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West Virginia Higher Education Technology Conference 2013 Trending Technologies and Community Engagement

WVHETC 2013 will be held at the Waterfront Place Hotel and Morgantown Event Center in Morgantown, West Virginia, on October 28 and 29, 2013. Please join us and two hundred or more attendees who will participate in the return of this important higher education technology conference. Featuring thought-inspiring keynote speakers, 60+ concurrent sessions, tantalizing and

plentiful regional cuisine, the latest technological advances demonstrated by exhibitors, and networking with educators from all of West Virginia, reserve your seat now: wvconference.com **The Call for Proposals closing date is September 22, 2013.** Accepted presenters will receive a **FREE** registration.



The Monday Opening Keynote Speaker (October 28 at 11:45) is Mr. Earving Blythe, Vice President Emeritus for IT, Virginia Tech, who will be speaking about Community Engagement for Security and Safety. *Erv Blythe retired as Vice President for Information Technology, CIO from Virginia Tech in August of 2012. He has a B.A. degree in English (1968). His Masters degree (1983) and doctoral studies are in the Environmental Design and Planning Program of Virginia Tech's College of Architecture. He began employment at Virginia Tech in 1977 after working for 9 years at the U.S. Department of Defense/Department of the Navy. Prior to becoming Vice President in 1991, Mr. Blythe served in a number of roles, including Associate Director of Computing, Director of Communications Resources, and Principal Investigator for several sponsored projects including the development of the Virginia Education and Research Network and of the Network Virginia project. He was also the primary architect of the University's uniquely successful migration of its administrative systems to an enterprise-wide, client-server based resource that fully leverages the Internet and open systems standards. He provided executive leadership and was the primary advocate for the University's nationally recognized: Electronic Villages program, eCorridor's program, Scholarly Communications/Network-based Publishing project, entry into high performance computing, and cyber security center. The focus of his research for many years was on the technological and market structure obstacles to the emergence of advanced communications network infrastructure and he taught a graduate seminar related to that topic. Blythe has served on nationally recognized committees, task forces and boards of directors - including the Blacksburg Electronic Village, Inc., Virginia Tech's Corporate Research Center, Inc., and the National LambdaRail, Inc. boards. He consults nationally on technology, applications and issues related to public safety and security. **Continued Below...***

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The Tuesday Keynote Speaker (October 29 at 11:45) is Dr. Edwin Welch, President, University of Charleston, Charleston, West Virginia, and the title to his keynote is "It Ain't Necessarily So." *Dr. Edwin H. Welch is a native of Maryland and earned degrees from Western Maryland College, Boston University School of Theology, and Boston University Graduate School. He studied International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Higher Education Administration at the Harvard Institute for Educational Management. His Ph.D. is in Social Ethics and he is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. Dr. Welch served in the Executive Office of the President at The White House from 1961 until 1971 in the administrations of Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon. Dr. Welch began his teaching career at West Virginia Wesleyan College where he chaired the Sociology and Anthropology Departments. He was a department chair and Assistant Dean at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania, the Academic Vice President at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and for eight years Dr. Welch served as the Provost at Wartburg College in Iowa. Dr. Welch has been President of the University of Charleston since 1989. He has led the institution through a period of unprecedented fundraising, doubling of full-time student enrollment, redefining the institution's mission, adding a graduate school of pharmacy and a graduate school of business, constructing 8 of the 12 buildings on campus, acquiring national recognition for UC's leadership in outcomes-based learning and student assessment; and adding new locations in Beckley and Martinsburg, West Virginia as well as in online learning. He created a central administrative computing corporation (Independent College Enterprise, Inc.) which serves eight colleges and universities in four states. [Continued on Page Two...](#)*



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Dr. Welch serves on many boards: BB&T corporate board; BB&T-West Virginia advisory board; Charleston Area Medical Center Health Systems; Chairman of the Quality Committee for the Charleston Area Medical Center; CAMC Health, Education, and Research Institute; President's Advisory Committee for the Association of Governing Boards; West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities; and the Mountain East Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He has spoken at national and international meetings and has regularly contributed articles to Trusteeship, the Association of Governing Board's magazine. In May 2006, Dr. Welch was given the first-ever Charles L. Foreman Award for Innovation in Private Higher Education by the Foundation for Independent Higher Education. In August, 2007, Dr. Welch was the proud recipient of the 2007 YMCA Spirit of the Valley Award in recognition of his exemplary community service, and his selfless concern and care for his community. He also has the unique distinction of having a tug boat named for him by the Madison Coal & Supply Company. President Welch is married to a West Virginia native, Dr. Janet Welch.



From The Director...

Things have slowed down a bit at WVNET. Donna Meadowcroft did the budget presentation for the HEPC. Schools are all started back for the Fall Term. We have a new Manager of the Systems Group, Steve White. Our MOOC is done.

It's nice to have a moment to take a deep breath and be thankful for all of our successes. We have bid farewell to retirees Rich and Bonnie Lynch after decades of great leadership. Now, Denise Gwinn is planning her retirement trip to Africa. Thanks to them all for their many years of service to our schools. They will be impossible to replace and we will miss them.

Life moves on with us or without us. Jobs need to get done, conferences scheduled, schools helped. It always amazes me when I look back. It seems so difficult at the time but looks so smooth in hindsight.

Thanks to all of the wonderful WVNET employees who get up every day and keep things moving forward. We truly could not do it without you!

~Dan O'Hanlon, Director

**FEATURED SERVICE — WVNET
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

WVNET's Conference Registration and Management System provides many functions needed to manage events that include registrations, items, sessions and schedules. It is well suited to work with everything from small training sessions to large conferences. Configured access levels allow multiple conference workers to manage appropriate aspects of the event, and all work automatically integrates with web pages, calendars and programs.

The system's capabilities include:

- Attendee and Vendor on-line registration
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- Interactive conference calendar
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- Configurable list of conference registrations
- Detailed information about any conference registration
- Business interface to process payments, generate invoices, accept or reject registrations
- Email notifications for registration submitted/accepted/rejected and invoices
- Content Management to maintain web pages and activate/deactivate menu selections
- Registration History graph
- Session Management - Gather session abstracts, vote on sessions, schedule sessions in time slots and rooms.
- Custom Report Generator
- Registration Badge Maker
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- User accessible calendar, session, status and other information
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- Conference countdown
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The Conference Registration and Management System is available as a subscribed service from WVNET.

For more information please contact Mike Karolchik at 304-293-5192 x284 or mike@wvnet.edu

For pricing: http://www.wvnet.edu/documents/WVNET_Schedule_of_Rates.pdf

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT — -
PHIL SNITZ :)



Meet team member Phil Snitz, Business Manager II, at WVNET (pictured rear center with daughter Abby at left, son Austin center front, and wife Crystal at right --- getting ready to go zip lining, OMG). Phil and his family live in Monongalia County in Morgantown, WV. Phil has worked at WVNET for 18 years and has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from WVU. As Business Manager, Phil provides customers with answers to billing questions regarding services they have with WVNET. He also assists the CFO with the financial statements.

Regarding how technology has changed over the years Phil has worked at WVNET, he comments that *"The hardware seems to be smaller but the storage and computing capacity seems to be larger and quicker. We are able to do more computing in smaller pieces of equipment."*

Phil reports he is a sports fan, sometimes to a fault. He follows the Pittsburgh teams but since he grew up in DC, his favorite teams are still from Washington. He also travels as his kids play sports (son plays basketball and daughter plays high school softball as well as travel softball during the summer). Phil also likes to golf.

Under the new leadership at WVNET and how it has changed, Phil comments that *"More doors seemed to be opened under the new leadership. WVNET has expanded its services without sacrificing our customer service. We are now looking to stay ahead of the technology curve instead of trying to play catch up."*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT — -
KIM JENKINS :)



Meet team member Kim Jenkins, Senior IT Consultant, at WVNET (pictured at left with granddaughter Nayleigh Runion who was born on July 24, 2013). Nayleigh is Kim's third grandchild but her first granddaughter and weighed in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 20 inches long. Kim notes that she was working at WVNET when she had the baby's Mother, Leah Jenkins (Editor's Note: And a lot of us remember that!!). Kim lives in Marion County in Fairmont, WV and has worked for WVNET and the State of West Virginia for 24 years. She is a graduate of Fairmont State and sees herself in a varied role at WVNET in that operations assists users with a variety of things such as email, communication issues, WVROCKS, Blackboard, back-up help desk for WVOT, etc. Kim previously worked as a network operator at WVNET.



Kim enjoys riding motorcycles, four-wheelers, being outdoors and time spent with her grandkids. Her priorities are family and work. With regard to how WVNET has changed under the new leadership, Kim says *"WVNET is rapidly undergoing many changes. Our jobs at the help desk have become busier with the new Blackboard, WVROCKS and WVOT backup."*

CONGRATULATIONS STEVE WHITE



Director of Human Resources Bob Roberts recently announced that our very own *Steve White has accepted the WVNET Manager of Systems position!* Steve formerly served as Systems Programmer Lead, primarily focusing on Cisco UCS and Windows server support. Steve earned degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering from WVU. Steve is a native of the area originating from Bruceton Mills and currently lives in Morgantown with his wife Jessica and 3-year old daughter Elizabeth. Steve, Jessica and Elizabeth are looking forward to the arrival of *Baby Boy White* in the not-too-distant future. Contact Steve at steve@mail.wvnet.edu or 304.293.5192 x233.

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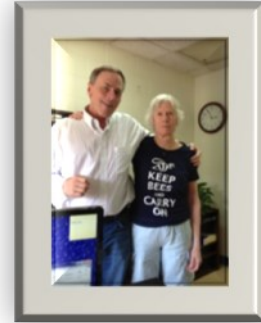
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**HAPPY RETIREMENT DENISE GWINN
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

While we're sad to see her go, Denise Gwinn, *former DBA-Lead in WVNET's Administrative Applications Group*, has retired. Denise worked at WVNET for 37 years and the State of West Virginia for 38. Coworkers gathered together with Denise on her last day at WVNET to celebrate with cake and well wishes. Denise recently said her priority is to "live life in the moment" so we hope her retirement is spent doing those things most important to her such as her upcoming 17-day trip to Africa, Tanzania and Zanzibar. *You go, girl!!*

(Denise is pictured at right with WVNET Director Dan O'Hanlon.)



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ELLUCIAN ON-DEMAND SUBSCRIPTION LIBRARY NOW AVAILABLE

WVNET has put in place a contract for the Ellucian On-Demand Subscription Library (formerly Digital Campus Academy). This affordable web-based training system is designed specifically for administrative end-users (and those people providing functional support) of Ellucian products. Self-paced and highly interactive, each course within this comprehensive learning system provides instructional content and the opportunity for learners to get hands-on practice completing key processes and tasks. Assessments are included for every course. Course materials are kept up to date with product upgrades, so training for new features will be readily available at no additional cost. *This courseware is available through WVNET for an annual subscription fee of \$500 per named user.* Sign up now by sending an email to Marcie Layman marcie@wvnet.edu

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