

LTI Meadville

## Meadville Clinical Medical Assistant Student Recipient of 2019 Foster Care Youth Leadership Award

Congratulations to our Meadville student, Martina Phillips, who was nominated and won the 2019 Foster Care Youth Leadership Award.



If you are looking for an outstanding youth who rises above their past and their less than ideal circumstances in order to be a positive member of their community, then you found her. Martina is a 20-year-old young woman with a bright future in spite of a shaky past. Martina is an enjoyable young woman who is passionate and strong. Her love for her family is fierce and she is like a "mama bear" to her nieces and nephews who is incredibly fond of. She strives to be a positive influence for them and is very active in their lives. Martina does not take no for an answer when it is something, she believes in. She is an incredible advocate for herself and knows how to speak respectfully to those who can assist her in order to obtain things she needs. Congratulations again Martina!

## LBI Uniontown and LTI Meadville Announce New Virtual Assistant Program

Virtual assistants are essential administrators, project coordinators or independent contractors who provide expert administrative services to clients, typically from a remote office setting. LBI/LTI's new program not only prepares students to work in a traditional office setting as an administrative assistant, office manager, or executive assistant, it allows students prospective opportunities including working independently from home, operating their own business, or working as a freelancer or through

a virtual staffing company. As a virtual assistant, students have the potential to design their own work schedule around their life. They will learn essential technical, administrative and business skills to advance in the expanding world of virtual and remote workplaces. As a reimagining of our previous Administrative Office Technology Program, we are excited to offer our new program at our Uniontown Laurel Business campus as well as our Meadville Laurel Technical campus.



## LTI Meadville Veterinary Assistant Program



Offering Grooming Services to The Public LTI Meadville's Veterinary Assistant program now offers grooming services to the public. All work is completed by students under direct supervision of an instructor. The clinic opened on February 19th and quickly became booked each week! The services offered bathing, nail trims, clean ears,

and anal glands for dogs and brushing, nail trims and bath for cats. Anybody interested in this service can call 814-724-0700 ext 2408 Monday-Thursday between 9am and 4pm for pricing or to set up an appointment. They can also be reached at [ltigrooming@laurel.edu](mailto:ltigrooming@laurel.edu).



## Laurel Technical Institute Meadville Introduces New Massage Therapy Program

LTI Meadville is pleased to announce their new Massage Therapy program. As an addition to our School of Spa and Cosmetology Arts, Massage Therapy is a 9-month diploma course that gives students an opportunity to learn a wide variety of massage styles and modalities that include orthopedic

and sports massage, spa therapies, and Eastern paradigms. Also included in the curriculum are courses in anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, pathophysiology, and practice management. In addition, students will have the opportunity for supervised practice in the school's massage

clinic. With the new course came new members to the Laurel family. Tiffany Morris and Rita Wagner joined our LTI Meadville team as our two Massage Instructors. We had a successful first start in January 2020 and are hopeful for a successful future with our new Massage program!



## LBI Respiratory Therapy Program Wins 2020 Western Regional Sputum Bowl

The Sputum Bowl is a knowledge contest that is similar to the game show "Jeopardy." The prime objective of the Sputum Bowl is to stimulate interest in the current knowledge and practice of respiratory care. The students must answer questions quickly and accurately in topics ranging from

anatomy and physiology to mechanical ventilation.

Since the late 1970's, the Sputum Bowl has been a part of every American Association for Respiratory Care's (AARC) national convention. The AARC's annual gathering is the largest respiratory care meeting in the world.

The Sputum Bowl, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care, starts at the regional level. The LBI students competed against Respiratory Care programs from the western part of the state on March 6, 2020 at Carlow University. The win at the regional level

advances them to the state competition which will be held in October in King of Prussia, PA. A win at the state level would allow them to represent Pennsylvania at the AARC Congress 2020 being held in Orlando, Florida in November.



Respiratory Therapy students Christina Bertovich, Jay Blayney, and Taylor Grimm represented LBI at this year's competition.

## LBI Uniontown Announces Their May 2020 Graduating Class

May 2020 Uniontown, PA



### Electrical Technician

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### Clinical Medical Assistant

Dawn Roofor  
Sierra McBeth

### Cosmetology

Caroline Ryan  
Geri Feick  
Selena Spittle

### Network Administration & Security

Seth Williams

Armand Ezzi  
Nathan Tucholski  
Matt Soisson

### Welding & Fabrication with Pipeline Technology

Colby Kern  
Kyler Pisczek

### Accounting & Business Administration

Keyarra Winfrey  
Brianna Wilt

### Medical Billing & Coding

Laura Baysinger  
Jamie Bennett

Tara Strosnider  
Melissa Ramsey

### Massage Therapy

Jennilee Craig  
Sara Friend  
Alexis Good  
Emily Henigin  
Natasha Travillian

### Pharmacy Technician

Christine Smith  
Shayanna Williams  
**Respiratory Therapy**  
Christina Bertovich

Jay Balaney  
Orlando Carr  
Joshua Clark  
John Clawges  
Taylor Grimm  
Tiffany Hershberger  
Emily Homer  
Mark Johnson  
Alyssa Miller  
Christy Myers  
Rachel Ream  
Angela Willmington  
Katlyn Yanowsky

## LBI Morgantown Announces Their May 2020 Graduating Class

May 2020 Morgantown, WV

### Electrical Technician

John Craig  
Trevor Chick  
Joshua Davis  
Jacob Hughes  
Christopher Sphar  
Benjamin Snyder

### Cosmetology

Brittany Hegedis  
Megan McCullough  
Angela Tipi

### Hair Styling

Morgan Wassick

### Massage Therapy

Gabrielle Burgoyne  
Alexis Etchison

## LBI Meadville Announces Their May 2020 Graduating Class

May 2020 Meadville, PA

### Accounting & Business Administration

Ryan Hall  
Rebecca Kray  
Nichol Loucks

### Cosmetology

Hope Sires  
Erica Stininger

### Master Teacher of Cosmetology

Lauren Davis

### Network Administration & Security

Jacob Plummer  
Richard Stapinsky  
William Galt  
Brian Palmer  
Steven Palmer  
Shawn Yochum

### Clinical Medical Assistant

Tori Wheeler  
Samantha Connor  
Mackenzie Miller  
Emma Newhard  
Ashley Watterson

### Esthetics / Nail Technician

Ainsley Ames  
Nicole Condron  
Jenna O'Brien  
Bonette Smith

### Medical Assistant

Kennedy Christofferson  
Alexis Mitchell  
Anna Fox  
Mikayla Marks  
Raychel Lepley

### Health Information Technology

Morgan Eakin  
Paula-Marie Valdez

## LBI Hermitage Announces Their May 2020 Graduating Class

May 2020 Hermitage, PA

### Accounting & Business Administration

Jessica Lenhart

### Cosmetology

Morgan Robison  
Jessika Harenchar  
Patricia McQuiston

### Clinical Medical Assistant

Melissa Cunningham  
Megan Mishata

### Esthetics / Nail Technician

Alexandra Brandt  
Kyra DeNoi  
Kaylee Callahan-Gearhart  
Deozhanae Jones-Suggs

LaToya Griffin

### Esthetics

Amanda Ferlin  
Leah Gaston  
Madison King  
Danielle Mielcusny  
Alaina Thomas

### Electrical Technician

Devin Dorton  
Patrick Lamb  
Bryce Leach  
Stephen Zaucha

### Health Information Technology

Tamy Lindemuch

### Medical Laboratory Technician

Marc Bellucci  
Charlotte James  
Josh Roden  
Amy Rypczyk  
Joanne Theodor

### Massage Therapy

Jessica English  
Alexis Gross  
Tess Shelhamer  
Kaylee Taylor  
Raven Yusko

### Network Administration & Security

Sam Hoest

Noah Miller  
Tanisha Pagen

### Respiratory Therapy

Jaclyn Busin  
Katelyn Caldwell  
Rebecca Ewing  
Teirra Ferris  
Megan May  
Balie Pago  
Allison Pitts  
Amber Tolnar

### Welding & Fabrication

Shari Hiler  
Daniel Irb

## Laurel Presidential Scholarships awarded at LTI Hermitage

Lee Walter is a 2020 graduate of Reynolds High School. He attended the Mercer County Career Center and received my certificate in Precision Production Metals. He decided that it wasn't the occupation for him so he wanted to pursue an electrical degree. Besides academics, he enjoyed running cross country, playing baseball, and wrestling as his extracurricular activities. Growing up

in western Pennsylvania, most of his hobbies are outdoors. He likes to go hunting and fishing, but he also loves playing disc golf in the park. He lives in Greenville with his mom, dad, and two sisters. His favorite quote is "You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending"

- C.S. Lewis



Lee Walter

Shianne attended Canfield High School in Ohio and will be joining LTI as a Respiratory Therapist. She is a 9/11 baby and a quarantine senior but she knows her future will be BRIGHT! Shianne belongs to the National Honor Society and likes to spend her time doing community service and volunteering. Her hobbies include drawing and painting; all while being a dog mom

to her Berndoodle Puppy. Shianne says "I am excited for the next chapter of my life and thrilled to be a part of Laurel Tech. I'm forever grateful for this opportunity." Her favorite quote is "You do not just wake up and become a butterfly, growth is a process"--Rupi Kaur Welcome to the Laurel family Shianne, we're excited to have you!



Shianne

## Laurel Presidential Scholarships awarded at LTI Meadville

Amy Ruditis is a graduate of Rocky Grove High School. While in high school, she was a part of her class council, science club, and was Vice President of the National Honor Society. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends, playing

volleyball, and skateboarding. Amy's favorite quote is "Optimism is the one quality more associated with success and happiness than any other." -Brian Tracy



Amy Ruditis

Natalie Alexander grew up in Erie, PA and is a graduate of LeBouf High School. Natalie was the set designer for her school musicals and also assisted with makeup. She likes doing art, making videos, and spending time with her

friends. Natalie's favorite quote is "Sometimes the bad things that happen in our lives put us directly on the path to the best things that will ever happen to us."

- Brian Tracy



Natalie Alexander

## John D. Mihm Scholarship awarded to Emile Glad at LBI Uniontown

Emile is a graduate of Laurel Highlands High School and will be joining the Laurel Family as an Electrical Technician. Emile has been a Fayette County native since birth. As the fourth child of six, he enjoys spending time with his siblings and parents at their home. His hobbies include, metal working, longboarding, and building model kits. Upon

receiving the news that he was the awardee of the scholarship, he was ecstatic. Emile is excited to attend LBI because he feels they will help cultivate a diverse skill set for his future. He is blessed to have this honor and plans to make LBI and his family proud. Emile's favorite quote is "The present is theirs; The future, for which I really worked, is mine." -Nikola Tesla



Emile Glad

LTI Hermitage

## Laurel Technical Institute Hermitage Takes New Approach to Their Network Administration & Security Program

LTI Hermitage made exciting upgrades and changes to their existing Network Administration & Security program. Voice, Data and Video Technicians are in demand like never before. Virtual and remote connections are vital to the way companies do business. Our new and improved Network Administration

& Security AST Degree at Hermitage, PA is designed to meet these challenges. If students have an interest in installing and troubleshooting the voice, data and video system that link people and places then this might be the program for them. Students will also learn safety and security systems like fire alarms, circuit

repairs, or safety system testing. They'll learn to install, maintain and repair security systems while also incorporating a variety of computer operating systems like Linux and Windows. Students will participate in classes such as network infrastructure, web server design, and wireless technology. Students will learn

to route and repair the inner-workings of fire alarms, plan and complete projects, layout and install access control systems, and providing the essential connections that our changing world is demanding.



Laurel Business Institute - LBI'm Ready

# Laurel Respiratory Graduates on the Frontlines

With the current COVID-19 outbreak among our country, we have thousands upon thousands of front line personnel leading the fight for our health and safety. Laurel is so proud to have graduates that are a part of that effort every day throughout our large range of healthcare graduates, but we had two graduates that uprooted for the time being to assist in a much larger way. We reached out to these graduates to get their stories to share. We are so proud of you both! Thank you to all the frontline healthcare workers, whether our graduates or not, we extend our gratitude!

## Laura Brubacher - 2010 LBI Respiratory Therapy Graduate

I am currently working at New York-Presbyterian Hospital during the Covid-19 crisis.

My "why" came from losing my mother on 1-30-20 from liver cancer. She was a retired nurse and loved it. Prior to her passing, she made arrangements to have her body donated to science. I knew this and wasn't in total agreement with her choice. However, this was her wish, so we honored it. It wasn't until I received her remains that I could finally understand her reasoning as to why she made that choice. With her selfless act to help over millions of healthcare personnel learn, experience and grow from her passing. During that time COVID crisis hit our country hard. I knew as a Respiratory Therapist that I was called to jump in to do whatever I could to fight against it. She was and has been my inspiration throughout all of this.



My first day at New York-Presbyterian went a little something like this... a quick walk through looking at converted hallways of the hospital and over 500 patients, all COVID positive, on all different types of ventilators. I was in total

shock and fear and asked "what the heck am I really doing here?" That shock didn't last long at all because all of the staff needed everyone's help three days ago. I was told to help with the ICU as the lead Respiratory Therapist was being pulled away to handle ten thousand other things. I stood there like my first day on our clinical rotation not having a clue what to do. A fellow RT said "great to have your support and help." He said "can you please take this vent patient to CT so I can help with another case?" It was then that I reminded myself of all I've learned and done over the past 10 years as

a Respiratory Therapist. You can go into any area, hospital or crisis all over the world, but the same remains true, take care of your patient first and all else will fall into place. We are currently down to 197 ventilator patients now. It's been so humbling, a blessing, an honor and an unbelievable learning experience in my career. I'm proud to be a LBI graduate and all I've done/continue to do as a Respiratory Therapist.

Laura is on assignment in NYC until July 30, 2020.

## Austin Hardik - 2018 LBI Respiratory Therapy Graduate

I am currently a Registered Respiratory therapist with two and a half years' experience. I graduated from LBI in 2018 and had been a Full-Time Registered Respiratory Therapist at UPMC Shadyside after graduation. I recently took upon the challenge to leave my family and go help with the coronavirus pandemic at the University of Miami Hospital.



During this time of uncertainty in the healthcare system I was unsure what I really was getting myself into, but I wanted to help and make a difference in one of the more affected areas during the pandemic. I thought it was my calling and one of the reasons I went to school to be a Respiratory Therapist was to help people in need. During my time at the University of Miami, I worked every day in a makeshift COVID ICU with usually one other therapist covering 60 beds where they converted a general medical-surgical floor into all COVID positive inpatient beds. Every patient that came into the hospital was tested for the coronavirus and depending on the patient's needs and care, they determined if a patient would go to the intensive care unit or to a step down COVID unit.

Patients coming to the intensive care unit varied in age from thirty years old to the elderly in their 90s, mostly all in respiratory distress and with low oxygen saturations. The majority of the patients that were coming to the ICU, along with the patients that were already there, had to be intubated and placed on life support because they would eventually tire out. Every time we had a new admission or had to enter the ICU to see patients you had to don/doff the appropriate PPE that took about five minutes just to put on in a certain order with an observer watching you to make sure you're doing it properly.

The University of Miami Hospital did a great job with the PPE, ensuring staff would be well protected as best as we could be by giving us bunny suits that covered your entire body along with a N95 mask and face shield when you're caring for a patient and you're right at their airway placing an endotracheal tube. Sometimes you would spend 4 hours straight with a skin tight mask that made it hard for you to breathe yourself, taking care of patients requiring a very high level of monitoring or constant care from intubations, proning or even coding a patient.

Every day was emotionally hard and stressful for all staff, but teamwork and communication is so important, especially during these times in bedside patient care with COVID-19 patients. You have to be able to communicate to all members of the team and think quickly as every second is critical. Caring for these sick patients has been very challenging as well as working in a new environment with different ventilators than I am used to and new staff. But it makes me think how hard it was on the patient having no family members or visitors to come comfort them in their time of need, so as a bedside clinician you have to be everything for them, just not your role as an RT anymore.

I have to say after the past two months working in a critical care COVID-19 unit in Miami as a Respiratory Therapist I wouldn't change my experience for anything. I've learned and grown as a Respiratory Therapist and as a person. My advice for the new graduating RT students... study like you're going to make an impact on someone's life and not just to pass an exam and if you're eager and passionate about what you do, I would suggest once you're confident in your skills and knowledge be brave and take on a new challenge. It's been an emotional but very rewarding two months.

# LTI Hermitage Honors Graduates Working Front Lines of the Pandemic

Laurel Technical Institute spotlights some of our medical graduates working the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic.



"RT's are often the unsung heroes in healthcare, but it is an honor to serve our patients in this time of need".

~ Terri Aubel Class of 2019



I'd like to thank you and all faculty and staff at LTI for the education and training I received in

the respiratory therapy program. This has given me the opportunity to be on the front lines of a new and challenging pandemic, Hand washing and following guidelines we will get through this situation together".

~ Don McCloskey Class of 2018



Stay safe and use common sense everyone! Hold your loved ones extra tight! We don't want to see you here and you definitely don't want to see us here either".

~ Nikki Hoyson Class of 2019.

"I want to thank all the front line workers and especially the Respiratory Therapists who are saving people's lives. We are uniquely trained to manage patients who are on ventilators. If you are considering a career, The world needs more RT's".

~Brittany Barger Class of 2017



"Not a hero, just doing what I love. This invisible war we are fighting is amongst us all so thank you for preventing the spread."

~ Gina Morrison Class of 2016

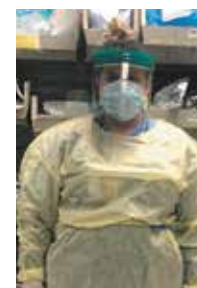
"Working in pediatrics is the most rewarding thing I have ever done. Even though we are in a national pandemic we do everything possible to make sure we keep our patients' spirits up and a smile on their face no matter what situation they are facing".

~ Candace Huston Class of 2018



Every morning as I drive home after a shift I can't help but to think and reflect, is THIS really my life? Is THIS really what I do? Despite how scary, frustrating and at times overwhelming it can be; I'm honored to be on the front lines fighting covid-19. I'm proud to be a part of something BIG; part of history. Alone with my coworkers and classmates we fight this battle together. With each patient that's recovered; we are winning this battle together".

~ Renee Delgadillo Class of 2018



"I have a daughter and another one on the way but my patients need me so without a question, I put on PPE and go back into battle every day".

~ Melanie Bashlor Class of 2016



"I want to give a huge shout out to all of my fellow grads who are working in the field. I also want to thank all of my teachers and mentors who pushed me to be the best I could and have helped me

to get to where I am today. Thank you to everyone working through this pandemic, stay safe and stay strong, we're all in this together".

~ Rich Bauerle class of 2018

"Nobody picks their battles in life, and as a respiratory therapist I don't pick the battles either. But every day I get up and I serve, because that's what we do on the frontline. I've learned to truly appreciate my education and instructors, because in this time what better than know how to help to save others?"

~ Zoe Haigler Class of 2018



"Everything I have learned in my life has prepared me for this moment. The military gave me the drive and strength to react calmly in a stressful situation. Mary and Jodylynn taught me the

skills I need to BE in this situation. I always second guess myself, but I had it in me all along thanks to them".

~ Yolanda Francis Class of 2018

*We are so grateful for not only our graduates, but all essential workers!*

# LTI's Working Spotlight

MEADVILLE

**LTI'm Working**

**GRADUATION**  
January 21, 2020

**LTI PROGRAM**  
Network Administration & Security

**REAL JOB**  
Support Technician at Meadville Medical Center

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
Cochranon High School

**I'm Ready.**



Jordan Covell

**LTI'm Working**

**GRADUATION**  
January 21, 2020

**LTI PROGRAM**  
Nail Technician

**REAL JOB**  
Nail Technician at Premiere Day Spa and Salon

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
Girard High School

**I'm Ready.**



Kelsey Green

HERMITAGE

**LTI'm Working**

**GRADUATION**  
January 22, 2020

**LTI PROGRAM**  
Welding & Fabrication with Pipeline Technology

**REAL JOB**  
Welder at Brilex

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
Maplewood High School

**I'm Ready.**



Michael Palm

**LTI'm Working**


**GRADUATION**  
January 22, 2020

**LTI PROGRAM**  
Electrical Technician

**REAL JOB**  
Road Mechanic at D & S Hoist

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
Hempfield Area High School

**I'm Ready.**



Benjamin Palmer

UNIONTOWN

**LBI'm Working**


**GRADUATION**  
January 30, 2020

**LBI PROGRAM**  
Electrical Technician

**REAL JOB**  
GE (Bailey Technical Services) as Electrical Technician

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
Albert Gallatin Area High School

**LBI'm Ready.**



Dominic Nelso

**LBI'm Working**

**GRADUATION**  
January 30, 2020

**LBI PROGRAM**  
Clinical Medical Assistant

**REAL JOB**  
Centerville Clinics, INC as Certified Medical Assistant

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
South Park High School

**LBI'm Ready.**



Charlotte Friday

MORGANTOWN

**LBI'm Working**

**GRADUATION**  
January 30, 2020

**LBI PROGRAM**  
Electrical Technician

**REAL JOB**  
US Steel as a Maintenance Technician

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
Elkins High School

**LBI'm Ready.**



Kevin Barnhart

**LBI'm Working**

**GRADUATION**  
January 30, 2020

**LBI PROGRAM**  
Phlebotomy

**REAL JOB**  
Uniontown Hospital as a Phlebotomy Technician

**A LOCAL LAUREL**  
University High School

**LBI'm Ready.**



Valencia Hickman

## Laurel Introduces New Culinary Program at its Hermitage Location

Laurel Technical Institute Hermitage is pleased to announce the approval of their new Culinary Arts program. With hopes of the first class beginning in July, potential students will take an in depth look at the Culinary Arts with classes focused on topics such as Butchery, Culinary Fundamentals, Menu Planning, Baking, Pastry & Dessert Essentials and more. The culinary curriculum will train and prepare students for entry-level careers in all aspects of the culinary arts and hospitality fields. The design of the program is balanced between developing the culinary tactile skills of food preparation and the management qualities necessary for career growth. With Chef Roger Clatterbuck as the lead instructor, Roger's goal is to prepare students to work as prep cooks, line cooks, sous chefs, and kitchen managers, and restaurant managers in a wide range of food settings. The program will focus on cooking skills development, problem solving, supervision, kitchen management skills and challenging students to critically evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of culinary operations and identify entrepreneurial approaches to restaurant operations.



## Laurel Technical Institute Hermitage & Meadville Campuses and Valley Fab Lab Collaborate to Create Improved Accounting & Business Administration Program

Laurel Technical Institute in Hermitage and Meadville are offering on-ground courses with new changes to our Accounting & Business Administration program. Our NEW partnership with the Valley Fab Lab will allow students to learn new skills and help them focus on using those skills to make their idea into a profitable enterprise. Our Accounting & Business Administration program will teach students entrepreneurship, small business management, accounting – and everything else they'll need to go from having a product – to having a business. Students will even Learn Digital Fabrication and create prototypes at the Valley Fab Lab with laser engravers, 3d printers, makerbots and much more! LTI's building at 200 Sterling Ave will host the Shenango Valley Community Connections Collaborative, or SVC3, a project that will involve a Fab Lab – “fab” short for fabrication – available to the community at large, business incubation space and an ecommerce element as well.



Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students can be found at [www.laurel.edu/consumer-information](http://www.laurel.edu/consumer-information)

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