Anastasiya Hvaleva has been named the top community college student in Virginia. The award is part of the All-USA Academic Team program sponsored by USA TODAY, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the national honor society for two-year colleges.

The program honors students who receive the highest All-USA Academic Team application score in each state. Hvaleva is the sixth PVCC student to be named Virginia New Century Scholar since the award program began in 2000. She has received a $2,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Foundation and Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Hvaleva emigrated to the U.S. in 2005 when a destabilizing revolution unfolded in her home country of Kyrgyzstan. She immediately began intensive ESL classes at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania.

As a second-year student Hvaleva was president of the College’s chapter of PTK as well as the international and business clubs. She was a tutor in the College’s Learning Center.

Hvaleva graduated this month from PVCC and has been accepted into the Foundation Named Philanthropy Leader

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Almost 25 years ago, I answered an ad in *The Daily Progress* for the position of college relations coordinator at PVCC. Since then, it has been my privilege to work at the College with two presidents, an enormously dedicated and talented faculty and staff, and an evolving job description which always has had a connection to development.

Along with the changes, there have been constants. This is a community that believes in the power of education to change the lives of individuals and their families. And this is a community that aligns its philanthropy with that belief. The generous support of individuals, foundations and businesses has enabled PVCC to evolve in ways that would have been inconceivable a quarter century ago. Every gift is directly connected to the state of the College today. And every giver has a right to feel pride in the achievements of PVCC and the thousands of alumni leading rewarding lives in Central Virginia and beyond.

As I retire from the College at the end of May, I say farewell and thank you—to my wonderful and hardworking staff, to President Friedman for his leadership and vision, to the College Board and the PVCC Educational Foundation Board of Directors who have opened so many doors for the College, and to the PVCC faculty and staff who are simply the best at what they do.

And to you, the friends of PVCC, I say thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have ensured a strong foundation for the College’s first 40 years. The future has possibilities we can only imagine.

Mary Jane King
Director of Institutional Advancement and Development

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University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce for the fall. She hopes to pursue a career in environmental technology.

The Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team and the New Century Scholar programs recognize outstanding two-year college students based on nominations submitted by community college presidents or CEOs. Awards are based in part on the student’s academic excellence, leadership qualities and community service.