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BridgeValley Opens Community GRID Makerspace in Montgomery

(Montgomery, WV) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College will open its "Generate Renew Innovate Design" space, or GRID, a place where creative energy, civic spirit and resources converge to unleash innovation, seek new enterprises and invest in the region's people and the city's downtown on October 12-13.

BridgeValley's GRID is a unique concept that combines the robust elements of a business accelerator with the creative environment of a Makerspace. Machining tools and equipment will be available to infuse a once-popular arts culture with fresh ideas and networking opportunities.

"The GRID offers a space to generate creative and entrepreneurial opportunities for our community members," said BridgeValley President Eunice Bellinger. "By bringing experiential learning and apprenticeships to the region, BridgeValley is innovating the way education is delivered to our resident artists and community."

Over the course of two days, BridgeValley will lead a full schedule of events to open The GRID. Fee-based and free sessions on everything from reaching customers online with Google to 3D print modeling, and entrepreneurial opportunities for medical cannabis to basket-weaving will be covered. Registration fees range from \$30 to \$70, depending on the workshop.

Visit bridgevalley.edu/grid opening for a full schedule of events and to register. The GRID is located off WV-61S just after Jackson Street.

Additionally, Resident Artist Applications are now being accepted. Office space, working space and retail space are available at varying levels of commitment starting at \$40 per month. Studio space can be traded for expertise or instructional duties and gallery exhibition responsibilities.

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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.

For more information about BridgeValley Community and Technical College financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education and events, call (304) 205-6600 or; or check the College's website: "<http://www.bridgevalley.edu>"