

Mountain Empire
Community College

MOUNTAINS OF OPPORTUNITY



FACTS

536
Graduates

25
Average student age

1,084
High school students
in dual enrollment

66%
of those who choose to attend college
in our service region, choose MECC

77
Active, veteran,
or reserve students

82%
Program-placed students
using financial aid

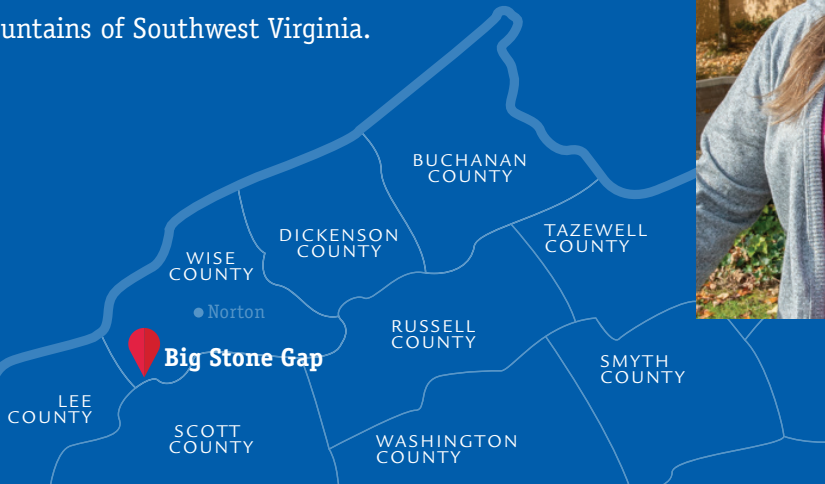
\$6.6 million
Awarded in financial aid

80+
Degree and certificate options

START NEAR. GO FAR.

Located in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Mountain Empire Community College is centrally located to serve Wise, Lee, Scott and Dickenson Counties and the city of Norton. A top-quality education is only a short drive away, and free, public transportation is available.

Discover our state-of-the-art facilities and unrivaled high-tech training nestled in the mountains of Southwest Virginia.



April Bailey
Path: Health Sciences, Clinical
Destination: Licensed Practical Nurse



OUR MISSION

Mountain Empire Community College's mission is to provide quality higher education and workforce training programs and services that are financially and geographically accessible and meet individual, business, and community needs.

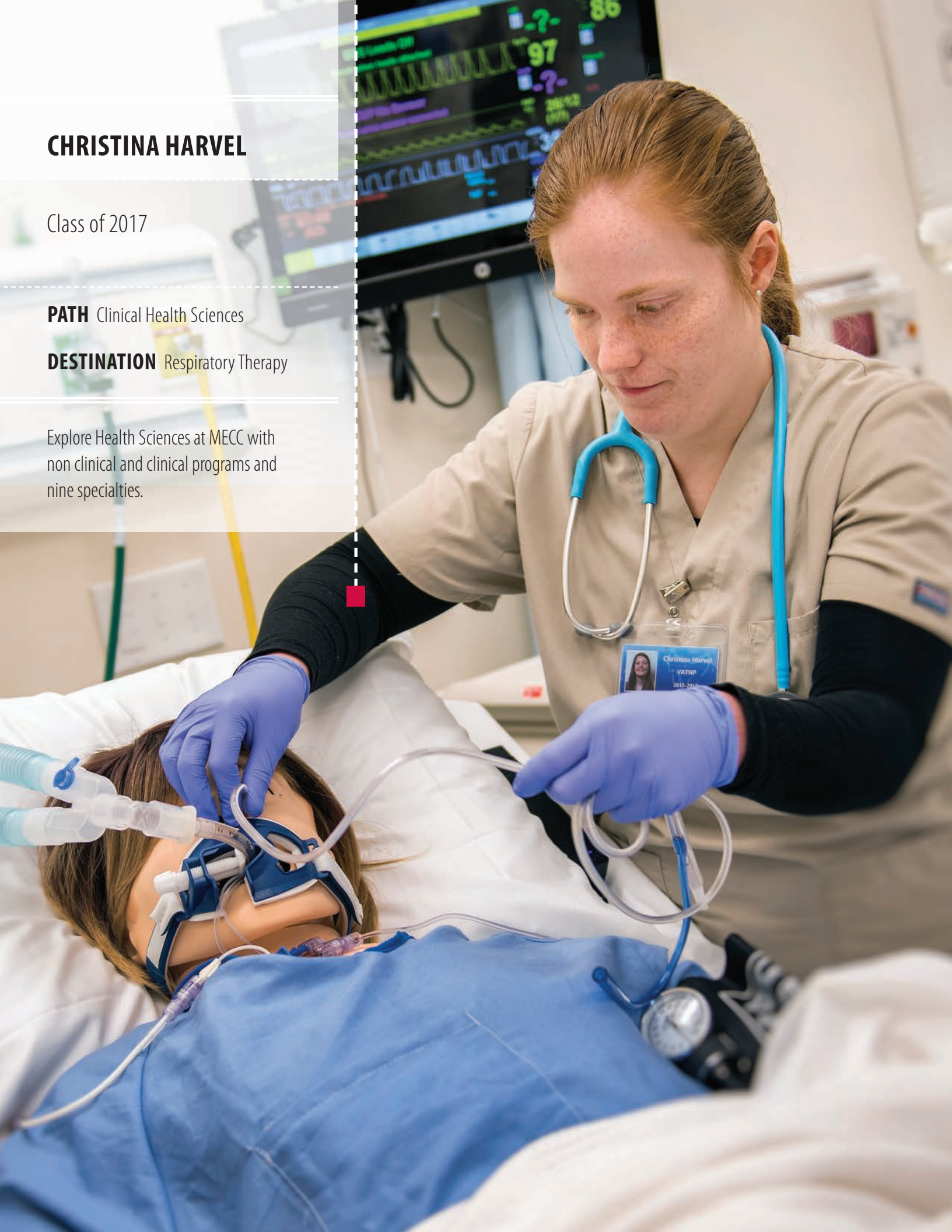
CHRISTINA HARVEL

Class of 2017

PATH Clinical Health Sciences

DESTINATION Respiratory Therapy

Explore Health Sciences at MECC with non clinical and clinical programs and nine specialties.



CHOOSE YOUR PATH.

What career are you looking for?

Choose from over 50 career and technical programs in 10 different areas of concentration.



Health Sciences

NON CLINICAL

- Sports Medicine
- Health Information Management
- Medical Office Coding & Procedures
- Pharmacy Technician

CLINICAL

- Dental Assistant
- EMS
- LPN
- Phlebotomy
- Respiratory Therapy



Business

- Real Estate
- Business Admin
- Help Desk Support
- Paralegal Studies
- Clerical Assistant



Engineering/Construction

- 3D Design
- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Welding
- Computer-Aided Drafting and Design Technology
- Construction



Education

- Childhood Development – Early Childhood
- Early Child Development – Infant & Toddler
- Pre-Teacher Education



Environmental

- Environmental Science
- Forest Science
- Wastewater Plant Operator
- Water Plant Operator
- Geographic Information Systems



Manufacturing

- Energy Technology
- Chemical Process Operator
- Machinery Maintenance
- Industrial Maintenance



Public Safety

- Police Science
- Correctional Services
- Law Enforcement Management 7 Supervision
- Admin. Of Justice – Corrections Option
- Admin. Of Justice Law Enforcement Option



Science

- Science
- Science Engineering



Technology

- Cyber security
- Software Development
- Unmanned Aerial Systems
- Computer Networking Technology
- Computer Software Specialist



Transfer Programs

- Business Administration
- Education
- General Studies
- General Studies Major Software Engineering Specialization Science
- Science—Engineering Specialization
- Health Professionals—General Education for Transfer
- Pre-professional programs in the areas of:
 - Dentistry
 - Law
 - Medical Technology
 - Medicine
 - Pharmacy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Radiologic Technology



SET YOUR OWN PACE.

Your journey. Your opportunities. There are many ways to reach your academic and career goals. Step ahead with prior learning credit or dual enrollment courses. Get job ready with certification programs with 15 week to 24 month schedules. Choose one of the more than 50 2-year degree programs and concentrations. Or, go for a 4-year bachelors degree through MECC's established transfer services—with direct access to 18 respected regional colleges. Ready for a side trip? An interesting collection of non-credit classes are ready and waiting.



Prior Learning Credit

Students who are veterans or have qualifying past work experience may qualify for college credit through MECC's Prior Learning Credit option. Credit may be awarded for subject matter competency based on previous college credit, military service, or through past work experience in a related field. Students may be required to complete an interview and test in order to receive credit. Students who believe they are eligible should contact their academic advisor before registering for classes.



Dual Enrollment

MECC's mission is to provide our region with accessible, quality higher education, workforce training, and community programs to ensure an educated population and globally competitive workforce. Dual Enrollment fits perfectly into this mission. Our courses allow high-achieving students to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit. The dual enrollment process begins at your high school. Please contact your high school guidance counselor or your High School Career Navigator for more information.

Job-ready certifications

MECC offers short-term certifications that enable students to further their education while earning a national credential. These credentials are designed to increase employability, salary, and skills.



The two-year AAS degree

Students may enroll in two-year programs designed to transfer to four-year university or complete a two-year career degree geared toward immediate employment following graduation.



Transfer Programs

MECC's Transfer Services assists students who wish to pursue their education beyond the Associates degree. Services include one on one advising sessions, transfer fairs, course equivalency planning, campus visits, as well as assistance with college applications.



Alexis Rodriguez-Slemp

Path: General Studies

Destination: Healthcare



Online Classes



Accelerated



Day/Night



Classes
Career
Direct Career Paths



Non-Credit Classes

Noncredit courses are short-term classes offered through the continuing education department. They are intended for students who want to gain general knowledge, learn a new skill, upgrade existing skills or develop personal interests.

DMME Advanced First Aid (Initial)
 DMME Advanced First Aid Reciprocity
 DMME Advanced First Aid Recertification
 ACLS – Advanced Cardiac Life Support (AHA)
 AHA BLS CPR Instructor Course
 Basic Contractors Licensing
 AHA BLS for Healthcare Provider CPR
 AHA Heartsaver CPR/AED
 CDL Class A
 CDL Re-Test Class (Knowledge)
 Virginia Certified Nurse Aide
 Certified Nursing Assistant Prep Class (LPN or RN)
 Concealed Weapons
 Defense Driving Licensing

DMME Diesel Retraining
 Virginia Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)
 EMS CEU's (attend as many classes as needed)
 DMME Foreman Continuing Education (Surface/Underground)
 DMME General Coal Miner (Surface/Underground)
 AHA Heartsaver First Aid Certification
 AHA Heartsaver Bloodborne Pathogens
 Intermediate Work Zone Safety/Flagger
 Lift Truck Certification (National Safety Council)
 LPN Refresher
 Microsoft Access
 OSHA 10 General Industry
 OSHA 10 General Industry (Healthcare emphasis)

OSHA 30 General Industry
 PALS – Pediatric Advanced Life Support (AHA)
 Power Lineman
 Retraining (Electrical/Underground/Surface) (MSHA)
 Security Officer In-Service
 Security Officer Firearm Recertification
 Surface Coal Miner (Initial full 2day course)
 Tradesman Recertification On-line (Electrical/HVAC/Plumbing)
 Tradesman Gas Fitters Recertification On-line
 DMME Underground Shotfirer CEU
 Underground Coal Miner (Initial full 4 day course)
 Work Ethic Certification (Bring your 'A' Game)

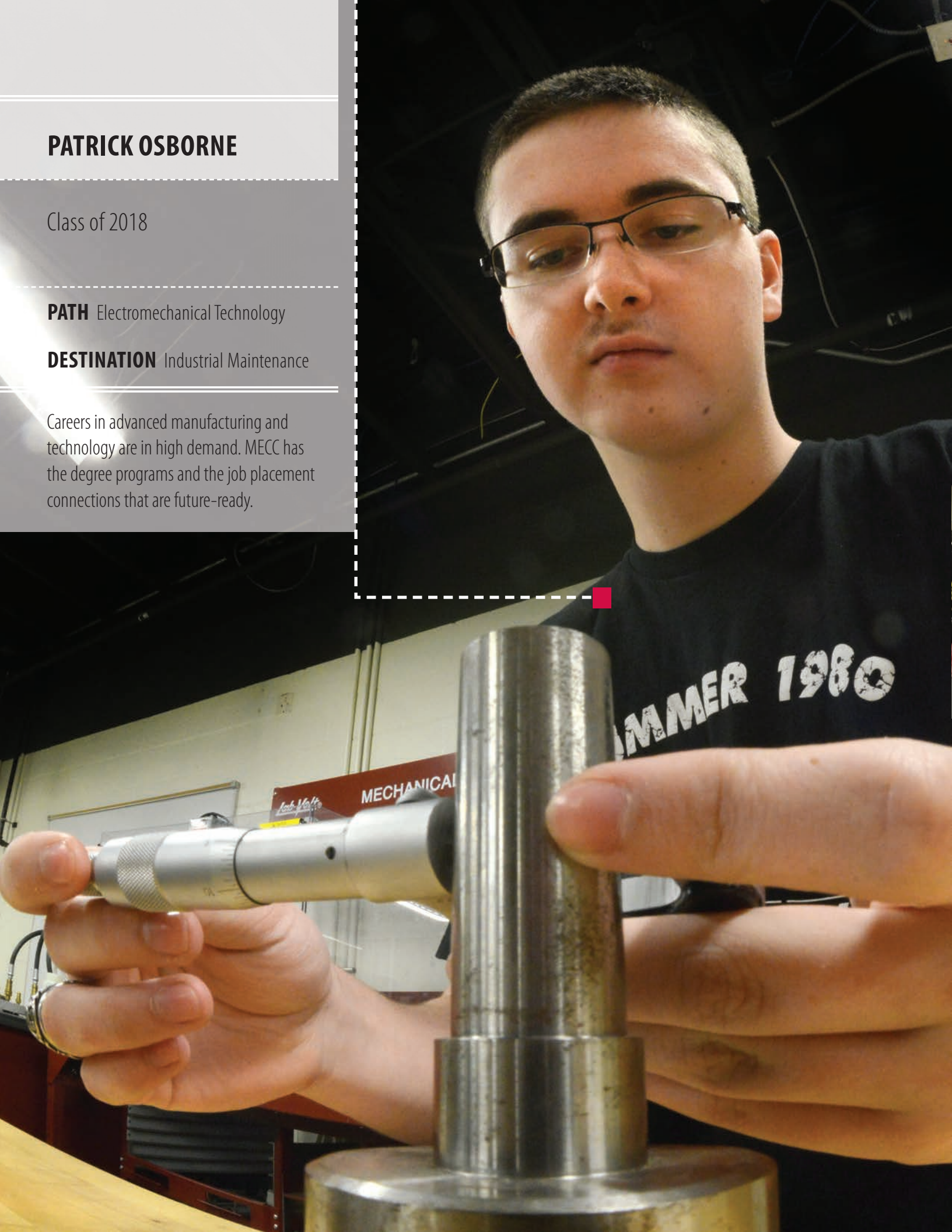
PATRICK OSBORNE

Class of 2018

PATH Electromechanical Technology

DESTINATION Industrial Maintenance

Careers in advanced manufacturing and technology are in high demand. MECC has the degree programs and the job placement connections that are future-ready.

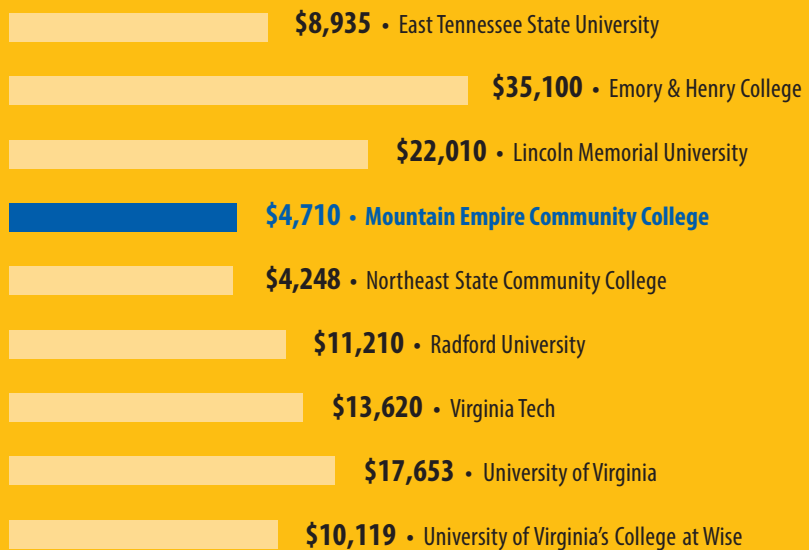


GEAR UP FOR SUCCESS.

Students at Mountain Empire Community College are connected to a network of opportunity. Whether it's help completing your financial aid application, career counseling, veterans benefits, disability services, job placement, or transferring to a four year university, MECC is here to help. Connect with other students in clubs and other college activities. We're geared toward your success both in college and in your future career.



Annual Tuition Comparison



*Based on full time enrollment, in-state in 2018-19. Data retrieved from National Center for Education Statistics at nces.ed.gov.



MECC Life

Follow your own path to your destination

Going to a two-year school doesn't mean giving up on a traditional college experience. MECC students are engaged and involved. More than 17 campus organizations, hundreds of student events, and limitless volunteer and community service opportunities are waiting for you.



START YOUR ADVENTURE HERE.

Steps to Enrollment

STEP
1

Apply for Admission at www.mecc.edu/apply.

STEP
2

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. MECC's school code to include on the form is 009629. Apply for MECC Foundation Scholarships at www.mecc.edu/scholarships.

STEP
3

Take Placement Tests & Meet with an Advisor. Students who plan to apply for financial aid or pursue a degree or certificate at MECC requiring math or English courses must take placement tests. For more information, visit www.mecc.edu/testing or MECC's Fox Central – a one stop location for all things related to enrollment located in Holton Hall.

STEP
4

Register for classes by visiting My MECC using the portal at www.mecc.edu. Learn more about payment options at www.mecc.edu/paying-for-college. MECC invites prospective students, their parents, and friends to take a tour. Schedule a campus visit by email at info@mecc.edu.



Greg Seals
Path: Welding
Destination: Former Miner-Retraining



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Mountain Empire Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Mountain Empire Community College. Normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to the institution and not to the Commission's office. Degree programs are approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and are also approved for listing in the U.S. Office of Education directories for participation in various federally-sponsored programs of student aid and educational assistance. The College is authorized by the Veterans Administration to certify students to receive veterans' benefits and is approved by the Department of Health and Human Services for students who receive Social Security and Vocational Rehabilitation benefits. The Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. The Nursing program is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326). The Practical Nursing and Nursing Assistant programs are approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing. The Emergency Medical Services Technology program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. The Phlebotomy program is approved by the National Phlebotomy Association.

It is the policy of the Virginia Community College System and Mountain Empire Community College to provide equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, veteran status, gender, age, or sexual orientation and for all otherwise qualified persons with disabilities. This policy permits appropriate employment preference for veterans. This institution promotes and maintains educational opportunities without regard to race, color, sex, ethnicity, religion, gender, age (except when age is a bona fide occupational qualification), disability, national origin, or other non-merit factors. This institution prohibits sexual harassment including sexual violence. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Vice President of Financial and Administrative Services. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding student misconduct or equity issues based on gender: Dean of Student Services. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding employee misconduct or equity issues: Human Resource Manager. For more information, contact 276.523.2400, 3441 Mountain Empire Rd., Big Stone Gap, VA, 24219. Virginia relay users dial 711.

To view our full non-discrimination, student achievement, and accreditation information, visit www.mecc.edu/consumer-information

