PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Agenda

November 6, 2013
4 p.m.
W. A. Pace Jr. Board Room

Laila Bare
Presiding

1. Welcome and Call to Order

2. Approval of September 4, 2013 minutes (attachment #1, for action)

3. Public Comment

4. Presentation of Pin to New Board Member

5. President’s Report
   A. Budget/VCCS/PVCC Updates
   C. Legislative Visits: Thursday, January 9 and Monday, February 10
   D. College Updates (Dr. Donnelly, Dr. Ross, Mr. Samanta, Ms. Melton for Mr. Parker, Dr. Hamm)

6. Enrollment Profile/Update (Dr. Hamm, attachment #2)

7. Program Highlight: Childcare Partnership with YMCA
   Clifford Haury, Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts & Social Sciences
   Meg Sewell, Assistant Professor of Child Development and Psychology

8. Chair’s Report
   A. Real Estate Foundation Liaison Appointment
   B. VCCS Annual Meeting, November 19-20, 2013, Richmond Marriott
   C. Next College Board Meeting, January 8, 2014

9. Other

10. Information Items (attachment #3)
    A. Board Member List
    B. Board Committees List
    C. College Board Calendar
    D. September-October Media Highlights
PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Board Meeting No. 243

September 4, 2013

Meeting number two hundred forty-three of the Piedmont Virginia Community College Board was held Wednesday, September 4, 2013, in the W. A. Pace Jr. Board Room.

Present

Laila Bare  Robert Hodous
Vera Cooke-Merritt  Peter Kleeman
Stephen Davis  Sean Michael McCord
Bruce Dotson  Sean Moynihan
Leonard Gardner  Ava Pippin
Debbi Goodman

Absent

Alvin Edwards
Russell Otis

Others

Frank Friedman, President
Pat Buck, Assistant to the President & Special Projects Coordinator
John Donnelly, Vice President for Instruction & Student Services
Connie Jorgensen, College Senate
Marie Melton, Business Manager
Jeannie Perutelli, Professional Association of Support Staff
Nathaniel Ricca, Student Government Association
James Ross, Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Development
Shivaji Samanta, Chief Information Officer
Anita Showers, Manager of Marketing & Media Relations
Kris Swanson, Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee
Media

New Faculty: Zachary Beam (economics), Eric Breckoff (culinary arts), Adria Clarke (radiography), Lorraine Collins (nursing), Renee Fves (mathematics), William Pratt (finance), Jennifer Tomas (history) and Nicole Winkler (radiography).

Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Bare welcomed those present and called the first meeting of the academic year to order at 4 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The proceedings of the May 1, 2013, meeting and August 6, 2013, retreat were approved.
Public Comment

None

Introduction of New Faculty

Dr. Donnelly introduced and welcomed new faculty. Fourteen new faculty have been hired, most of whom are filling vacant positions. Attending the meeting and providing brief comments were: Zachary Beamer, Eric Breckoff, Adria Clarke, Lorraine Collins, Renee Eves, William Pratt, Jennifer Tomas and Nicole Winkler. Not able to attend were Anne Allison (biology), Hunter Moore (engineering/electronics), Jeremy Taylor (art), Lawrence Tiezzi (geology) James True (ems) and Grace Viere (psychology). Expanding the number of full-time faculty is a strategic priority.

Introduction of New Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Development

Dr. Friedman introduced Dr. James Ross, the new vice president for institutional advancement and development, who has an extensive background in advancement, development and fund raising in both public and private sectors. Dr. Ross said he has fallen in love with the College and the Charlottesville area in the short time he’s been here and is looking forward to making PVCC an even greater college.

Dr. Friedman noted that Mary Jane King is enjoying her retirement. She was surprised with the announcement of the scholarship named in her honor when she was recently presented with her retirement gifts. To date, $13,000 has been raised for the Mary Jane King Scholarship.

Presentation of Pins to New Board Members

Dr. Bare presented college 'apel pins to new board members Bruce Dotson (Albemarle County) and Robert Hodous (Charlottesville). Alvin Edwards will receive his pin at the next meeting. Both spoke briefly about their education, careers and community involvement.

President's Report

Introduction of College Representatives. Dr. Friedman introduced and welcomed the shared governance representatives for 2013-14 Connie Jorgensen, College Senate; Jeannie Perutelli, Professional Association of Support Staff; Nathaniel Ricca, Student Government Association; and Kris Swanson, Chancellor’s Faculty Advisory Committee. Bruce Glassco, Faculty Senate, was not in attendance.

Also introduced was Derek Quizon, the new higher education reporter for The Daily Progress.

Budget/VCCS/PVCC Updates. Dr. Atkins-Brady was hired earlier this summer as a vice president at Paul D. Camp Community College and the position has been filled by Dr. Jolene Hamm who will start on September 23. Dr. Hamm is a Fluvanna County High School graduate and was a dual-enrolled student at PVCC. She received her doctorate from Virginia Tech, and has most recently been at Ferrum College in a similar position.

Enrollment as of today is down 1.5% from last fall at 5,564 students. All of the community colleges have experienced an enrollment decrease with only one other college down less than PVCC and some as much as 5%. With an improving economy colleges nationwide experience the plateau effect or see declines. The College budget was built on a 2% projected enrollment decline which means there will be no budget reductions. The
Giuseppe Center has enrolled 190 individuals and 126 have enrolled at the Jefferson Center. Dual enrollment is about even so far.

The upcoming General Assembly session means planning at both the VCCS level and at the College. Three major priorities are expected to be advocated as we move forward: 1) salary increases, 2) base adequacy funding and 3) investment in construction. The student success center project is ranked 16 in the VCCS, higher than expected. Only 3 projects ranked ahead of the student center are new construction which puts ours at fourth in terms of campus expansion. Space at the Jefferson Center provides some relief in terms of classroom space. The student success center will address activity and gathering space, a much-needed commodity. As soon as the VCCS develops the legislative agenda it will be shared with the Board.

College Updates

Dr. Donnelly
- One of the student success initiatives was rolled out this summer to help students prepare for the placement test—a pilot orientation to testing. Students are provided a 15-minute orientation to the testing and allowed to decide if they want to proceed or seek preparatory assistance in the writing or math centers. The results of this pilot will be monitored.
- Forty students are enrolled in the culinary arts program, a great start for a new program.
- A new faculty evaluation plan has been developed, a by-product of VCCS reengineering efforts. The plan has been approved by the VCCS, with only minor modifications, for implementation. A faculty committee worked diligently to develop the plan and was the first in the system to be approved.
- A new administrative assistant, Patty DeCourcy, has been hired for the Giuseppe Center; Lisa Shifflett is now Dr. Donnelly’s assistant.
- Summer career academies offered through Workforce Services saw a dramatic growth this summer, serving over 375 rising third- through ninth-graders. The academies are STEM focused.
- Embargoed until September 17, the College received 2014 designation as a military friendly college.
- The winter enrichment voyage and semester-at-sea program takes place December 18-January 3. Jorge Grajales-Díaz, Assistant Professor of Spanish, will be involved in onboard class instruction. Information will be sent as more details become available.

Dr. Ross
- He is looking at the Educational Foundation as a way to increasingly help students in different times. New members will be added to the board’s membership. He hopes to work with the College Board and members of the greater Charlottesville community regarding the student success center and in other ways.

Mr. Samanta
- Classrooms and computers were updated as necessary for the start of the semester; one classroom has been converted for virtual functionality.

Ms. Melton for Mr. Parker
- Three projects have been funded by VCCS maintenance reserves and include the replacement of exterior windows and doors in the main building, repair of the 800 wing and the VCCS is in the process of project management for the dam repairs.
- Landscaping along the median of College Drive will take place this fall as will planting of perennials and ground covering plants on banks to prevent future erosion.
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- The sustainability committee, consisting of faculty and students, is leading a project to convert part of a campus field to a short grass wildflower meadow. This initiative promotes environmental activities at the College and will somewhat reduce mowing. A grant application has been submitted to the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District and other funding will be pursued.
- Jennifer Atkins, a Louisa resident and PVCC alumnus, has been hired as the College’s new Human Resources Director.

**Academic Activities Audit, Follow-Up Review**

Dr. Donnelly provided a report on the VCCS Internal Audit Department’s follow-up review of the April 2012 Academic Activities Audit Report; he previously reported on the audit last fall. The purpose of the review was to determine if colleges implemented appropriate corrective actions to address recommendations and responses contained in the audit report. Of the eight VCCS findings, all management responses had been implemented; PVCC had one issue regarding disbursement of overload pay for faculty at appropriate time periods and two minor findings. Our plan of action was approved and all aspects were completed by July.

**Campus Police Conversion**

On behalf of Mr. Parker, Ms. Melton recommended College Board approval to convert PVCC’s security department to a police department, utilizing a hybrid model to include a combination of police officers and security officers. The majority of college campuses are converting to sworn officers; encouraged by the VCCS, 12 of the 23 community colleges have done it and others are taking steps to convert. There are a number of benefits which would be realized from conversion to a police department, among these are: better qualified and highly trained commissioned officers, promotes a greater sense of safety and security on campus, facilitates more effective collaboration/communication with local law enforcement agencies, and provides the College with greater flexibility and a wider range of options in developing and implementing campus safety programs. In April, a formal recommendation for a hybrid model was made by the four college governance organizations and was followed by two public hearings that offered the PVCC community the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

Dr. Friedman provided some background on the initiative. Due to the world we live in and the tragedies recently experienced, the issue arose of whether the College campus should have armed certified police with arresting duties or a security force. It was important that the issue be raised to gauge the desires of the faculty, staff and students to ensure they felt safe and are able to work and learn. Several options were laid out for review by the shared governance organizations to consider, discuss, and submit a formal recommendation; all four submitted their recommendations, with the tallied vote, for the hybrid model. President’s Staff reviewed all feedback from the organizations and the public hearings and the recommendation is now presented for Board action.

Dr. Hodous moved that the Board approve the recommendation which was seconded by Dr. Dotson. In depth discussion and questions followed related to campus gun policy, funding implications, off-site locations, implementation and possible cultural changes. A voice vote was taken with a vote of 7 to 3 for approval. The proposal will be submitted to the State Board for Community Colleges for approval.
Chair's Report

Nominating Committee: Dr. Bare thanked the nominating committee for their work in presenting a slate for College Board Vice Chair (Ava Pippin), Educational Foundation Liaison (Stephen Davis) and Real Estate Foundation Liaison (Russell Otis). There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was unanimously approved.

2012-13 Performance Report: A summary of activities for the previous year was reviewed. Dr. Bare commented that the Board's doing well and the College continues to move in the right direction.

2013-14 Committee Assignments: The revised committee membership was reviewed and Dr. Bare thanked those who will chair committees (Dr. Kleeman, Community Relations; Mr. Gardner, Curriculum; and Mr. Otis, Finance and Building). The committees typically meet prior to Board meetings when needed and are contacted by the staff liaisons.

Next College Board Meeting. The next meeting of the College Board is scheduled for 4 p.m. on November 6 at the College.

VCCS Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for November 19-20 at the Richmond Marriott. Details will be disseminated once received from VCCS.

Information Items

The following items were provided for information: Board Membership, Terms of Office, College Board Calendar, State Board Membership and Summer Media Highlights.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Friedman
President and Secretary to the Board

APPROVAL

Laila B. Bare
Chair
Fall 2013 PCC Credit Enrollment Profile

**Introduciton**

The Fall Enrollment Profile provides an early look at PCC's credit enrollment trends for the semester and highlights important trends that have implications for planning. Demographic and enrollment characteristics based on the 5,647 students who were enrolled in credit courses as of October 25, 2013, are described in the text and charts below. Available data from the previous four fall semesters are also shown.

**Demographics**

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Recent High School Graduates at PVCC

Fall 2013 compared to 441 FTE in Fall 2012.

Fall 2013 dual enrollment students accounted for 462 FTE in enrollment compared to Fall 2012. At this time, PVCC has 1,322 dual enrollment students. For Fall 2013, PVCC has 1,322 enrollment dual students. Most high school enrollment is accounted for by dual enrolled students.

Education Students

Accreditation into those programs are counted as Career and Technical students and students in health professions, but have not yet been fully accredit.

In 2011-12, PVCC changed the way it classified pre-health professions.

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2013-13 PVCC enrolled 858 regional high school seniors in dual enrollment courses. Of these, 172 (20%) are enrolled at PVCC in Fall 2013.

Another 30 students are graduates of regional private schools and 18 are recent GED completers.
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2013-14 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Community Relations Committee: The Community Relations Committee shall consider matters external to the college which may influence the ability of the college to fulfill its mission. The Community Relations Committee shall consist of the following subcommittees, each of which shall have a chair: Business and Industry Relations, High School Relations, Legislative Relations, University of Virginia Relations

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Ava Pippin
Stephen Davis
Sean McCord
Laila Bare (ex officio)
Frank Friedman (ex officio)
James Ross (Staff Liaison)

Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee shall consider matters pertaining to the college's instructional programs.

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Finance and Building Committee: The Finance and Building Committee shall consider matters pertaining to the local funds budget, the state M & O budget, and capital outlay (building) projects.

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PVCC Educational Foundation Liaison: Stephen Davis

Real Estate Foundation Liaison: VACANT effective 10/24/13
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## 2013-14

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Sept. 5, 2013

Students, faculty and staff at Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) could see more security around campus, thanks to a new police force for the school.

Members of the College Board met yesterday and voted 7 to 3 for a hybrid police force, which would have both security personnel and certified police officers.

PVCC released a statement on Thursday, explaining that there haven't been any violent crimes on campus in the past 15 years, but they want to take preventative measures.

"Too often we are seeing violence at schools, at colleges, movie theaters and that created a dialogue on campus of how can we best ensure the safety and security of our faculty, staff and students," President of PVCC Dr. Frank Friedman said.

If approved by the state, the new hybrid police force will go into effect in the fall of 2014.
PVCC Receives 2014 Military Friendly Schools Designation

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Piedmont Virginia Community College Press Release

Charlottesville, Va. — Victory Media has named Piedmont Virginia Community College to the Military Friendly Schools® list for 2014. The list honors the top 20 percent of U.S. colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans and dependents and to ensure their academic success. Schools on the list earn the right to use the Military Friendly School logo.

During PVCC’s 2012-13 academic year, 648 students classified as veterans, active-duty military, reservists or dependents took credit classes. In the PVCC graduating class of 2013, 83 degrees and certificates were awarded to 62 veterans, active-duty military, reservists or dependent students.

Ramping up its services, the College hired a dedicated military and veterans affairs advisor and began offering special veterans information sessions for prospective students.

"With this student population at PVCC nearly doubling in the last five years," said President Frank Friedman, "we’ve increased our services to help them navigate veterans’ education benefits, acclimate to college life and be successful in meeting their education and career goals."

PVCC is one of 250 colleges and universities across the U.S. partnering with the Department of Education and Veteran Affairs to implement their 8 Keys to Success program to support veterans on campus in their effort to afford and complete college degrees and certificates in preparation for high-skilled jobs. PVCC is also a designated Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC), meeting the needs of military personnel and veterans.

A redesigned veterans Web page guides students through available veterans’ educational benefits, applying to the College and registering for classes. Academic advising continues systematically after students enroll. Planning is under way for an education pathway that enables veterans enrolled in a PVCC associate degree program to complete coursework simultaneously toward a bachelor’s degree at Old Dominion University. ODU has offices on PVCC’s campus.

Additional efforts to create a more veteran-friendly College included opening a Veterans Center on campus, observing Veterans Day with a special ceremony and breakfast and engaging PVCC’s members of the Student Veterans of America Club.

Victory Media is an entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools nationwide approved for Veterans Affairs tuition funding.
PVCC Re-Opened after Bomb Threat Evacuation

*Posted: Sep 23, 2013 3:08 PM EST*
*Updated: Oct 07, 2013 3:44 PM EST*

Piedmont Virginia Community College is back open after being evacuated Monday afternoon because of a bomb threat.

According to Anita Showers, manager of marketing and media relations at PVCC, three people received the threat via email Monday afternoon. The school was evacuated shortly after.

Showers also confirms that both Albemarle County police and Virginia State Police investigated the threat and have now cleared it.

PVCC's main campus is back open, but classes will not resume until Tuesday.
Frank Friedman
Posted on September 24, 2013 by ellec

Frank Friedman is the President of Piedmont Virginia Community College and talks about their bomb threat yesterday.

Podcast (charlottesville-right-now): Play in new window | Download
PVCC Officials Pleased with How Campus Threat was Handled

Sept. 24, 2013

Officials at Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) are pleased with how Monday’s bomb threat on campus was handled.

The main campus was evacuated yesterday afternoon, after three teachers received bomb threats by email. PVCC President Frank Friedman says all 1,500 people on campus got out within an hour. Then, police officers with bomb-sniffing dogs were able to come in to search the campus.

Friedman says he thinks everyone implemented the school’s emergency plan very well, but they are still talking about ways they can improve.

“Things went extremely well yesterday, but we still can learn from the incident and do better next time, if there is a next time, which we obviously hope there won’t be.”

There is no word on who is responsible for the bomb threat. Police are still investigating.
PVCC in full-time faculty boom

Falling enrollment may curb goal of replacing part-timers

BY DEREK QUIZON
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Piedmont Virginia Community College is in the middle of a major hiring push, but a leveling off of enrollment may stall plans to hire more full-time faculty members.

PVCC saw a 20 percent jump in enrollment between 2007 and 2012, as students tried to get an edge in the deflated job market. To meet the needs of the growing student population, the college hired part-time faculty members — usually people with careers in the fields they taught.

Now, administrators say they want more full-time faculty members, who can hold office hours, advise students and lead research projects.

“Part-time faculty members don’t do that — that’s not part of their responsibility,” said John Donnelly, the college’s vice president for instruction and student services.

“Part-time is often a supplemental job. We value that, but the faculty member that engages with the students, works with extracurricular activities has value for us.”

The college filled four new full-time positions this year, and administrators want more. Enrollment fell 4 percent this year, which could give administrators time to play catch-up, but it also leaves them with less tuition money.

PVCC still relies heavily on part-time adjunct professors. It employs 190 part-time adjunct instructors and 77 full-time instructional faculty.

Donnelly said he’d like at least 60 percent of faculty members to be full-timers. Some of that could be filled by part-time instructors who transition to full-time, but Donnelly said it’s not a regular occurrence.

Instead, the college is recruiting new faculty, such as associate biology professor Anne Allison.
A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Virginia, Allison said she decided to work at a small college because it provided more opportunities for teaching and student interaction.

"I've always associated more with teaching than research," Allison said. "I've never pictured myself having a big lab in a big university."

PVCC’s location near UVa offers potential faculty members a lot of perks.

Hunter Moore, an assistant professor of engineering and electronics at Piedmont, said the college’s students are highly motivated by the chance to transfer to UVa.

"Having UVa here definitely gives them that motivation," Moore said. "They can see the school they want to transfer to."

President Frank Friedman told members of the college’s board that hiring full-time faculty members would be Piedmont’s No. 1 priority over the next few years.

Donnelly said the college ideally would hire 20 new faculty members, but with enrollment falling, officials have less tuition money to draw from. And they’re not relying on the General Assembly, either; state funding for the community college system has fallen 27 percent since 2008.

Realistically, he said, the college should be able to add one or two new positions per year over the next five years. But that could change if the community college system gets more funding from the state.

"We take it as the money comes and the budget allows," Donnelly said.
PVCC Receives Grant to Help Students that Need Child Care

Oct. 17, 2013

Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) is receiving grant money to help students who need child care.

The U.S. Department of Education issued the grant for more than $210,000. The grant is for low-income students who receive Pell Grants that need help with the cost of child care.

PVCC is partnering with the daycare center in the Piedmont Family YMCA at the Jefferson School City Center.

"Well sometimes attending college is a juggling act. You have a family to support, you perhaps have a job and you are attending college too. Affordable child care is really important to have," says PVCC Media Relationships Director Anita Showers. "Our aim is to have it available for our Spring 2014 semester that begins in January."

PVCC was one of 68 colleges in the U.S. to receive this grant.
PVCC Gets Grants For Childcare Costs

Posted on October 15, 2013 by Jaclyn Piermann

Parents trying to improve their place in the workforce face a dilemma. They often have to figure out how to attend college and pay for childcare. Piedmont Virginia Community College has help for that. It's a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help subsidize the cost of childcare. College spokeswoman Anita Showers says the money would go to those getting Pell grants. Piedmont has about two-thousand students on Pell grants, and about a quarter of those are parents.
U.S. Department of Education Awards Nearly $9.2 Million in Grants to Support Campus-Based Child Care Services for Low-Income Students

SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Contact: Press Office 202-401-3050 press@ed.gov

To support the participation of more low-income parents in higher education, the U.S. Department of Education today awarded nearly $9.2 million to 58 postsecondary institutions to establish or support campus-based child care services.

"Peace of mind is an important factor in student success," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. "These grants help parents stay focused on their studies and graduation goals. The funding is part of the Department's overall effort to support parenting students so that they can build better lives for themselves and their children."

Funded under the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program, awards can be used for child care services for all age groups: infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, as well as before and after-school care for school-age children. Students eligible to receive services for their children through CCAMPIS must be eligible for Pell grants, which are awarded based on financial need. In addition to using a sliding fee scale for the services, some grantees require students to attend parent workshops and take part in academic counseling to maximize their prospects for success in completing their higher education studies.

This year, to align with the Department's overall priorities for higher education, applicants were also encouraged to include support for military families.

All 58 grants, located in 28 states, are funded for four years. Specific information is provided below.

VA Charlottesville Piedmont Virginia Community College $52,596 Clifford Haury chaury@pvcc.edu
PVCC appoints director of research

Jolene Hamm is Piedmont Virginia Community College’s new director of institutional research, planning and institutional effectiveness.

In that role, Hamm will be responsible for leadership and management of the college’s research, strategic and annual planning, assessment and accreditation-related activities, according to a Friday announcement. She is also a member of the PVCC president’s staff.

Hamm is a 1999 graduate of Fluvanna County High School, an alumna of PVCC and a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in animal and poultry science; a master’s degree in career and technical education; and a doctorate degree in agriculture and extension education.
PVCC will offer student advising hours in Greene

Beginning Oct. 22, Piedmont Virginia Community College will offer advising services for adults at its Eugene Giuseppe Center from noon until 4 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

The Giuseppe Center is located on the second floor of the Greene County branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Stanardsville.

PVCC's Outreach Manager Kathryn Snow Brice will help prospective adult students:
- Explore PVCC's certificate and degree programs.
- Apply to the college, register for classes and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Discover how earning a certificate or degree can increase earning potential.

Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 434.961.5275 or email kbrice@pvcc.edu.

The PVCC Giuseppe Center is located on the second floor of the Greene County branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Stanardsville. Log on to www.pvcc.edu/greene or call the center at (434) 990-1131.
Albemarle County has received a grant from the governor’s office to explore the possibility of building a Virginia wine center. Twenty-thousand dollars will be put into a feasibility study for the potential project.

Albemarle spokesperson Lee Callin says the Virginia wine industry is growing dramatically in terms of visibility and its reputation as a tourist destination - but there’s no place that serves as a centerpiece.

The planning grant will be put toward hiring a consultant to determine if establishing a wine center in Albemarle is a smart move. The study will look at several specific issues - including concept development, visitor experience, and space needs.

Even though the idea is very much in the conceptual stage, county officials say the center would likely be infused with tourism, educational and historical components to enhance the wine industry.

"It's important that this center really function as something that adds value to the entire wine industry and would not be in competition with wineries and other folks who are already doing really great things out there in the state," said Lee Callin, spokesperson for Albemarle County.

Albemarle County is partnering with groups such as the Charlottesville-Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Monticello Wine Trail, and Piedmont Virginia Community College to support the grant.

The county has already spoken with a consultant who has worked on a number of wine centers in the United States and is currently establishing one in France. A final report is expected within several months.
Piedmont Virginia Community College hosted an unusual career fair Tuesday at the John Paul Jones Arena, where seventh-graders got the chance to take a look at several professions.

The middle school students talked to people in different career areas to find out what kind of study path led them to their jobs. One student from William Monroe Middle School already has a pretty good idea of what she wants to do when she gets older.

"I want to be like a basketball coach or an athletic trainer one day and if I think, if I want to like do that one day, this would really be the place to find out information and learn more about it," said Samantha Brunelle, student at William Monroe.

A counselor from Henley Middle School says the goal of the event is to help students make connections between skills they already have and potential careers.
PVCC to hold STEM field open house

Posted: Thursday, October 24, 2013 12:35 am

High school students and adult learners are invited to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics degree programs at an open house Nov 23 at Piedmont Virginia Community College’s main campus.

STEM Saturday at PVCC will feature tours of the college’s labs, design challenges and opportunities to meet with faculty members and advisors. Attendees will be able to register for classes and learn about financial aid opportunities and PVCC’s guaranteed admissions agreements.

The event, which is free and open to the public, starts at 9 a.m. in Room 635 of the Technology Wing of the Main Building and ends at 12:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Maya Choby, CTE advisor, at mchoby@pvcc.edu or 961-5358.
More Students in High School Taking College Classes Thanks to New Legislation

October 25, 2013

Many high school students around the Commonwealth are getting a jump start on their college education thanks to new Virginia legislation.

Sophia Webb is not your typical high school student. She is enrolled at Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) and is a full-time student, taking 15 credit hours.

Webb doesn’t even step foot on Western Albemarle High School’s campus, where she’s enrolled. She spends all of her class time at PVCC.

She is enrolled in the dual credit program at PVCC and is also working on the guaranteed admissions program at the University of Virginia, which guarantees admission for students in the College of Arts and Sciences at Community Colleges around the Commonwealth.

"This program basically allowed me to go to my dream school," says Webb. "I’ve always wanted to go UVA since I was about seven."

These programs are becoming a popular trend for students to earn college credit without stepping on campus. Thanks to new legislation in Va, it is now a requirement for community colleges to partner with local high schools.

"No admission, no application, it’s just a matter of finding out what remains in the high school diploma what dual enrollment and AP courses we offer, which automatically allows for college credit," says Chad Ratliff, assistant director of instructional programs at Albemarle Co. Schools.
Ratliff says that most students begin taking college courses as juniors in high school, but Andrew Renshaw, dual credit coordinator for PVCC, says the program is not for every student.

“You really have to be serious about this to be able to succeed, because we are talking of about college classes,” says Renshaw.

“So the rigor, the homework, the expectations are going to be on a college level.”

But Webb is ready for that challenge and hopes that she will be able to finish her senior year of high school and begin her college career at UVa as a sophomore, double majoring in government and global development studies and minorin in economics.

Other than college credit, there are also financial benefits to dual credit and dual enrollment. One way to see the price of college tuition is to check them out online and compare. You can go on the website below, click on the college of your choice and compare it to other Va. four year institutions.

For students in the dual credit program, they pay the community college rate and tuition at community colleges is significantly lower than that of a four year university.

For dual enrollment students who are taking college and advanced placement courses at their high schools, there is no money out of their pockets.

“So it’s a great opportunity for students who want to get ahead in college, want to stay on their high school campus and get those college credits,” says Renshaw.

“If you come to this school and you approach it with a lot of ambition and the perspective of a full time student, then doors will kind of open for you,” says Webb.

Webb is showing her ambition and is racking up college credits in the process.
The city of Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College and Thomas Jefferson Adult and Career Education have partnered to form PluggedInVA, an education and workforce training program for adults ready to begin a career in retail customer service. The course will run from December through June and students who complete the program will earn the National Retail Federation's Professional Certification in Customer Service. 245-2824.
Firefighters Help City Kids Learn More About Their Community

Posted on September 10, 2013 by chriscallahan

The Charlottesville Fire Department is helping to mentor some future adults. Captain Joe Hughes says firefighters are introducing Buford Middle School students different areas of the community. They include the University of Virginia, Piedmont Virginia Community College, and the Paramount Theater. The fire department and Buford officials created the new program.
Council Candidates Unveil Economic Development Plan

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The Democratic candidates for Charlottesville City Council are unveiling a new plan to spur economic development in the city. The plan has two parts and focuses partially on increasing tourism and bringing new businesses to the area.

The plan also involves cooperation with Piedmont Virginia Community College and Charlottesville Albemarle Technical Education Center (CATEC) to establish entrepreneur training programs, as well as a second-chance program for adults who previously spent time in jail.

The candidates say that if they take office, we'll be seeing these changes enacted sooner rather than later.

Some more of the specific ideas they outlined include new parking lots for tour buses near Charlottesville's downtown mall and increased marketing to attract high-tech businesses to the area.

They say each of the proposed changes will help solve the underlying problem of job growth in the city.

"I would like to see Charlottesville as a place of economic opportunity for the entire range of jobs - technical all the way down to hands-on construction work," said Fenwick.

"Businesses that are coming into the area or businesses that are here that are looking to increase their workforce. So we just want to make it easy to increase your workforce in Charlottesville," said Szakos.

Some business owners who attended were hopeful not only that these policies could bring future job growth, but also that their own businesses may see a jump in revenue going forward.

Both candidates hope to work with community partners to see these proposed changes enacted.
Retail Job Training Program Launched in Charlottesville Area

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Charlottesville City Schools Press Release

PlugedinVA is a new education and workforce training program for adults ready to begin a career in retail customer service. A partnership with the City of Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College, and area businesses, the Thomas Jefferson Adult and Career Education program Plugedin combines workforce training, community college coursework, and industry credentialing in a six-month program for highly motivated adults.

The program is currently seeking applicants to form its first cohort of students, who will begin the program in December. Two information meetings will be held on October 22, first at 10am at the Westhaven Community Center at 801 Hardy Drive, and then at 3:30pm at Jefferson City Center at 233 Fourth Street, NW; a third session will be held October 23 at 6pm at the Adult Learning Center at 935A Second Street SE.

Applicants must have their GED or high school diploma and be eligible to apply for financial aid; for qualifying students, the program will be free of charge. Accepted students will commit to a full-time schedule from December through June 2014.

The cohort will meet daily with adult education teachers for job training and classes at PVCC. Students who complete the program will earn the National Retail Federation's Professional Certification in Customer Service as well as 9 college credits.
New program to offer job training, college credits

Two informational meetings are scheduled today for students interested in a new program designed to prepare adults for retail customer service jobs.

The program, called Plugged in, is set to begin in December, and is free to those who qualify. The six-month course includes job training and community college coursework.

Today’s meetings are scheduled at 10 a.m. at the Westhaven Community Center at 801 Hardy Drive and 3:30 p.m. at Jefferson City Center, 233 Fourth Street, NW.

A third session is scheduled for 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Adult Learning Center, 935A Second Street SE.

The program is sponsored by the City of Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College, area businesses and the Thomas Jefferson Adult and Career Education program.

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