Joe Eddy, president and CEO of Eagle Manufacturing Co. and 2014 Commencement speaker.

Joe Eddy, president and chief executive officer of Eagle Manufacturing Co. in Wellsburg, will be the featured speaker at this year’s WVNCC Commencement exercises. The graduation celebration is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

Eddy is past chairman of the board of the West Virginia Manufacturers Association and serves on its executive, M2M-Marcellus to manufacturing, finance and education committees, as well as chairman of the WVMA Education Fund, a non-profit supporting community and technical college education in West Virginia.

An active member of the WVNCC Foundation Board of Trustees, Eddy also is on the advisory board at the McDonough Center for Leadership and Business at Marietta College, on the board of the Regional Economic Development Partnership and founded the Joseph and Debra Eddy Foundation, as well as the Joseph Eddy Technology Fund at West Virginia Northern.

Eddy holds a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering from Marietta College and has held engineering, finance and management positions at Amoco Production Co. in Andrews, TX; Gulf Oil Corp in Bakersfield, CA; Spectrum Resources in Marietta, OH; Tazwell Corp in Jackson Hole, WY, and two of his own startup companies, Oilfield Services Corp and Enhanced Technologies.

He recently was recognized in the State Journal Who’s Who in WV Business and his company was ranked number five nationally in Chief Executive Magazine’s 2012 Best Private Companies for Leaders. He and his wife, Debbie, reside in Wheeling.

Career & Transfer Fair

Students had the opportunity to meet with local businesses to discuss employment options, as well as connect with admissions representatives from colleges across the state and the tri-state area to learn about transferring options, at the Career & Transfer Fair held on Wednesday, April 9.
Baskets of Fun at the Library
Pat Stroud, WVNCC library director, has announced the winners of the Celebrate Easter and eBooks @ Your Library promotion conducted during National Library Week April 13-19. Campus winners of the Russell Stover Easter Basket Contest were Wheeling – Tami Becker; Weirton – Mark Moore; and, New Martinsville – Tonya Henthorn.

WVNCC Rad Tech Student Honored
Joy L. Kenny, WVNCC radiologic technology student, has been selected to participate in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists 2014 Student Leadership Development Program.

Kenny, of Wellsburg, will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting June 26-29 in Orlando, FL. In addition, Kenny will attend two educational courses specifically designed for students and be assigned a professional mentor during the House of Delegates meeting.

Misty D. Kahl, WVNCC Radiography Program director and assistant professor, said Kenny is a second-year student in the program and her selection “is a great honor for Joy as well as for Northern.” She was one of only 75 students chosen from throughout the country.

As part of the application process, students were required to write a 500-700 word essay on how they expect to grow professionally by participating in the program.

At Northern, Kenny was named to the Dean's List three times and was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, all while working full time. She has been awarded the Hershel C. Price Educational Foundation scholarship for three semesters. She served as the Student Government Association representative for the Radiography Class of 2014 and was elected by the SGA as the Academic Judicial Board representative (alternate) for the Wheeling campus. Recently, Kenny was nominated to be included in the 2014 edition of “Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges.”

HR Chief Cited
Peggy Carmichael, chief human resource officer at Northern, has been given the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources Meritorious Service Award by the West Virginia Chapter of CUPA-HR. She was selected for this honor by the CUPA Southern Region Board.

The award recognizes an individual from each state chapter who has made significant contributions to the profession, their institutions and/or their CUPA-HR chapters. In its application nominating her, the recipient's qualifications were cited. “After the formation of our Chapter in 2007, Peggy stepped in and became a driving force in keeping us going and on track. She has singlehandedly arranged for and coordinated our annual meetings and conferences since 2009, is now in her third term as our president and encourages and motivates all of her colleagues on the board and in the chapter to continue and grow WV-CUPA-HR.”

Called “the shining face of our chapter,” the nominators said Carmichael “is a major and senior leader and resource among the CHROs in our state's public higher education system, and she understands how important our CUPA membership is, for the assistance, guidance, support and inspiration we get from the national office. ”She is always upbeat, keeps all of the rest of us going and is tireless in her support of higher education human resources and our constituencies and how we may best serve,” it was noted.

At West Virginia Northern, Carmichael also is the Affirmative Action officer, Equal Employment Opportunity counselor, Americans With Disabilities Act compliance officer, ADA coordinator, Title IX coordinator and ADA/504/508 compliance officer.
Social Issues Club Raises Awareness & Donations

The Students Caring About Regional Social Issues Club had a very fun and successful day on April 16 as part of the club's informational campaign concerning Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Dr. Olshinsky and other administrators, staff and club members were in attendance and signed their names to a large poster in the Student Union to endorse Stopping Sexual Violence.

Free popcorn and a donation basket was available, and sexual assault awareness pins were for sale. Donations received from Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities will go to the Sexual Assault Help Center in Wheeling, Tri-County Help Center in St. Clairsville and the YWCA Family Violence Prevention Program.

March Madness!

The Culinary Arts program at WVNCC had its own version of March Madness last month, according to Chef Chris Kefauver. The chef instructors and their students participated in five major events during March.

At the beginning of the month was the WV ProStart Culinary Competition held March 5-6 at Oglebay Resort. Chef Chris served as a judge and students participating included Hannah DeMuth, Missy Jones, Bob Gracey, Michele Gilbert, David Holden, Gus Ludovici, Tammy Shanahan, Missy Andreniuk, John Hojonski and Ryan Butler.

One day later, CARTS was at the Stonewall Resort Culinary Classic from March 7-9. Chef Chris and Chef Mark Glass attended, along with students Shannon Baldauf, Shakeya Frazier, Elizabeth Simpson, Gus Ludovici, Brandon Davis and David Holden.

Then, less than a week after that, the chefs, including Marian Grubor, and all students once again prepared a delicious dinner on March 15 for the Friends/Foundation Dinner, an annual fund-raising event. This year the department served food related to the theme of the dinner, “An Evening in Tuscany” Of course, an array of Italian food was created.

On March 17, Chef Chris and Chef Gene Evans, formerly with Northern, conducted an ice carving class at WVU Parkersburg.

Finally, on March 24, Chef Chris served as keynote speaker at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America competition at Cedar Lake in Fair Plain, WV. It was a March Madness to remember!

1. Student David Holden listens to Chef Chris Kefauver at the Stonewall Resort Culinary Classic. 2. Judges view the offerings at the WV ProStart Culinary Competition at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Resort. 3. Chef Chris Kefauver instructs a student during an ice carving class conducted at WVU-Parkersburg.
Volunteers Step Up For Patient Care Tech

When Ina Robinson discovered that the students in the Patient Care Technology class needed volunteers to practice their blood draw skills for the phlebotomy portion of the program she graciously offered up her arms. On her way to the classroom, she told Debbie Bennett, who had to think about it for a few minutes, but then decided to let them use her veins too. Oh what we do for our students! Even though they don’t look like it, it was a good experience. Each of the students found the vein on their first try. Great job Tiffany Palmer and Brandy Palmer (not shown in the photos).

Earth Day

Ina Robinson, interim counselor, had an idea for Earth Day this year. She asked the Campus Activity Board students if they would be willing to work pulling weeds and cleaning up the landscaping around the building. They came dressed to work and put on their gloves and grabbed shovels, brooms and trash bags. It was a great day to work outside in the sunshine but Ina and Debbie Bennett made sure they took breaks and had some refreshments. Thanks to all of their help, the landscape is well on its way to being ready when the first flowers start blooming.

Top: From left, Brandon Ashbrook, Shawni Winland, Tiffany Palmer and Kody Bailes have a lot of weeds to pull.

Bottom: From left, Kathy Hicks, Brandon Ashbrook, Shawni Winland and Tiffany Palmer pose after the weeds are gone and the mulch is down.
Leadership Class of 2014

The New Martinsville campus held its Leadership Class 2014 Luncheon on Friday, April 18. Dr. Olshinsky welcomed the students and offered his appreciation for work each of them has done to help support the campus. Students were recognized for their service as Tutor - Sarah Jarvis, Rebecca Knight, Jessica Schoonover and Candace Wright; Student Nurse Association Officer - Rachel Beisel, Kalee Cain, Misty Childress, Stacey Leichliter and Rachal Wyatt; Campus Activity Board/Student Government - Kathy Hicks, Ariel Monroe, Tiffany Palmer (also workstudy), and Shawni Winland; Workstudy - Steve Carroll, Aaron Eddy and Carla Haught; and CIT Intern - Robert Blatt.

Shown is the New Martinsville Campus Leadership Class 2014. Front row, from left, are Jessica Schoonover, Kathy Hicks and Carla Haught. Back row, from left, are Shawni Winland, Ariel Monroe, Rebecca Knight, Steve Carroll, Robert Blatt and Dr. Martin J. Olshinsky, Northern president. Not pictured: Rachel Beisel, Kalee Cain, Misty Childress, Aaron Eddy, Sarah Jarvis, Stacey Leichliter, Tiffany Palmer, Candace Wright and Rachal Wyatt.

PTK Induction

Friday, April 18 was the Spring Induction to the honorary society of Phi Theta Kappa. Students from all three campuses accepted the invitation and were formally received into the Omega Epsilon Chapter. Students walked into the B&O Auditorium on the Wheeling campus in their blue robes in front of their family, friends and WVNCC staff. They recited the PTK pledge and as their names were called, they signed the membership book and received the symbolic white rose from Dr. Olshinsky.

Ina Robinson, interim counselor, was the guest speaker for the evening and spoke to the inductees about how the letters of PTK, which represent the Greek words meaning wisdom, aspiration and purity, have influenced her life and helped her to achieve her goals. She reminded them that even though life may not always take you on the direct path, you can still reach your goals and dreams.


Biology Symposium

The New Martinsville campus 7th Semi-Annual Biology Symposium will be held Tuesday, April 29, room 110, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Students have spent many hours researching their topics and preparing a poster detailing their work. This is the final project for the students in Dr. Sherri Buerdsell's anatomy & physiology and microbiology classes.