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Acing the AP

Mon County students excel in Advanced Placement courses

BY JIM BISSETT

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The grades were posted – and they were good.

Monongalia County students taking Advanced Placement courses this past year outpaced their peers across West Virginia and the world, as chronicled by Courtney Crawford.

“Here’s where I really get to celebrate the data,” said Crawford, who directs assessment, accountability and counseling services for the district.

Mon’s students in 2024 boasted an 82% passing rate for AP exams, Crawford said, compared the 67% rate globally and the 59% rate netted elsewhere across West Virginia.

And 189 of those students were perfect, she said, netting scores of 5 on the exams, which are graded on a scale of 1-5.

There were 718 Mon students in total enrolled in advanced placement courses over the year, she added.

Another 50% of students scored here in the 4-4.5 range on AP exams, Crawford continued.

And 273 students, Crawford said, achieved the rank of “AP” scholar, meaning they scored a 3

or higher on at least 3 exams.

Mon Schools, meanwhile, boasts 38 courses in English, math, science, social studies, world languages and fine arts, Crawford said.

Meanwhile, Advanced Placement courses matter, academic-watchers say, because academic rigor matters for those students wishing to go on to college.

AP courses shore up transcripts, they say, while showing admissions officers that a senior about to become a freshman is capable of doing college-level work.

There’s also the weight of the course – even if the score isn’t perfect, those watchers add. Netting a “B” in an AP course is often an “A” in any other core class offering, they say.

Mon Board of Education member Dan Berry, a career classroom teacher, said students and teachers should be commended for the success of a district that regularly sends students to the Ivy League – where, in turn, they also excel.

“This is really impressive for our county,” he said.



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HIGHER EDUCATION

\$1M grant awarded to Fairmont State

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Fairmont State University has been awarded \$1 million in grant funding from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to expand student enrollment, enhance test preparation, recruit new nursing faculty, and support faculty development.

The grant, led by Deborah Struth, PhD, Interim Dean of Nursing, will focus on strengthening both student and faculty success in the university's nursing programs.

Funding will support increased enrollment in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Licensed Practical Nurse-Associate of Science in Nursing programs. To better prepare students for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam, the university will implement Assessment Technology Institute test prep and leverage the expertise of STAT Nursing Consultants.

Additionally, the grant will assist in recruiting new faculty to fill vacancies while providing professional development opportunities for current faculty. Nursing educators will attend conferences on topics such as nursing education, research, and clinical simulation learning to enhance teaching effectiveness and student support.

"The College of Nursing currently boasts an 80.9% on-time graduation rate. Faculty development and networking with other nurse educators play a key role in achieving strong student outcomes," said Struth. "New faculty learn to identify at-risk students and implement strategies that help them

become more effective adult learners."

WVHEPC oversees public policy for West Virginia's four-year colleges and universities, providing essential support to institutions and students. In December 2021, Gov. Jim Justice allocated \$48 million to WVHEPC to launch a statewide nursing workforce expansion program. Fairmont State has received funding each year of the program, aligning with WVHEPC's mission to enhance student and faculty success.

This continued support strengthens Fairmont State's mission to prepare highly skilled nurses who will meet West Virginia's critical workforce needs. By expanding access to quality nursing education and increasing student success, the university is helping to address healthcare shortages and boost the state's economy.

"This funding will cover the cost of standardized testing and educational modules across all nursing courses, reducing the financial burden on our students," Struth added. "We will also offer workshops to help new nursing students improve test-taking skills. These interventions, implemented in the first two years of the WVHEPC workforce expansion grant, have contributed to a 10% increase in NCLEX-RN pass rates."

These initiatives began in Spring 2025, benefiting both nursing students and faculty at Fairmont State. To learn more about the College of Nursing, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/nursing.

WVU research contributes to adoption of new universal licensing state law

WVUToday

Economics research from West Virginia University is being cited as a driving factor in passage of the Universal Professional and Occupational Licensing Act, which will allow licensed professionals to move to West Virginia from other states without having to recertify their licenses from scratch.

Gov. Patrick Morrisey signed Senate Bill 458 into law April 7.

"The Universal Professional and Occupational Licensing Act supports West Virginia's economy by addressing labor market shortages, making it easier for business to find employees, for job seekers to find work and for consumers to find services," Alicia Plemmons, assistant professor at the WVU John Chambers College of Business and Economics, said.

"Veterinarians, teachers, doctors and most other professionals licensed by other states no longer have to recomplete burdensome education and training requirements to come work here."

Plemmons and her colleagues at the WVU Knee Regulatory Research Center compile data around job licensing, comparing laws across states and analyzing the effect of requirements, like exams, on outcomes, like quality of service. When state lawmakers requested a meeting with the Knee Center in April 2024, the team linked them with resources to help them evaluate the pros and cons of recognizing other state licenses.



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JOSH HALL, MILAN PUSKAR DEAN, WVU JOHN CHAMBERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

"Professional licensing is essentially a government permission slip to do your job and it applies to many occupations, from health care workers to contractors to beauticians," Plemmons explained.

"In 'universal recognition,' which West Virginia has now joined 26 other states in enacting, states recognize each other's professional licenses just as they recognize each other's driver's licenses. Universal recognition places experi-

enced, qualified workers into job openings quickly. It makes it easier for skilled workers to move with their families to West Virginia, and it helps military families stay together by removing barriers to work for military spouses."

Almost all licensed occupations are eligible for universal recognition under the new law. Notable exceptions include lawyers, who are regulated by the judicial branch, and real estate appraisers, who fall under federal oversight.

The law mandates that professional boards grant licenses to individuals who have been licensed in another state for at least a year, assuming licensees can show they are in good standing in their original state, with a clean criminal and licensure history in previous states. They must also meet their original state's education, examination, work experience or clinical supervision requirements. Licensees still need to pay state fees for licensure.

One critical consideration the Knee Center researchers included in the information they presented to legislators was West Virginia's shrinking and aging population, now ranked third nationally in the share of residents aged 65 or older. The new law could help fill gaps across several industries, particularly in the health care field.

"Most of the people who are already in West Virginia are leaving the workforce, not entering it. And the fact that many people here are older makes our struggles with hospital staffing shortages more urgent," said

Kihwan Bae, a Knee Center research associate.

"Allowing qualified health care workers from other states to practice here more easily could help alleviate these critical shortages."

Knee Center research also showed lawmakers that universal recognition could increase state tax revenue and improve the flow of workers into West Virginia at a rate of 11 more workers per 100,000 residents annually.

"The Knee Regulatory Research Center exists to support the WVU land-grant mission by serving the state and people of West Virginia. Our research shows that universal licensing recognition has benefitted workers and consumers in the other states that have adopted it, so we're glad that we could provide legislators with helpful data to consider and craft this legislation," Plemmons said.

Joshua Hall, Milan Puskar Dean of the Chambers College, agreed.

"The Knee Regulatory Research Center's efforts to educate policymakers on the prevalence and effects of state-level regulations is a great example of how our outreach centers serve our land-grant mission," Hall said. "While they educate lawmakers in all states, their work is extremely important in West Virginia given the Chambers College's history of supporting the legislature in many ways, from economic impact statements to economic development policies."

The new law will take effect July 1.



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Mon schools worked on security in 2024

BY JIM BISSETT
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Joe Statler, the current state lawmaker and former president of the Monongalia County Board Education still marvels at the day he took a gun to school – and nobody blinked.

That was at Clay-Battelle Middle-High School, his alma mater.

Statler shouldered his hunting rifle that particular morning to do some tweaks on the weapon in shop class, he remembered.

“I got right on the bus with it,” Statler told BOE members during a work session this past fall.

“I walked right down the hallway with it.”

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ADAM HENKINS, MONONGALIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

sees security for the district, said with some schools in the county being literal next-door neighbors on adjoining campuses, one officer could be assigned to more than one building, while to an emergency in either, within scant minutes.

“There’s just nothing better than having that physical presence of a school resource officer in the building,” he said. “The community’s been asking for this.”

For now, the district is also shoring up Safe Schools entrances in its buildings, Henkins said. He also wants the county configured where teachers could wear laminated identification badges wired with call buttons for 911.

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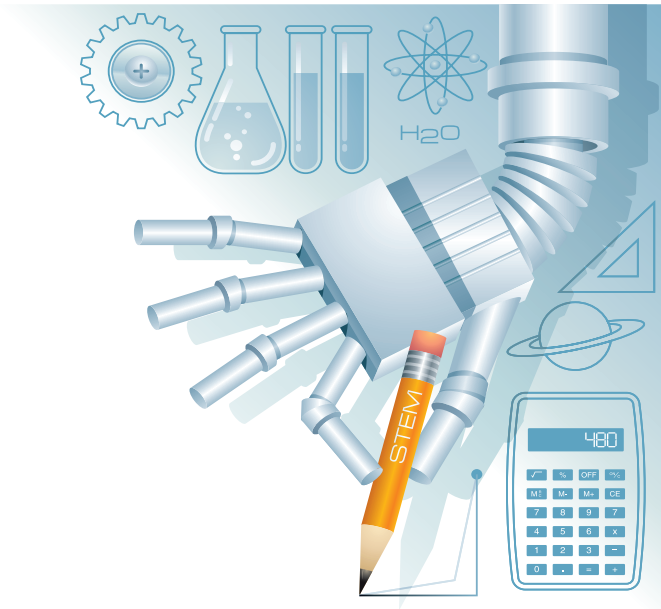
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BOND MEASURE

Voters reject call for new STEM school



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Opponents to proposal: MTEC programs are already delivering

BY JIM BISSETT

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Monongalia County residents in May did something they don't normally do – in relation to the county district.

They said no.

A \$142.6 million bond measure that would have built the first school in the county and state exclusively geared to science, technology, energy and mathematics was overwhelmingly defeated on the ballot during the May primary.

The measure for The Renaissance Academy failed by 11,578 to 5,540, which was a margin of almost 70%.

An elite magnet school in Loudoun County, Va., where Mon Schools Superintendent Eddie Campbell Jr. began his career as a teacher and coach, was the model for the stand-

alone STEM school here.

"I'm disappointed for our kids," Campbell said after the polls closed and the numbers were in. "But the results are what they are. That's why we have a democracy."

Campbell and Board of Education members were hoping for expanded offerings in career technical education for students across the county.

Students would have rotated in and out of the academy in staggered schedules, Campbell said, which wouldn't have taken away from core requirements or extracurricular activities in their respective main schools.

Then-BOE president Ron Lytle said the academy was positioned to be a jobs-generator, as well – with the potential of serving as an in-house training facility for any niche firms

The Renaissance Academy would have been the only standalone STEM school in West Virginia had voters last May passed the \$142.6 million bond measure required to build it. Here's a computer rendering of an interior look. Mon's school district imagined a school with everything from detailed medical and engineering offerings to automotive technology — all under one roof.

"I'M DISAPPOINTED FOR OUR KIDS, BUT THE RESULTS ARE WHAT THEY ARE. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A DEMOCRACY."

EDDIE CAMPBELL JR., MONONGALIA COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

choosing to locate here.

Lytle, who lost his bid for reelection, championed the academy early on and often held forums on social media to discuss the benefits it could bring.

Opponents, though, said The Monongalia County Technical Education Center, or MTEC, as its known, already delivers a solid workforce, with its near-100% graduation and job placement rates.

There's that, they said, plus an excess levy for education that

almost always passes at the polls. That line item alone brings an additional \$30 million into county coffers that neighboring districts generally do not have.

And a bond call of nearly \$143 million, they said, was just too pricey in today's economy.

In December, though, the state School Building Authority said yes.

The SBA awarded \$17 million, which will be matched by the county for the construction of a new Suncrest Middle School,

to replace the current one built in 1939.

And METC is still in line for infrastructure improvements that will enhance its academic offerings, thanks to the authority.

A \$4 million outlay will fund the construction of new classrooms and the installation of a "digital innovation center," which will enable MTEC to go deeper in tech options, including an e-sports curriculum.

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PRESERVATION

‘Irreplaceable landmark’

Mannington Middle placed on Endangered Properties List

BY JIM BISSETT
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Since 1902, youngsters have passed through the halls and filled the classroom seats of what is now Mannington Middle School, in northern Marion County.

Now, school of a different kind is in session for the building, which is the oldest still in use in the Mountain State.

In March, Mannington Middle was added to the Endangered Properties List of the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia.

Not with an eye of tearing it down, however.

Rather, the alliance’s executive director Danielle Parker said, the idea is to build up awareness of such properties – rich with the period, “lost-art” architectural details, as they are.

“Their inclusion on the list underscores the urgent need to protect these irreplaceable landmarks for future generations,” the director said. “We are committed to working with local communities and stakeholders to find solutions that ensure their preservation.”

The building was home to Mannington High through 1979,



The photo, at left, courtesy of the W.Va. Regional History Collection at WVU, of then-Mannington High School was captured after 1925. The photo, at right, was taken recently by the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia.



when the consolidated North Marion High became part of the county’s educational landscape.

Related to its design, Mannington’s school has two distinct architectural features – both definitely smacking of longevity.

After the main structure went up in 1902, a second addition was completed in 1925 – boasting the building’s district clock tower that still commands downtown.

If that feature strikes a familiar chord, that’s because it is: The Wheeling architecture firm of Franzhelm, Giesey and Faris that designed the Mannington school was



Preservation Alliance of West Virginia

also behind the creation of WVU’s Woodburn Hall, with its requisite clock tower overlooking the downtown campus.

The current director of the state School Building

Authority remembers the building as remarkably sound, considering its age.

Andy Neptune, who began his career as a teacher in the county next door,

was overseeing facilities management for the local district – when he was tapped two years ago to head the SBA, which doles out dollars for infra-

structure projects across West Virginia’s 55 public school districts.

“I think the only thing we did at Mannington Middle when I was there were the basics,” he said. “Leaky roofs, replacement windows, stuff like that.”

He understands new schools construction is needed in West Virginia, he said.

Still, he likes the old structures that can be saved, he said – provided it’s practical and architecturally feasible to do so.

“These buildings are part of the history of all our communities.”

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In the history of the world, manufacturing always follows energy.

If we do what we have always done. We will always get what we have always got. A definition of insanity is, doing the same thing the same way and expecting a different result. It has been five years since the COVID 19 Pandemic started in 2020. In 2019, almost 10% of total U.S. imports were health care related.

When the pandemic happened, medical devices like respirators were in short supply. New York City was dependent on flights of respirators from China. Nurses wore garbage bags for protection because health care PPE was unavailable. My wife, Lynnda, and her nurse friends sewed their own masks adding a polypropylene layer for protection because masks were made overseas and unavailable. Hand sanitizer was imported and unavailable.

The Shale Crescent USA organization did more than 70 radio interviews across the country discussing, "Has the Pandemic Showed Us Made in America is Essential?" Americans had no idea how much we rely on imports.

They were angry, wanting manufacturing back in the U.S. How quickly we forget after a crisis passes. According to the American Hospital Association, in 2024 the USA imported \$41B in medical equipment stating, "The United States relies on foreign countries, especially China for medical equipment and supplies."

Strikes at our ports and a boat stuck in the Suez Canal impacted imports and raised the cost of goods, one risk of relying on global supply chains. My friend cut off his Chinese supplier during the pandemic and found he could reduce costs by moving to a regional supply chain. We hear a lot about tariffs, their positive and negative impacts. During the pandemic, we saw supply shortages of cars and light trucks. Some manufacturers had acres of vehicles ready to go and lacked a small part like a door lock or a chip made overseas. We hear from major



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Representatives of Shale Crescent USA talk about the advantages of setting up business in the tri-state area during a recent trip to several European cities.

media, tariffs will increase car prices. Auto companies who learned from the pandemic won't have to increase prices. They may suddenly find themselves with a competitive advantage.

American manufacturing

The Shale Crescent USA region learned from the pandemic. Jobs Ohio, the West Virginia Development Office and Team PA have been very active bringing in new industry creating thousands of jobs. A new factory is making products like paper towels and toilet paper south of Columbus. Masks and respirators are now being made in Bryan, Ohio. Hand sanitizer is being made in Ashland, Ohio. A company in Versailles, Ohio, is making dental chairs and medical tables. A Columbus company is making 3 million nitrile surgical gloves per day. The raw material for those gloves is manufactured in Belpre, Ohio.

Intel will be manufacturing microchips currently being imported from China and other Asian countries, creating jobs, a win for American consumers and the planet. Intel's CEO stated, "All of Intel's suppliers will be within a 500-mile radius of Columbus." (A secure regional supply chain creating more jobs.)



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A company in Clarksburg makes biohazard and autoclave bags, hand sanitizer is made in Charleston and diabetic equipment is being manufactured in Morgantown.

A Somerset, Pa., company is making respiratory equipment. In the Pittsburgh area, new firms are making various types of medical equipment and plastics processors are making new high-tech plastics for medical equipment.

None of these manufacturing companies will be negatively impacted by tariffs and use American raw materials and energy. Making essential health care products in the USA creates security for American consumers.

Medical equipment is only one of many industries where manufacturers in the USA are advantaged in a fair fight. Chinese companies backed by the CCP with infinite resources are not a fair fight. Tariffs can level the playing field.

French, Dutch and Belgian companies deciding to attend the U.S. Commercial Services Roadshow in February had to apply and be vetted. They are coming to the USA, but don’t know where. These companies know as much about the USA as we do about their country, which isn’t much.

They know where New York City, Disney World, Texas and Hollywood are. They have no idea where West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio are. They think all of the oil and gas is in Texas. The executives told us, “Avoiding tariffs by manufacturing in the USA is the icing on the cake.”

We hear a lot of reasons why people don’t believe the USA can replace foreign suppliers of critical goods and global supply chains. Successful companies looked for and found the reasons they CAN manufacture in the USA, use regional supply chains and succeed. Nucor Steel, Shell, Intel and hundreds of other companies changed their thinking and are succeeding.

Taking it on the road

In February, the Shale Crescent USA organization was part of a U.S. Commercial Services Roadshow covering three countries — Netherlands, Belgium and France — and seven cities over 12 days. Shale Crescent USA, Jobs Ohio, Team PA and 19 other state and local economic development organizations from New York, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Wisconsin, California, Oregon, Arizona and Minnesota attended. Each organization had a small table where we could meet prospects, distribute literature and have a small pop-up banner.

Except for the weekend in Paris, we checked out of our hotel every morning and walked or taxied to each venue with our suitcases and backpacks. When the meeting for the day ended, we dragged our suitcases and found our way to the station for a train ride of several hours to the next city. U.S. Commercial Services had people to help, but with over 35 people in our group, it was easy to get separated. A number of the states had consultants who live in Europe. They were life savers, not only helping us to find the right train, but to find the coach on the train with our seats.

On day six, after a two-hour train ride north from Paris to Lille, we relaxed and played together for the first time at a reception. Then some of us headed to the indoor pool for exercise and a little relaxation. We were building relationships. Everyone represented different states but we were all on the same Team USA with a common goal to help foreign companies invest in the USA.

Investing in the USA

Why do companies want to invest in the USA? They understand things U.S. companies may take for granted. Here are reasons we heard why companies want to locate in or expand to the USA:

- The USA has a large and growing market they want to sell to.
- The USA has abundant, dependable, economical energy.
- The EU has extremely high taxes compared to the USA. Companies told

us 60% of income goes to Federal Tax another 10% to State and Local taxes.

- The EU’s excessive regulations make it difficult to get new products to market, increase costs and make expansion difficult. One company couldn’t get a permit to make more of the same product they have been manufacturing for over 30 years. They will manufacture it in West Virginia.

- Individuals told us they like the space we have in the USA. Most people we met live in apartments in cities, much like New York, Chicago or Washington, D.C. Having a large backyard with a fire pit like Lynnnda and I have is unusual.

Every U.S. state has these same five advantages and others unique to their state. This makes site selection difficult. A foreign company making food, beverage or software can locate almost anywhere. Energy intensive manufacturers can achieve lower costs if they locate where their energy and raw materials are produced.

They can achieve even lower costs and lower emissions because of reduced transportation if they locate where their energy, raw materials AND most of their customers are located. The SCUSA region is the only place on earth with this unique advantage.

The benefit of the Roadshow

Our Roadshow group was diverse with people from countries throughout Europe who spoke multiple languages and Americans from all over the country. It was a natural unplanned mixture of race and ethnicity. Primarily a young group. My guess is 30s to early 40s with a few older folks like Lynnnda and me. Lynnnda did a great job of keeping up. The group and Nathan, SCUSA President, looked after Lynnnda making sure we weren’t left behind. Each organization presented publicly at one venue and were supported by the entire U.S. Roadshow team. In a world and supposedly a country that is “divided” we were unified. In a group that size there were probably political differences. It didn’t matter. The focus was on the task and the common goal of helping European companies to invest in the USA.

The U.S. Commercial Services folks did an awesome job with logistics, vetting and getting 200 companies to attend. When the closing reception in Strasbourg, France, for the Roadshow Team was held, it was a tired group. We arrived as strangers and were leaving as friends. We are different but we were a team with one purpose.

We constantly hear about our divided nation. People will always try to divide us using race, religion, ethnicity, gender, age or political labels, real or made up. That is the only way we can be conquered. Some will try to divide us for financial gain. Division creates controversy that sells advertising and helps political groups to raise money. Division is a choice we make. In relationships, especially marriages, we can choose to communicate and find common ground or fall apart. Leadership is about bringing people together. A common goal is essential for an effective team.

The SCUSA Team and our friends on the Roadshow around the USA are following up on leads from our 12 days in Europe. Companies are coming to the USA, we have a chance now because they know our region’s story. SCUSA is working on over 15 leads from the Roadshow. We share our leads with all three states and find ways to work together. The work started in Europe in February will ultimately result in jobs and a better life for a lot of people on both sides of the Atlantic. All because a diverse team chose not to be divided and came together for a common goal. All things are possible. Thoughts to ponder:

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Rock Flow Dynamics donates \$26.8M to WVU

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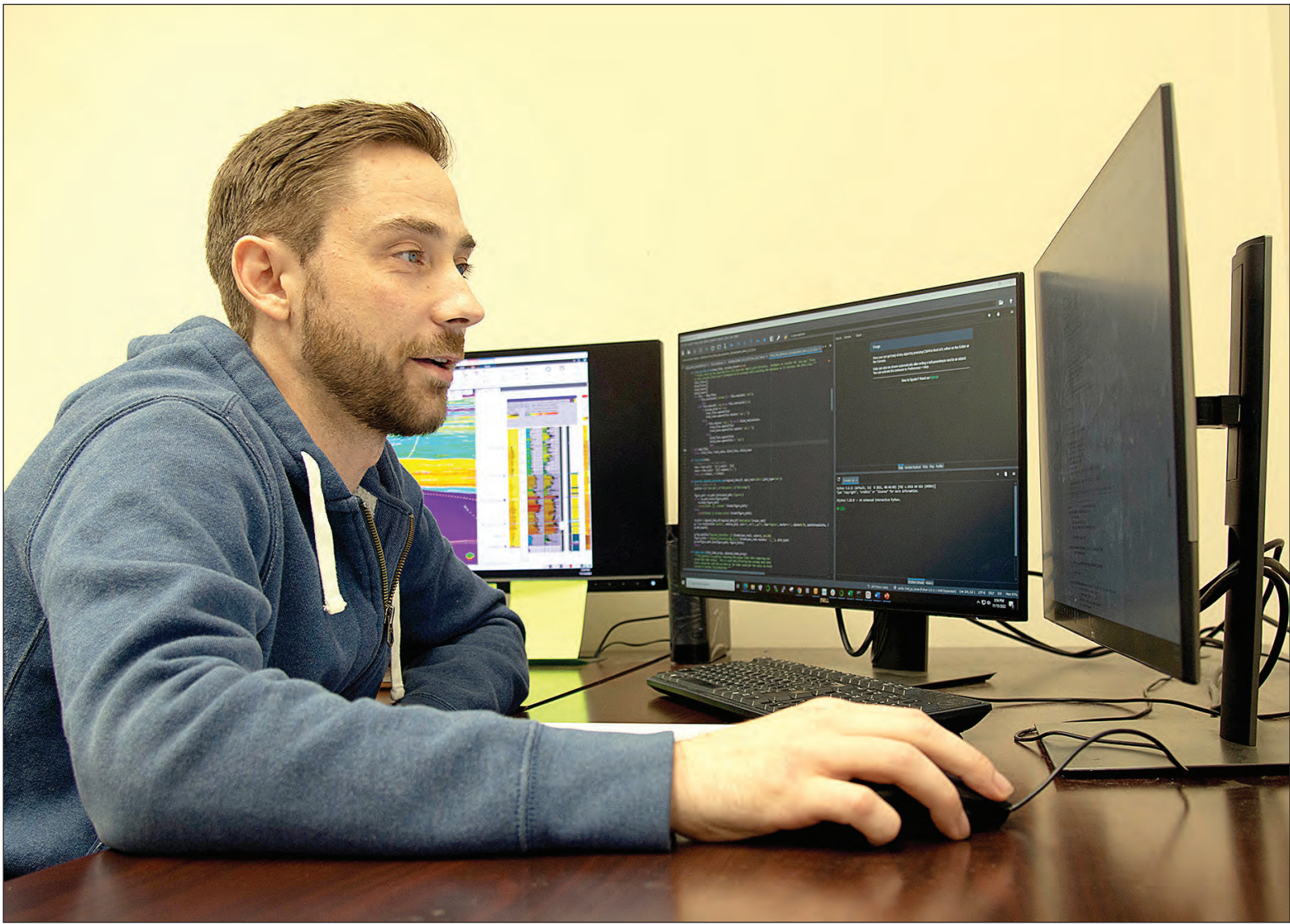
The in-kind gift allows students and faculty at the WVU Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources and the WVU Eberly College of Arts and Sciences to use tNavigator, a state-of-the-art reservoir modeling and simulation platform created by Rock Flow Dynamics.

The majority of the provided software licenses are reserved for use by the Statler College.

“We are immensely grateful to Rock Flow Dynamics for its generous in-kind donation of software licenses to benefit our students and faculty,” Samuel Ameri, professor and chair of the Department of Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, said. “This significant contribution will provide access to industry-leading tools essential for the education and future careers of our students and continuation of our Department’s groundbreaking research.”

Ameri said Rock Flow Dynamics’ commitment to WVU empowers students to develop the skills necessary to tackle the complex challenges of the energy sector. He also noted such partnerships strengthen the petroleum and natural gas engineering program to ensure graduates are well-prepared to innovate and lead.

The tNavigator software offers a wide range of advanced innovative tools for geoscience, res-



A \$26.8 million in-kind gift to WVU from Rock Flow Dynamics benefits students pursuing careers in geoscience and energy engineering.

ervoir and production engineering disciplines. Rock Flow Dynamics personnel hosted a two-day training session on campus last fall to help faculty and students learn how to use the software.

“Rock Flow Dynamics has actively worked to forge strategic university relationships with the most influential geoscience and petroleum engineering schools in the U.S. and globally,” Tim Pawlik, director of sales USA for Rock Flow Dynamics, said.

“In prioritizing our partnerships, WVU stood out as a logical choice not only because of the investments in these schools, but also for their regional leadership in energy and responsible resource management. RFD is very pleased to partner with Shikha Sharma and Samuel Ameri in developing the next generation of oil and gas thought leaders.”

The remaining licens-

es gifted to WVU will be used by the Department of Geology and Geography within the Eberly College. For students pursuing degrees in earth and environmental science and/or geology, tNavigator and other software tools are critical technologies for modeling and interpreting data associated with subsurface environments.

“Our students benefit tremendously from the use of real-world applications that make their course material come alive with possibilities,” Brent McCusker, chair of the Department of Geology and Geography, said. “Such experiences are critical for both their progress through their degrees and for their future employment prospects.”

The Rock Flow Dynamics gift was made through the WVU Foundation, the nonprofit organization that receives and administers private donations on behalf of the University.



SAMUEL AMERI, CHAIR OF WVU DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS ENGINEERING

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