for the evening's event. Campus President Sherri Rimel opened the ceremony, she addressed the graduates with pride saying, "We have watched you come so far in this journey, you and your families should feel so very proud of being here tonight!" Laurel President and CEO, Nancy Decker, spoke of her enjoyment of holding celebrations such as these to honor these hard working students. Pointing out that the path to get to the end is not always easy but the reward is worth it. "Nursing is not an easy field, we know how much bravery and dedication it takes to become a nurse, and we are so glad to see you all made it here," she said. She also praised

and thanked the instructors and faculty for the time and dedication they put forth to shape and teach these young minds.

Nursing Director Michelle Borland led the presentation of pins and talked to the class about what it means to be a nurse. "You will never be bored. You will always be frustrated," she said. "You will be surrounded by challenges. You will step into people's lives and you will make a difference." She and Clinical Director, Mrs. Hillary Cahall, presented the pins and small gifts to each of the twelve graduates with evident pride for each student.

Also recognized during the ceremony with Mon Health Scholarship recipients, Cassandra Bolyard and Sydney Duckworth. Both graduates addressed their fellow classmates with short speeches, Duckworth says "I would not be standing here today if it were



not for all my instructors and classmates." Bolyard and Duckworth were also presented pins from Mon Health System representative, Lotoya Henry-Ojughana, Director of Talent Acquisition.

Class valedictorian, Emily Mulvihill, along with Dr. Michelle Borland, led the class in the Nightingale Pledge to bring the ceremony to an end.

LTI Welding Students Pass Certifications

Our Welding Students had their Certification Day in May before graduation! Mr. DeJulia and Mr. Niklas are proud to announce that out of the 8 students that took their American Welding Society certifications, the class achieved 100% pass rate! This could open up opportunities for them to weld in structural fields such as bridges, skyscrapers and power plants!

Congratulations to all of these great students!



LTI Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for C.H.E.F.S Garden



Laurel Technical Institute was excited to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the generous sponsorship from Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa for the C.H.E.F.S. Garden yesterday, on July 12th. We heard short addresses from Dr. Doug Decker (Executive VP of Laurel Institutes), Chef PJ O'Connor (Lead Instructor for LTI's Culinary Arts program), Sherry Pontera (Director of Greenhouse Project - Whole Life Services, Inc.), Laura Ackley (General Manager, Buhl Mansion Guesthouse & Spa), Karen Winner (Winner Foundation), Bob Fiscus, (City Manager of Sharon), Shannon Thomas (Representative

from Senator Michelle Brooks' office), and Parke Wentling (State Rep. of the 7th House District in Pennsylvania that covers Sharon, PA). A key moment in the event was the planting of 3 trees, symbolizing growth, sustainability, and the fruitful partnership between Laurel, Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa, and the community.

C.H.E.F.S. Garden, which stands for Culinary Horticulture Education and Food Sustainability, provides a unique educational space for culinary students to explore the cultivation of plants for culinary purposes while understanding the importance of food sustainability. The sponsorship from Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa enables LTI to enhance the management and development of this innovative educational garden. We look forward to the growth and partnership this will bring for the future!

Laurel extends great thanks to the guests of the event, but also those who made the ceremony possible. Culinary Instructors Chef PJ O'Connor and Cassie Cooper were assisted by John Burk, Matt Palanti and Steve Urda who made sure the garden was in beautiful condition and went above and beyond to make this event such a success!



LBI Grad Starts Business

LAUREL Working Graduates

LAUREL BUSINESS INSTITUTE

Self-Employed

GRADUATION
May 2023

PROGRAM OF STUDY
Massage Therapy

REAL JOB
Elysium Massage
as a Owner / Massage Therapist



Stephanie Richter

Congratulations to one of our May 2023 graduates, Stephanie Richter! Stephanie has started the impressive journey of owning her own Massage Therapy business, Elysium Massage! Stephanie is a graduate of our Massage Therapy program and we are so excited to see this awesome journey start for her!