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Earn College Credit at BridgeValley while Studying in Amsterdam

(South Charleston, WV) - Students interested in earning college credit at BridgeValley Community and Technical College while experiencing the wonder and history of Amsterdam are invited to sign up for a 10-day trip of a lifetime to the Netherlands' capital next year.

Between June 12 and July 16, participants will take part in a week of pre-trip online coursework. This will be followed by study abroad travel and a two-week post-trip online course that includes sociology essays and the editing and printing of photographic assignments.

The faculty-led learning-centered trip will integrate digital photography (DSGN125) and sociology (SOCI110) courses for the completion of six units that will explore the differences and similarities between European and United States cultures through photo assignments and social observations. Students will participate in lectures, assignments and take part in experiences that explore the significance and impact of European history and politics.

Trip highlights includes visiting the Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, Rembrandt House, Concerts Vondel in Park, Rijks Museum, canal and windmills. Additionally, students will take a Red Light District tour and have the option of a bicycle tour through the city.

The trip itself will take place from June 20 through July 1. The cost to participate is \$4,320 and includes round-trip airfare, public transportation throughout Amsterdam, lodging, breakfasts, dinners and guided events. Additional costs, including for the six units of coursework, must be paid separately. Financial aid is available. A deposit is due by January 31, with full payment expected by February 28.

For additional information, contact <u>Carla.Blankenbuehler@bridgevalley.edu</u>.

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"