## BridgeValley

## SUCCESS STORIES

Before enrolling at BridgeValley I worked as a Medical Assistant but had been a stay-at-home mom for the better part of 12 years. I found myself divorced and not making enough money to survive. Something had to change.





I chose BridgeValley for its fast-paced nursing program, which has been successful in finding positions prior to graduation for many people I know. As a newly single mom unable to make ends meet, I didn't have any time to waste.

When I first enrolled, I didn't have a computer, and before I started receiving child support payments, I utilized the TANF program through the Student Success Center, which also helped me get set up with financial aid, answered my numerous questions and assisted with counseling and rehabilitation services to curb my anxiety and depression. It has greatly contributed to my success as a student.

Inside the classroom, I have yet to meet an instructor I haven't liked. They are all passionate about what they do and you can tell they genuinely want to see their students succeed. Although, if I had to pick just one, I would have to say Charles "Chuck" Pomeroy is my favorite. He is, by far, the best teacher I

have ever encountered in my life. I recommend him to every student I encounter that needs an anatomy or physiology class. He is passionate about teaching the subjects and makes sure his students truly understand.

If you are struggling, he will make time in his busy schedule to sit down one-on-one and go over the material until you feel confident that you know it.

He is also faculty advisor for Phi Theta Kappa and he inspired me to strive for the goal of being inducted into the honor society.

Outside of the classroom and PTK, I'm involved with Student Government and the Ambassador Program. The members and staff have been very accepting and understanding of my situation, allowing me to bring my four daughters to most of the evening events. I feel we have become family, in

a sense, and encourage each other to strive for excellence. I have also made several genuine friends by stepping out of my comfort zone and getting involved.

It has been a struggle being a full-time mother, full-time college student, working three part-time jobs and trying to find time for studying and homework, but I know it will be worth it when I can provide a better life for my children as soon as I receive my associate's from BridgeValley, I plan on attending Marshall University and taking advantage of the 2+2 program to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

- Caroline Hudson, 33, Nursing, 2021