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### **Winners Announced in BridgeValley Community and Technical College Virtual Pumpkin Decorating and Carving Contest**

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(South Charleston, W. VA) - Each October, BridgeValley Community and Technical College hosts the Capital City Pumpkin Drop where students from across West Virginia compete to see whose pumpkin can survive a drop from the sky. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year BridgeValley chose to redesign the event and invite both K-12 and BridgeValley students to participate in a virtual pumpkin decorating and carving contest. Between September 28 and October 23, students submitted photos of pumpkins painted and carved from the comfort of their own home.

"The Pumpkin Drop is a staple outreach event for both BridgeValley and K-12 students in West Virginia," said Alicia Syner, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. "During a time where social interaction is limited, it's important we look for ways to stay engaged with students and the community. The virtual contest was a fun and safe activity to connect with students and keep the pumpkin drop spirit alive from a distance."

Contestants received points for creativity, presentation, attention to detail, and neatness. Students received additional points for submissions that focused on science, technology, or math.

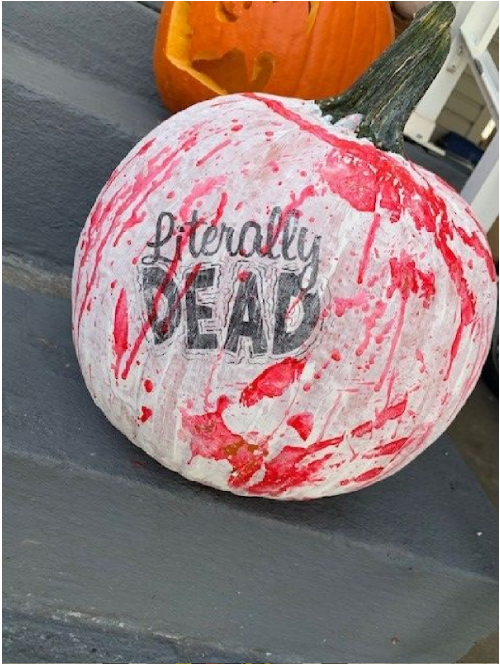
The winners are as follows:

Elementary School 1st Place - Ella Smith  
Elementary School 2nd Place - Hannah Patton  
Elementary School 3rd Place - Adalyn Neal  
Middle School 1st Place - Madison Smith  
Middle School 2nd Place - Gracin Randall  
Middle School 3rd Place - Riley Price  
High School 1st Place - Tonika Coleman  
High School 2nd Place - Madison Dillon  
High School 3rd Place - Courtney Morton

Most Creative - Madison Smith  
Grand Slam-Painted - Madison Dillon  
Grand Slam-Carved - Adalyn Neal  
BridgeValley Student - Kailey Bailey

Pictures of the winning submissions are enclosed.













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### About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

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