

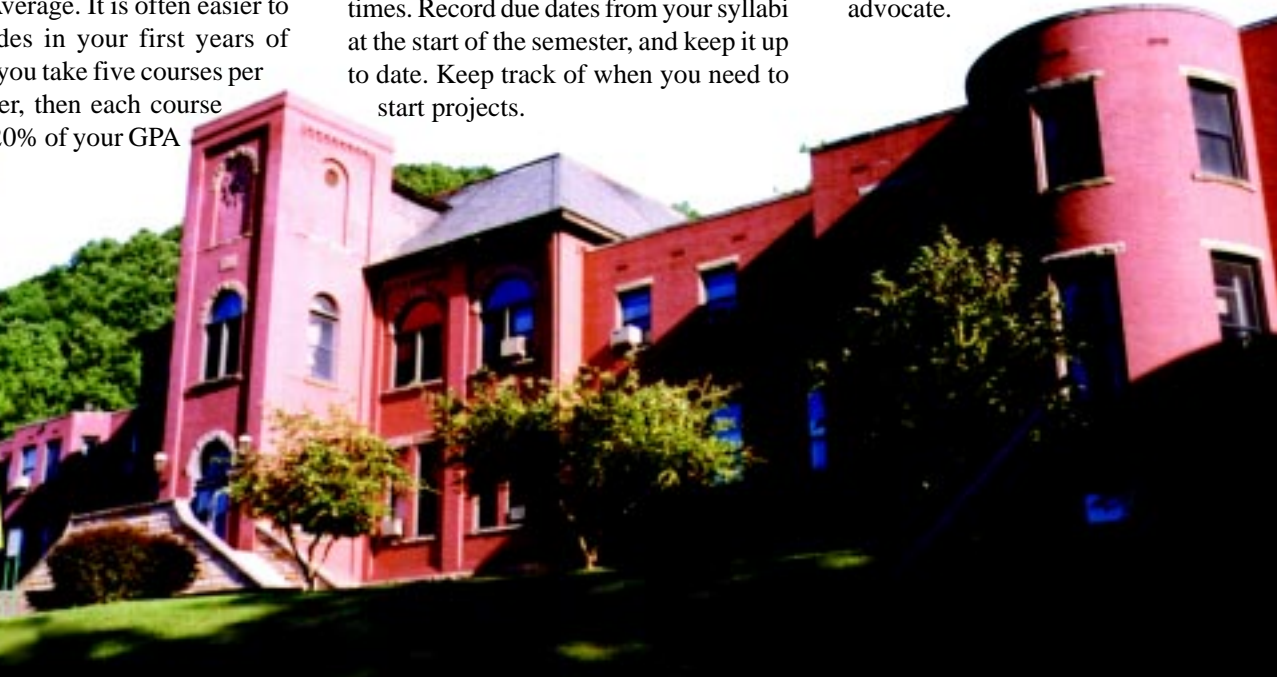
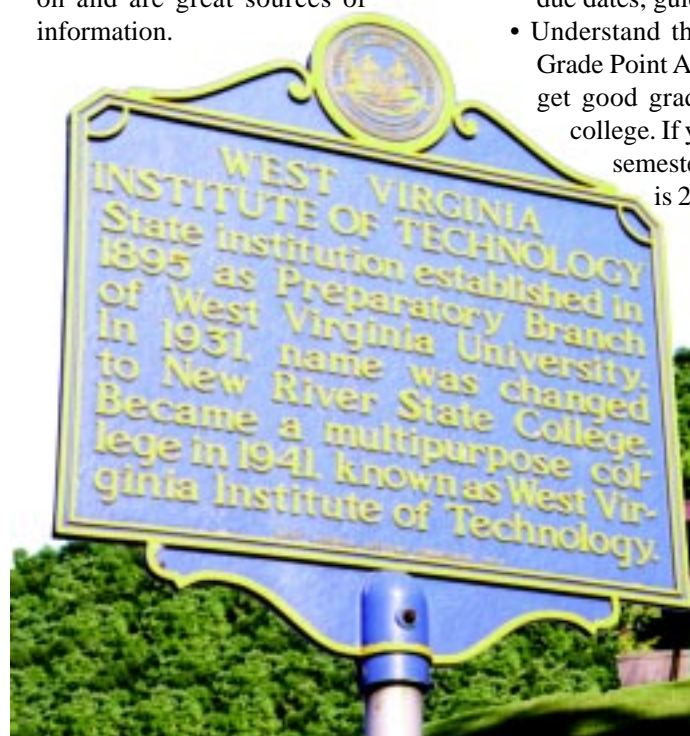
# Tech Survival Guide

## Tips for student success

- Don't skip classes, no matter how tempting. Be on time, and pay attention. It does make a difference.
- Sit up front. Students who sit in the back are more likely to drop out or fail the class.
- New students: Attend orientation. Take notes, and meet the other people in the class.
- Sign up for any academic skills classes or seminars. The instructor will become an ally, and the class will offer useful information.
- Get to know your professors. Talk to them outside of class.
- Meet your advisor early. Be sure he or she gets to know you.
- If you have transfer credits, make an appointment early on to have them evaluated and verified. Get a signed copy.
- Get involved in at least one organization on campus. Meet the advisor, and get to know him or her. Students who are involved on campus have higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate on time.
- If you can live on campus, do so. If you do, meet and get to know the residence life staff. They always know what is going on and are great sources of information.
- Find a faculty member who can act as a mentor. They can ease you through the system, and help later in life.
- The syllabus is your contact with the instructor. Read it thoroughly. You are accountable for everything in it.
- Be a savvy consumer. Keep an eye out for due dates, guidelines, policies, etc.
- Be sure you understand the Core Curriculum in the Tech Catalog. It is the master document to every major on campus. Be sure you understand how it relates to your particular major. It is in the Tech Catalog at the beginning of the "Academic Programs" section.
- You are responsible for knowing the rules and information in the Tech Catalog and the Bearfacts student handbook even if your advisor never explains it to you. But, if your advisor never shows it to you, ask for a new advisor.
- Form study groups. It's a great way to meet people in your class. Whether you are helping others in the group or being helped, both aid in your success.
- If the Library offers an online research workshop, go! You'll need this ability throughout your academic career.
- Be a savvy consumer. Keep an eye out for due dates, guidelines, policies, etc.
- Understand the math involved in your Grade Point Average. It is often easier to get good grades in your first years of college. If you take five courses per semester, then each course is 20% of your GPA
- in your first semester. By the time you are a senior, a course may be less than 3% of your GPA. It is much harder to raise a poor GPA when you have built up a lot of credit hours. If you start with a high GPA, then doing poorly in a class later on won't affect your average very much.
- Follow up with the Financial Aid office. They handle tons of paper, and you don't want to get lost in the system. Always apply for financial aid even if you don't think you will qualify.
- Check with your major department to see if they offer scholarships. Often, they will have industry contacts for money, too.
- Use the resources available on campus, such as tutoring, learning communities, math labs, writing centers, etc. Don't wait until you're in trouble to ask for help.
- Remember why you are here. The average college graduate in America will earn 75% more than a high school graduate during their lifetime.
- Paying tuition does not mean you automatically deserve to pass or graduate. Attend class and do the work.
- Carry a calendar or planner with you at all times. Record due dates from your syllabi at the start of the semester, and keep it up to date. Keep track of when you need to start projects.
- Read campus publications, and industry publications for your major. They should be in the Library or in your department's reading room.



- Remember faculty and staff are people too. Be cordial and polite. Make appointments whenever possible. People aren't sitting in their offices on the off-chance that you may stop by.
- Keep track of your own grades. Make copies of any papers you turn in. Keep organized files of each class.
- Ask for help when you need it. Be persistent. You are your own best advocate.





## From the desk of: Tech President Charles Bayless

### Welcome to WVU Institute of Technology

I would like to personally welcome each of you to WVU Tech and share with you my excitement for the coming year. Over the summer new programs have been developed, services have been enhanced and enthusiasm for the year has been growing. Every member of the faculty, staff and administration has rededicated themselves to helping each and every student succeed.

I hope that you will take full advantage of the new programs such as significantly expanded tutoring and mentoring services for all students and the Learning Communities program for freshmen. We have reorganized the administration with the goal of enhanced student success and effective use of campus resources. We have improved student e-mail and communications with the "My Tech" internet services package available to all students, expanded internet access to

residence hall students, and enhanced freshmen advising.

Our athletic program is getting off to a good start with improved compliance, a new football coach who is filled with enthusiasm, and the sense that all of our teams have a renewed spirit of excitement for the coming year. New faculty members are on board and the veteran faculty is eagerly looking to begin the year. Across the campus there is an optimism that is infectious.

I hope that you have had a restful and rejuvenating summer. A new year brings new opportunities; it is my sincere hope that each of you has a great experience. Take advantage of the complete college experience, in and out of the classroom. WVU Tech has been the springboard for so many hopes and dreams and we look forward to helping each of you achieve yours.

## News about WVU Tech's new learning enhancement opportunities

The new Fall semester brings with it new opportunities for enhancing and assisting all students learning experiences. The campus is offering to all students a greatly expanded tutoring service. It is the goal of Student Success Programs to offer tutoring to any student, in any course. If you just want to maximize your performance or if you are struggling, every effort will be made to find a tutor to help you reach your best in each class. Along with the tutoring, students will be provided with mentoring and study skills enhancement. This service is provided free of charge and is designed to help each of you to succeed. To learn more about how to obtain tutoring contact the Dean of Student Development at 442-3158

Another new program starting this Fall is known as Learning Communities. In coordination with Freshman Seminar, Learning Communities are offering freshmen the chance to participate in an experience with classmates of similar interest (i.e. engineering, business, health care fields, ACE, technology etc.), led by

a faculty member in that interest area. This learning experience will provide out-of-classroom opportunities such as field trips, enhanced advising and tutoring, social events, career exploration, industry visits, leadership development, involvement in academic clubs and a host of other educational and social enhancements. The program affords students the chance to get to know faculty on a more personal level and to take advantage of a fuller college environment. You will find this program will add a new dimension to your college experience and will allow you to really get to know your classmates. Freshmen will learn all about this program in their Freshman Seminar. If you are not participating in Freshman Seminar but would like to be a part of a Learning Community contact the Dean of Student Development's office at 442-3158.

You will be hearing more about these programs over the school year. As the Learning Communities begin their activities, we will be featuring details in the Collegian.

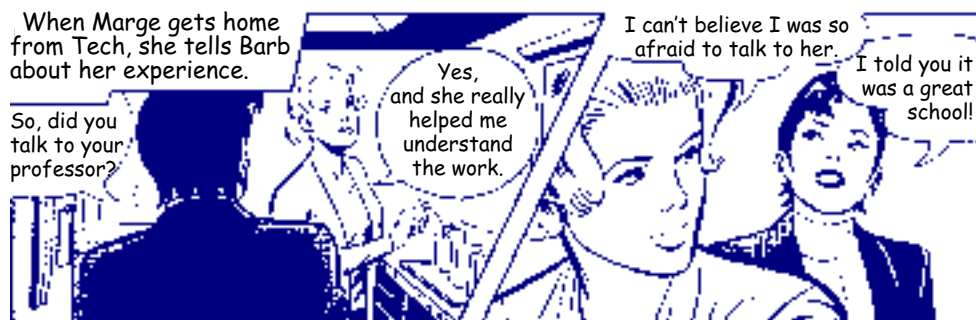
When Marge gets home from Tech, she tells Barb about her experience.

So, did you talk to your professor?

Yes, and she really helped me understand the work.

I can't believe I was so afraid to talk to her.

I told you it was a great school!



## From the desk of: CTC President Jo Harris

### Welcome to the Community and Technical College

I would like to offer my sincere welcome to each of you who have chosen to attend one of our institutions this fall. Here in Montgomery, we have two unique institutions located on one campus—the Community and Technical College at WVU Tech (CTC @ Tech) and WVU Tech. The CTC @ Tech awards all one-year certificate and two-year associate degrees; Tech awards the four-year and graduate degrees. All associate degrees are designed to allow seamless transfer to a plus-two B.S. degree without any loss of credit.

The CTC @ Tech program inventory is extensive, with over 20 majors available. All A.S. Engineering Technology programs (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, and Drafting/Design) are accredited by TAC-ABET. The Dental Hygiene program is one of three ADA-accredited programs in the state and offers free cleaning and x-ray services in its state-of-the-art clinic on sixth floor of Davis Hall. The Printing Technology program is nationally recognized and provides internship opportunities and placement with such companies as USA Today, Quad Graphics, the Wall Street Journal and Scripps Howard. The Office Technology program hosts a wide array of options, including Medical Assistant, Legal, Executive and Medical Office, Computer Specialist, and Health Facility Management; and four options are available in Business Technology. Associate degrees in Computer and Information Technology and Computer Science, along with multiple certificate programs related to computer

security and Cisco certification, provide a wide range of opportunity in the IT fields. Collaborative programs exist in areas such as Respiratory Therapy, Culinary Arts, and Applied Technology. Our General Studies degree is designed for those who are undecided in their career choice, who wish to pursue work in the public service sector, or who wish to transfer to a baccalaureate degree program. For individuals with work experience or credits from multiple institutions, the Board of Governors program provides an alternative route to degree completion. For a complete listing of all program areas, visit the website at <http://ctc.wvutech.edu>.

Quality is our hallmark. In addition to national accreditation, three of our programs have been designated as "Programs of Excellence" by the WVU Board of Governors: Office Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, and Printing Technology. Last year, the CTC @ Tech was cited as having the highest retention rate and graduation rate of all community colleges in the state. Job placement exceeds 90 percent in all technical programs. This excellence is due to our knowledgeable and caring faculty and staff who are dedicated to student success.

My door is always open to answer questions you may have about the CTC @ Tech. Please stop by Davis Hall at any time. I hope that this academic year will be a positive experience for you and that you will achieve all of the goals you have established.

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# Where to get textbooks

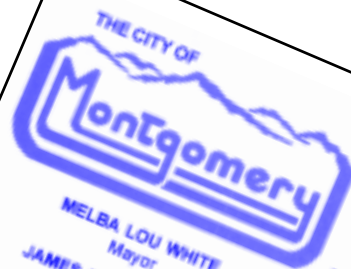
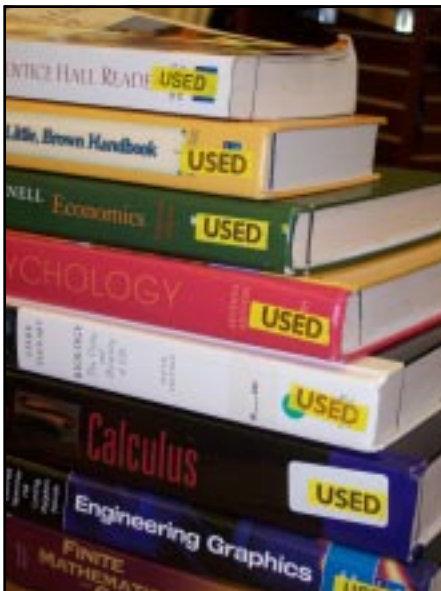
Tech Bookstore - *Your Bookstore* - where professional service is offered by friendly booksellers. The Tech Bookstore is managed by Barnes & Noble with the advantages of a large company coupled with the small town atmosphere. The Tech Bookstore offers many used books to save you 25%.

Students are encouraged to sell back their textbooks to the Tech Bookstore - receiving up to 50% of their purchase price back in cash.

Your shopping needs can easily be met at the Tech Bookstore - from backpacks, to jump drives, to dictionaries, to Tech clothing and gift items.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. We also accept debit cards with the Visa or MasterCard logos. Personal checks and cash are also accepted. Book Vouchers, issued the first day of classes from the Financial Aid Office, are also accepted.

We are open 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. You can shop online 24/7 at [www.wvutech.bkstore.com](http://www.wvutech.bkstore.com)



MELBA LOU WHITE  
Mayor  
JAMES F. HIGGINS, JR.  
Recorder

Greetings:

Welcome to the 2005 fall semester and to the City of Montgomery for a successful year of college life.

The City of Montgomery and the Upper Kanawha Valley Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a "Welcome Back" party for you on August 24th, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Third Avenue between Washington and Adams Streets. There will be music, hot dogs with trimmings, sodas, and just plan fun for all.

We invite you to attend our City Council Meetings the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. If you need assistance from the police or fire department, office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., on week-ends and holidays call 911. For the off campus students who require information on sanitary/incinerator City Hall office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Parking permits and information is also available at City Hall.

As mayor, I invite you to stop by City Hall to chat with me or call 442-5181. Please leave your name and a number where you can be reached if I am not in the office. Enjoy your stay in Montgomery.

Best wishes,

Melba Lou White  
Mayor

Montgomery Mayor Melba Lou White invites all Tech students, staff, and faculty to the free party next Wednesday night.



## Reasons why you should enroll in your Freshman Seminar or Orientation course:

- Helps you adjust academically, personally, and socially.
- It helps you to understand Tech's policies and procedures.
- It's an opportunity to become familiar with faculty, staff, and classmates.
- It's an opportunity to become familiar with the campus, student activities, and services.
- Registration will be less hectic.
- Professors, faculty, and staff are more accessible.
- It's a good chance to get answers to your questions and solutions to your problems.
- It's a chance to join a learning community.
- Students who are active on campus are much more likely to graduate.
- It's a required course!

Wednesday  
August 24<sup>th</sup>

It's a PARTY to...

# Welcome Back WVU Tech Students

Third Avenue  
between  
Washington Street  
and  
Adams Street

Free  
Refreshments  
Hot Dogs  
Chips  
Soft Drinks

Free Entertainment  
DJ 5:00-7:30 PM  
speakers 7:30-8:00 PM  
Band 8:00-10:00 PM

Sponsored by City of Montgomery

# 2005-2006 Calendar

## Fall Semester, 2005

Friday, August 19	Registration
Monday, August 22	Classes start
Week of August 22-26	Late Registration (late fees in effect)
Monday, September 5	Labor Day (no classes)
Monday, October 3	Last day for Incomplete work from Spring 2005 to be submitted to faculty
Friday, October 7	Mid-Semester
Monday, October 10	Mid-Term Grades due in Registrar's Office at 12:00 noon
Friday, October 21	
& Saturday, October 22	Homecoming
Friday, October 28	Last day to withdraw with a "W" grade
Friday, November 4	Deadline to apply for graduation In December
Week of November 21-25	Thanksgiving Vacation (no classes)
Friday, December 9	Last day of classes
Week of December 12-16	Final Exams
Monday, December 19	Grades due in Registrar's Office at 12:00 noon

## Spring Semester, 2006

Friday, January 6	Registration
Monday, January 9	Classes begin
Week of January 9-13	Late Registration (late fees in effect)
Monday, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed (no classes)
Friday, February 3	Deadline to apply for graduation In May
Monday, February 20	Last day for Incomplete work from Fall 2005 to be submitted to faculty
Friday, February 24	Mid-semester
Monday, February 27	Mid-Term Grades due in Registrar's Office at 12:00 noon
Friday, March 10	Last day to withdraw with a "W" grade
Week of March 13-17	Spring Semester Break (no classes)
Friday, April 14	Spring Holiday (no classes)
Friday, April 28	Last day of classes
Week of May 1-5	Final Exams
Saturday, May 6	Commencement
Monday, May 8	Grades due in Registrar's Office at 12:00 noon