



WCC Names Students of the Year

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Left to right, Laura Asbury, Hunter Wyatt, and Charlie White

Wytheville Community College has named Laura Asbury of Bland and Hunter Wyatt of Sugar Grove as the college's Students of the Year for 2014. The awards were presented by President Charlie White at WCC's annual Honors Convocation held April 24.

Asbury will graduate on May 9 with an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Science with a specialization in Engineering. She is Treasurer of Phi Theta Kappa and is a WCC Student Ambassador. Asbury serves as Vice President of the Student Government Association and is a member of the Science Learning Community. She also serves on the WCC 50th Anniversary Committee. She served as a work-study student in the WCC Educational Foundation office and also worked part-time at Subway. Asbury received the prestigious Valley Proteins Fellows Scholarship from the Virginia Community College System and recently traveled to China as part of that program. She volunteered with Hope Ministries, Inc. She is also a member of the All Virginia Academic Team and a Coca-Cola scholarship recipient. Asbury has participated in NASA's National Community Aerospace Scholar program. She has been accepted to Virginia Tech's Engineering program and will study ocean and aerospace engineering.

Wyatt will graduate on May 9 with an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Science. He is President of both the Student Government Association and the Collegiate Future Farmers of America. He earned a Silver Emblem in Environmental Science at the National FFA Convention. Wyatt is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Treasurer of the Outdoor Club. He serves on the WCC Environmental Sustainability Committee and the WCC Awards Committee. He is a member of Walker Mountain Grotto caving club and Brookside Baptist Church. Wyatt has volunteered with local political campaigns in his area and with the Department of Agriculture. He has also worked as a boat dock technician at Hungry Mother State Park and as a landscaper at the Lifetime Wellness Center in Marion.

The two other finalists for the Student of the Year award were:

- **Mary Boyette:** Boyette is from Troutdale and will graduate on May 9 with an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Business Administration. She is President of Phi Theta Kappa and is also President of the Christian Fellowship Club. She serves as a WCC

Student Ambassador and as a member of the WCC Student Government Association. Boyette is on the All Virginia Academic Team. She works as a cashier at Dickenson Drug Company, and she is very active in her church, Liberty Hill Baptist, where she plays piano and works with the youth group. Boyette was the student speaker at the WCC Scholarship Luncheon in 2013 and has received numerous scholarships during her time at WCC. She recently completed the Twin County Leadership Initiative Program. Boyette plans to transfer to Liberty University to study Business Management and then pursue a business career.

- **Marie Goad:** Goad lives in Dugspur and will graduate on May 9 with an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in General Studies. Goad is a member of Project AIM. She is President of the ACE Club and serves as Secretary of the Student Government Association. She has participated in numerous WCC events and activities and recently completed the Twin County Leadership Initiative Program. Goad is a volunteer with the Laurel Fork Volunteer Rescue Squad and is an Emergency Medical Technician and works with her father in a landscaping and contracting business. She is also very involved with her church youth group. Goad plans to transfer to a four-year university and pursue a bachelor's degree in education and become a teacher in her local community.

To be considered for Student of the Year, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.2, demonstrate leadership skills by contributing time and efforts to campus and community activities, and be a spring graduate of the current year. The selection committee reviews nominations received from WCC faculty and staff and chooses the finalists. The committee then interviews each finalist for the Student of the Year Award.

