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Piggy Bank Philanthropy Students 'Pay It Forward'



Max Jackson, Albemarle Rotary scholar

Each year, the PVCC Educational Foundation hosts a luncheon for scholarship recipients and the donors who have made the scholarships possible. At last year's luncheon, recipient Robin Longo, who graduated from the nursing program this spring, urged students to find a way to begin to "pay forward" the generosity they experienced.

The students did just that. Scholarship recipients picked up piggy banks early in spring semester 2011 and collected \$420.55 in change before the end of the school year. That money has gone into a scholarship account which will grow as money is collected each year.

The money will grow thanks in part to banking partner BB&T. The Court Square branch staff counted this year's change and will do the same when the piggy banks are collected next spring. In addition, Bryan Thomas, area executive for BB&T, announced at this year's luncheon that the bank will match the students' contributions up to \$500.

The piggy bank project has caught the imagination of students. They really appreciate

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Lynn Pribus (second from right) with her health care scholars (from left) Kristen Hassan, Julie Chan and Mary Ann Harmon



Scholarships Mean So Much

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the opportunity to practice philanthropy in a way that works for them. The piggy banks become a tangible way to say thank you for scholarships that mean so much—often helping students reduce the number of hours they work, creating more time for study, for other student activities, and for family.

Max Jackson, recipient of this year’s scholarship from the Albemarle County Rotary Club Foundation, is a veteran who has returned to school to complete a degree in diagnostic medical sonography. A first-rate student, Jackson acknowledges the role of scholarships in helping him keep up the academic pace while staying in touch with his wife and four young sons.

Gina Baldi, recipient of a Watterson Honors Scholarship this year, told the luncheon audience that her scholarship has enabled her to work less and spend more time involved in student activities and leadership.

Thanks to generous donors, scholarships are playing an increasingly important role for PVCC students. The value of all scholarships offered through the PVCC Educational Foundation this year has surpassed \$200,000. Ninety-five students received named scholarships ranging in value from \$500 to \$3,500.

Thank you, scholarship donors, from all of us at PVCC, for your life-changing generosity.

Learn how you can include the PVCC Educational Foundation in your estate plans and create a legacy of support for students. Call the PVCC Development Office today for information on the Carpenter Society.



Chica Tenney (right) and scholar Pennie Newell



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