Bridging the old and new

Developers transform Roanoke’s riverfront with the region’s largest mixed-use project
American National University’s ESL and paralegal studies programs at the Roanoke Valley Campus have reached milestones. The ESL program has earned a four-year programmatic accreditation extension by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation. American National joins Virginia Tech, George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth University as the only four Virginia university ESL programs to earn the accreditation. The paralegal program at American National University was recently required to present a report of the program to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, and the interim report was passed.

B2C Enterprises has announced the hiring of Molly Doyle as a creative associate. She had previously worked as a freelancer for B2C.

Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Radford University and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Virginia Intercollegiate Anatomy Lab at Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital. The event commemorated the completion of a $2.5 million, yearlong collaboration between the three institutions that was notable for its unique private-public partnership. The new lab supports the three institutions’ individual interprofessional education programs, which allow health-care students to learn to work collaboratively in clinical settings before entering their professions.

Jefferson College of Health Sciences held its inaugural Education Foundation Luncheon with world-renowned poet, author and Virginia Tech distinguished professor Nikki Giovanni in May. Approximately 150 friends and supporters of Jefferson College were present to celebrate the college and the recipients of the college’s first alumni awards. David Hobarck, chief of the City of Roanoke Fire/EMS Department, and E.W. Tibbs, president and CEO of Centra Health, were named the 2015 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Albert Pavolonic, a four-time Jeffer-