

A Hallow Pumpkin and an All Hallows Evening

Alexis Williams, Staff Writer

Halloween is a tradition rich with costumes, candy, fear, and the imagery of the dead everywhere. But where exactly does Halloween come from?

Samhain, (October 31st – November 1st) in mediaeval Ireland, was a festival celebrated to mark the Celtic new year, which started on November 1st. Not only did it symbolize the end of the summer harvest, but also the beginning of the long, cold, dark months of winter. Families

would lead their livestock to shelter, count their food, and make sure they had enough supplies to last through winter. Samhain was considered to be liminal, where the “threshold” between the living and spirit world was the thinnest, and the dead were able to mingle closely with the living.

The Celts believed Samhain to be the time where all the souls of the people who died in the past year embarked on their journey to the spirit world. Since the Celts associated winter with great death,

“the best Casino Night we’ve had.”

-Steve McNerney

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Samhain was celebrated with bonfires, animal and food sacrifices, and large gatherings in order to pay respects to dead ancestors and help guide lost spirits on their travels, while simultaneously keeping them away from the living.

Of course, all fun must come

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Casino Night Decorations. Photography by Jessica Hackley.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

—*Spring 2015 Registration Opens*—
Current Students, October 27th-November 23rd

—*Roundtable on Gender Equality*—
November 3rd 12 pm.

—*One Book Essay Contest Deadline*—
November 7th, 5pm

—*One Mic Stand*—
November 13th 7 pm

—*kNOw Homelessness*—
November 19th, 11:30 am to 5:30 pm

—*Gallery Exhibit Opening Reception*—
November 21st, 5-7pm

—*Free Movie Friday: Boyhood*—
November 21st, 7:30 pm

—*PVCC Chorus Fall Concert*—
November 23rd, 3 pm

—*Thanksgiving Break*—
November 25-29 th

New Police Chief

Idette Charlie, Staff Writer

The Public Safety and Campus Police departments are being rebranded. Piedmont Virginia Community College has hired a new police chief, Shawn Harrison.

Harrison is bright and friendly. She likes Columbian roast coffee, occasionally with hazelnut cream. These small details are what help make up the new police chief's warming personality. With a cup of coffee, we discussed the outline of the campus police department's rebranding.

Harrison is extremely qualified. She holds both a bachelors and a masters degree and is professionally certified in Maryland, while on her way to becoming Virginia certified. She said that the new campus police perspective is about giving a service that is open to the community and a safe learning environment.

Harrison also says that changes such as school identification badges, changing the security personnel uniforms, and more visibility of officers, will make the community safer; having a pro-active approach to campus security will also be a priority.

The uniform's purpose is to immediately identify public safety officers. Joseph remarked that he sees his work as a public service to PVCC. "Any public service ought to be community organized oriented to safe learning environment," said Joseph.

Creating a "safe learning environment" is a key feature of the rebranding. Harrison recommends all students get their school identification made and wear it around campus. She hopes these new procedures and activities will help bring respect for all members of the campus community

promote open communication



Casino Night Costume Contest Winners: Manija Azizi, Timothy Votaw, and Eddie Gerald. Jesus came in first place and the Cry Babies were the runner ups. Photography by Jessica Hackley

Interview with Ava Pippin

Winston Garnett, Staff Writer

I had the pleasure of interviewing Ava Pippin. She was recently added as the president of the College Board.

Pippin has been a family friend of mine for years. Pippin is a big part of PVCC. We are lucky to have her on the board, and getting to know her has been a great pleasure.

She answered the following questions during our interview.

What direction do you see PVCC going?

“My hope would be that Piedmont Virginia Community College turns its attention to the career and technical educational programs, either expanding what there are in place or developing new certificate programs. In doing this, I believe that Piedmont would better serve the communities my fellow board members and I represent.”

What does it feel like being a member of the College Board at PVCC?

“I had the pleasure of knowing and working with a number of my predecessors and also becoming well acquainted with Piedmont Virginia Community College administration and staff and a legislative aid to the Delegate Vivian Earl Dickinson for whom the Piedmont Virginia Community College theater is named.”

“While teaching in the Louisa County Public Schools, I was the site coordinator for Piedmont Virginia Community College classes as well being a part-time instructor.

Finally, I have been a student at Piedmont Virginia Community College for the renewing of my teaching certificate and also just for fun when I retired from teaching. Piedmont Virginia Community College has been a part of my professional and personal life, and I was honored to have been appointed to the Board of Supervisors.”

How do budget cuts affect PVCC?

“The budget cuts are continuous but not unusual....What is important for Piedmont Virginia Community College is to give each and every student a quality education at an affordable price. All community colleges should remain inexpensive and give the average student a great education at a low cost. Piedmont, like our fellow community colleges, will need to be creative but reasonable and sensible looking at the locations in deciding where and what cuts can be made without losing credibility or sight of our own



Campus hangout spot. Photograph by Samantha Prentiss

Mountains of Apples

Devin Kaufman, Staff Writer

The original plan was to meet up with my friend at Carter's mountain on Saturday, since it was supposed to be sunny and in the 60s. It turns out that a good portion of Charlottesville had the same idea. In the end, the trip happened on an overcast, windy, October day. Basically a guarantee that there would not be any lines. After a 15 minute drive up the curvy narrow two lane road, vineyards came into view. Following the view of the vineyards, I was hit with my surroundings. The differing colors of leaves, the rolling hills, the hospital and the University of Virginia in the distance add up to a pretty



Rows of Apple Cider Doughnuts.

incredible scene. Even the dreariness of the day could not take away its beauty.

The hype surrounding the apple cider doughnuts is accurate. Coated in raw sugar with a hint of apple, it was something even a non-doughnut lover like me could enjoy. My only wish was that they would have been warmed. The apple cider was the kind that does not burn your throat when swallowed. It's super sweet without any added sugar.

With two of our goals accomplished, it was time to pick apples. Luckily for me, my friend had been up to Carter's mountain plenty of times, so she knew how it all worked. The "barn" is set up like an open building with bins

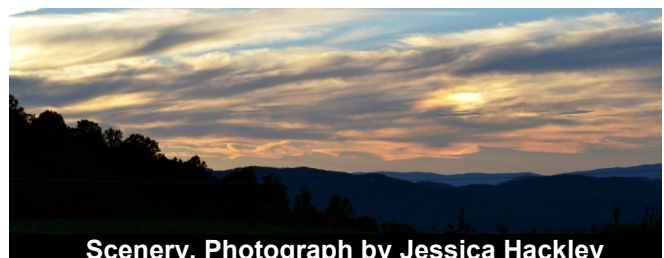


Mocking Apples. Photograph by Jessica

apples in the front in case apple picking is not your thing. After asking for a bag, we viewed the board by the cash register that lists apple types. We then got a map of where the different varieties of apples are located. Both of us decided to go with Jonagolds.

The rows between the apple trees are paved with red dirt and hay so don't wear those adorable fall boots you just bought. Upon entering the Jonagold section, all of the apples are just out of reach.

Perfect specimens of apples hung in the boughs mocking us. I do not recommend trying to climb the trees or shake the branches. Instead, keep walking down and there are plenty of apples within arms reach for easy picking. Apples are my favorite fruit, and honey crisp is by far my favorite kind. Jonagolds have never been on my favorite list. My logic has been forever changed because that was one of the best apples I have ever tasted. It was crispy, sweet, cold, and fresh off the tree. At only \$1.59 per pound, it is affordable comparative to the two, three, or four



Scenery. Photograph by Jessica Hackley

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Casino Night Kills It

Annette Cashatt, Staff Writer

Do you feel lucky? Then you should have been at Casino Night this past Friday. According to the Student Government Association's (SGA) advisor, Steve McNerney, it "is the best Casino Night we've had." This marks the sixth time the SGA has hosted the popular affair, drawing in students, staff and community members. The event was on October 24 and operated from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Bolick Student Center.

Casino Night featured blackjack, Texas hold 'em, craps and roulette tables. An oxygen bar, catered food and music completed the night perfectly. Highlights of the night involved a costume contest and raffle prizes. The top prizes were two iPad Mini's won by Ashley London and Hamrah Hedayati. There were also a range of gift certificates and merchandise. All prizes other than the iPads were donated by local businesses, students and faculty.

The event was completely free, and no actual money was used. Instead, partygoers received a stack of fake bills on arrival, which they could exchange for poker chips and buy raffle tickets with. If you had a costume, brought your student ID, named an SGA executive board member or volunteered to deal cards, then you received

extra "money" to play with. No alcohol or drugs were allowed, and security was present.

According to the head of the SGA Event Committee, Jonathan Dean, "It's...one of the largest events at the school. It gives students a chance to socialize with each other outside of class, which is important because PVCC is a non-residential school and students often don't have any opportunity to interact with each other outside of the classroom."

The event certainly had socializing and a strong vibe of energy. It also drew quite a few partygoers; the tally of how many attended is

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PVCC President Frank Friedman tries his hand at dealing blackjack. Photograph by Jessica Hackley

PVCC Safety Presentations

Audrey Waldrop, Staff Writer

On Wednesday, October 22nd, PVCC's Police Chief Shawn Harrison presented "A Conversation about Personal Safety." The session was informative and gave tips that are useful to staff and students alike. This presentation is the beginning to a large array of plans to teach students and faculty how to be safe.

In the upcoming weeks there will be sessions on domestic violence, stalking, and other topics about what you can do to protect yourself. PVCC

is also looking into self-defense classes for faculty and students as well as bringing the NRA's Refuse to be a Victim Seminar to our campus. Also in planning stages is an active shooter drill for the Spring semester.

Our Department of Public Safety and Police department is asking students to begin filing incident reports. To file an incident report go to the PVCC homepage, Quick links, and under the College Info heading click Report an Incident.

Future sessions will be recorded and the Safety department is hoping to post them on the

Not Just For Farmers Anymore: The CVILLE City Market



Jessica Hackley, Staff Writer

On Saturday mornings between the hours of 7 am and noon, the Water Street parking lot becomes a bustling market, the Charlottesville City Market to be exact. Local vendors with all types of products line the rows where cars normally reside, and the lot crowds with people jumping at the chance to taste the delicious samples, buy the health conscious products, or eat the scrumptious food.

“The market always has a lively atmosphere and represents the culture of Charlottesville,” said Scott Cast, a fellow PVCC student and market-goer. The culture of Charlottesville is indeed characterized by the City Market. Pet-friendly, green, health conscious, and delicious foods are all things that I have come to associate with Charlottesville during my stay here, and all of those facets are easily found at the City Market. Vendors focused on health conscious products that were organic, free-range, unprocessed, and home grown or made. Multiple stalls had juices that were made from only the necessary ingredients; such as, Caribé --an exotic juice company--the starfruit and passion fruit juices were especially tasty, or Wenger Grapes --a company that not only offered Concord and Niagara slipskin table grapes, but also juices and wine grapes. I personally preferred the white

seedless, the best way to describe the taste is a burst of pure grape juice that overtakes your mouth.

Other vendors also provided health conscious choices. Greenheart Granola offered handmade batches of organic, preservative free, and gluten free granola. The crunch was excellent and the accompanying raw almond milk was very refreshing. Jam According to Daniel boasts of “one pound of local fruit in every jar, no pectin added,” and they honestly let you sample any flavor.

Interestingly, most vendors also have a comprehensive knowledge of their products and provide samples of the food as they discuss its benefits; some examples of this include the Everona Dairy vendor, who discussed the sheep cheeses that they had available and allowed me to try a sample of multiple varieties. The Everona Piedmont was delightful to the senses and was the first cheese they had produced; the FreshStart cheese was a mozzarella style and with a full



Hungry Hill Farm Live Beehive. Photography by Jessica Hackley

cheese she had available to try at the time, though the website says that they also provide a pressed ricotta as another fresh selection and many more varieties of aged cheeses.

The stone ground corn tortilla stand had samples of fresh quesadillas available, and the vendor offered information about their fresh taste. Hungry Hill Farm offered various knowledge on their bees and honey to

Market Continued

supplement the live beehive they had set up as well as their samples and selection of products. And last but not least, I would recommend a visit to the Great Harvest Bread Company stall in order to grab a taste of the spinach feta for our savory lovers or the cinnamon chip to satisfy a sweet tooth; they will also provide knowledge on their gluten-free varieties.

There were also handmade jewelry and other items. The Clockwitch offered handmade steampunk earrings, rings, and charms that are all made out of recycled materials, Inedible Jewelry offered tiny earrings, necklaces, and charms made to look exactly like the food they were representing, and another vendor even offered candles made inside of unexpected holders, such as a martini glass.

Food vendors were also a thriving sector of the city market. Through all the food variety to choose from, I had lunch at Pearl Island. They offered a delicious sampling of Caribbean foods and I chose to sample the cajun rice, the sous poulet chicken, the veggie creole beans, and the tostones with lemon aioli. The tostones were crunchy and the aioli supplemented them nicely, but the real deal breaker was the chicken that literally melted in my mouth and was succulent beyond description. I definitely recommend a stop at this stand. On an even more positive note, they take credit cards.

Payment at the City Market is made fairly simple. Most of the vendors accept credit or debit cards, along with cash--those that only accept cash will also take tokens. Tokens are available at the Market Central information stand and can be used for vendors to redeem cash. The information stand will only take a debit card as payment for the tokens, so just a credit card will not allow you to sample all of the stands.

If you like farmers' markets too (or in this case city markets) then give them a chance; they have many scheduled slots in the Water street parking lot. Saturdays April through October, the hours will stay the same of 7 am to Noon; however, November 30th through December 21st, the hours will become 8 am-1 pm, and the Market will be renamed the Holiday Markets. Wednesdays, May through September, Farmer's in the Park will



Chef Ralph Brown, Ralph Brown Jr, Lindsay Ohen and David Blackmon Photograph by Samantha Prentiss.

Eating Healthy, Cooking Healthy

[Jackie Morris, Staff Writer](#)

The Bolick Center was filled with beautiful aromas on Monday, October 20th. The Black Student Alliance club at PVCC arranged a signature event to get your taste buds involved and your mind activated with the joy of cooking.

Chef Robert Brown Sr., PVCC alumni, was the master behind the demo, demonstrating the making of an omelet. The theme was breakfast, the most important meal of the day. Brown said "People tend to think that breakfast is hard. They skip breakfast because it's hard to do." This statement relates to college students well, in that they usually sleep away breakfast time as a result of late night studying. Brown assured that breakfast can be easy, "If you prep the food at night, it will be easier to cook in the morning because everything is already ready." He emphasized the importance of fresh fruits and fresh vegetables incorporated into meals, "I'm here to teach people how to eat healthy."

Vice President of the BSA, David, explained the importance of this event, "Most of us [BSA Members] grew up around their grandmothers' cooking. We were around their cooking which usually involved the grits, the fried foods... this event helps the healthy campaign; to provide a healthy alternative for foods for BSA and the community." From the look of the faces of those who received their omelets, the public agreed that healthy food can also be tasty.

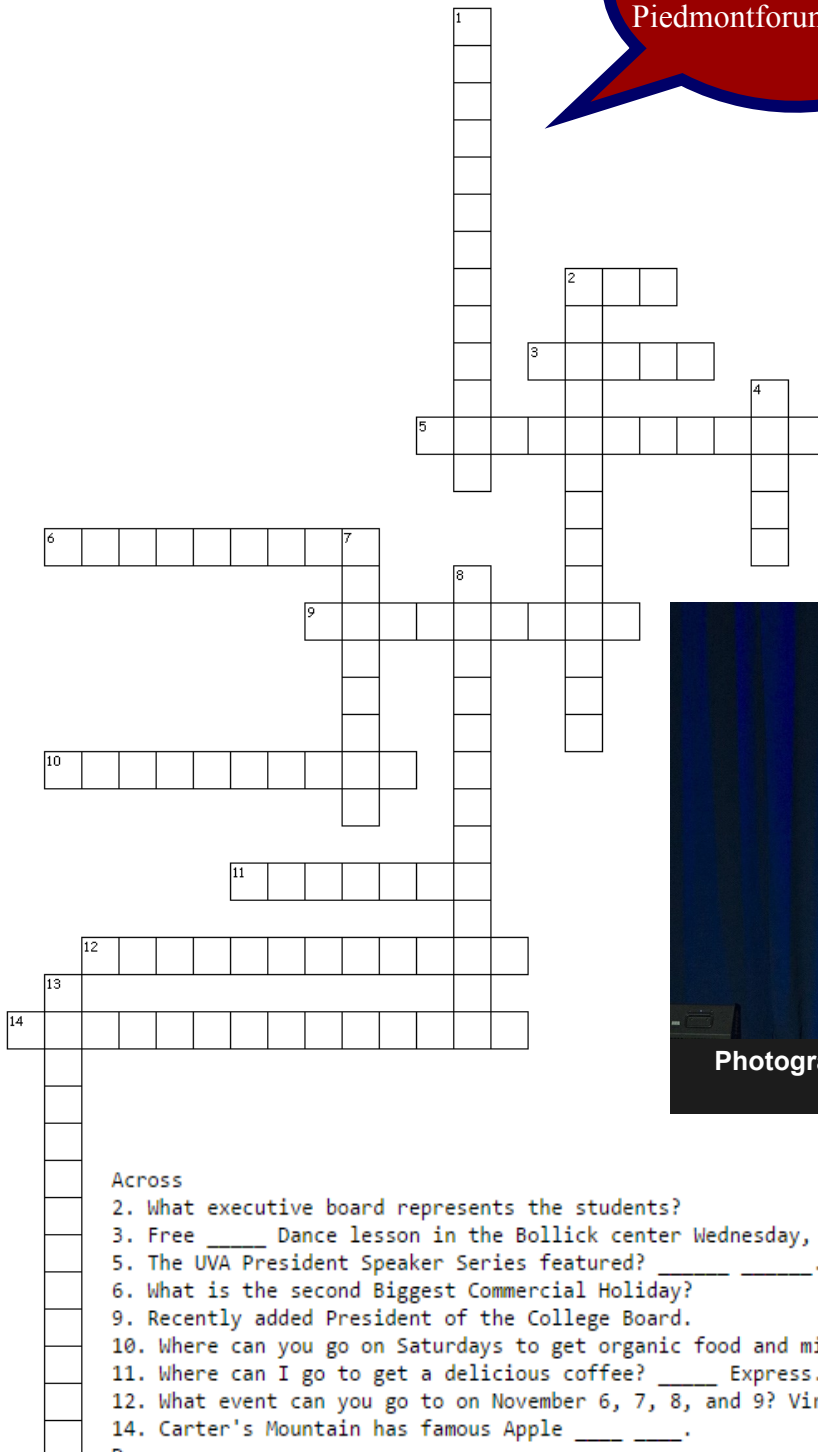
Crossword Puzzle Read and Learn

Kevin Spacey Speaks at UVA

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By Kaitlyn Duvalois, Staff Writer

Buzzing college students, long lines, and nosebleed seats surrounded Kevin Spacey, this year at the UVA President Speaker Series. Spacey opened up with a slam at the Hokies and a cliché “how I became famous” story. But, Spacey, as expected, did pull *House of Cards*, his popular Netflix original series, into his speech, which was



Photograph Courtesy of Marshall Bronfin from
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Across

2. What executive board represents the students?
3. Free _____ Dance lesson in the Bollick center Wednesday, November 5th at 12noon.
5. The UVA President Speaker Series featured? _____.
6. What is the second Biggest Commercial Holiday?
9. Recently added President of the College Board.
10. Where can you go on Saturdays to get organic food and mingle with community? The Cville _____.
11. Where can I go to get a delicious coffee? _____ Express.
12. What event can you go to on November 6, 7, 8, and 9? Virginia _____.
14. Carter's Mountain has famous Apple _____.

Down

1. What questionnaire can students take to win prizes?
2. New PVCC Police Chief.
4. What costume won casino night?
7. Registration is open until _____ 23rd.
8. What is the name of the Math center?
13. Where can you work out for free in PVCC's Main Building 179 and 180? The _____.

Halloween Continued

to an end. Christian missionaries eventually made their way to Ireland and after unsuccessfully trying to do away with Celtic tradition, they sought to transform it.

Instead of benevolent souls, the missionaries tried to convince the Celts that the spirits they were paying respect to were evil and demonic. It did not work.

They then changed the Celts' new year, November 1st, to All Saint's Day and tried to get them to worship saints instead. That also did not work. The Celts continued with their worship and merriment, and reclaimed All

Saint's Day as All Hallows Day. But, it was on the night before All Hallows Day, on All Hallows Evening (or Hallow E'en), that the Celts continued to celebrate the end of the harvest and their dead.

As more and more of the Irish immigrated to America, so did the ways of Samhain. Many different European ethnic groups and Native American beliefs and traditions contributed to a more 'Americanized' Hallow E'en. Soon, history became legend, legend became myth, and Hallow E'en's pagan background slowly faded and meshed into what has become

one of the biggest secular holidays in the world. Check out some fun Halloween facts:

- During Samhain, people would also dress up to confuse evil spirits into mistaking them for other spirits. This is where costumes come from.

- About two billion dollars is spent on Halloween candy annually. Chocolate is a Halloween favorite, and about ninety million pounds of it is made during Halloween week.

- An intense fear of Halloween is called *Samhainophobia*.

- The first Jack o'Lanterns were first made from turnips, and came from the legend of Stingy Jack. People carved

NAILED IT.



Comic by Andie Meddaugh

Inside the Brony Club at PVCC

Michael McGrew, Staff Writer

One might wonder what goes on in a room full of adults watching a cartoon with a targeted demographic of girls ages 8-12. Surprising, while one might suspect a group of socially awkward individuals uncomfortable with their societally expected roles, you instead find a diverse group of people talking about how to better others' lives.

In the hour long meeting, a 22-minute cartoon of *My Little Pony Friendship Is Magic* was watched; the entire rest of the meeting was dedicated to what charity work the group could focus on. Volunteering to take care of a highway (which requires a two-year commitment from any group that signs up), events to raise money for local homeless shelters, and even donating to local animal shelters were discussed. There was even concern raised to make sure to only donate supplies needed to the animal shelter to ensure there was no chance any monetary donations are used to fund euthanasia of animals, an unfortunate but sadly frequent outcome for overcrowded shelters. They eventually agreed to work for the homeless shelter; raising money as well as making packed lunches for the less fortunate.

"We wanted to create a place for everyone who didn't feel like there was a club for them," said Ben Gump, one of the leaders of the club. The leaders hoped that it could be more than just people who were enthusiasts of the show also called "Bronies" a combination of "bro" and "pony." Originally bronie specifically meant a male fan of *My Little Pony*, specially the fourth generation of the show. The term "Pegasister," a combination of "Pegasus" and "Sister," was originally used for female fans, but is largely underused currently with female fans simply self-identifying as bronies. When asked to describe themselves, Ben Gump simply smirked and stated, "We're the island of misfit toys, and I want to be a dentist."

The show focuses on the adventures of six mares, called the "mane six" by fans. In each episode, a character or characters have to deal with a conflict and how it relates to their friendship with



Photograph by Samantha Prentiss

others. Despite the targeted age group the show was made for, it includes a lot of pop-culture references only older viewers would ever pick up on, such as references to *Gone with the Wind*. The developer and producer of the show, Lauren Faust, who has worked on others animations such as *Fosters Home for Imaginary Friends* or *Powerpuff girls*, stated her goal was a girls' cartoon that wasn't bad and offered there was no wrong way to be a girl. Clearly that philosophy of character design has resulted in a cast strong enough to attract a fan base of adults to a cartoon aimed at a much younger audience.

It is, however, not all sunshine and pastel colored equines for the club. They admit when they first started they had to deal with suspicion of their group. "We had to prove we weren't being shady, that we weren't a bunch of child molesters," one member of the group revealed, wishing to remain anonymous. "When we first started, we

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Cashatt. Photograph by
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Student Roundtable on Gender Equality

Location: Main Building in the Auditorium
(Room 229)

Time : During College Hour (12:00pm-1:00pm)

Date: Monday November 3rd

This event is open to all interested PVCC students. This event is a student roundtable. Focused discussing topics related to gender equality, gender equality issues, and how gender equality and gender bias

Veterans Event

Location: PVCC Main Campus

Time: During College Hour (12:00pm-1:00pm)

Date: Tuesday, November 11

This event will celebrate Veteran's Day. At 12 noon, it will begin with A Marching of the Colors by the UVA Colorguard and be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, Star Spangled Banner, Moment of Silence, and Military Tribute. After the welcome occurs there will be a brunch buffet from 12:35pm-12:50pm before the Keynote and SVA President speak.

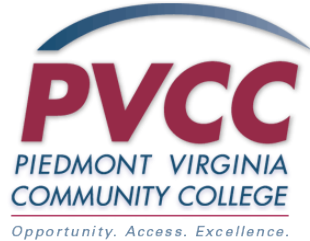
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