

New Coordinator of Student Life and Activities

Look inside for
 PVCC club
 information

Charles Stish, assistant editor

Anyone who entered PVCC’s main building during the first week of Fall 2017 classes would have likely seen the banners, tables, and free food placed in the Bolick Student Center. Manning the tables were members of PVCC’s Student Government Association, Office of Student Engagement, and Office of Student Success as part of the school’s Welcome Back Week social. Amongst the officiators was Shawn Anderson. Even though each passing student was new to him, as PVCC’s new Coordinator of Student Activities, Anderson quickly changed that with a engaged, warm, and extroverted personality, working to make every student, old or new, feel welcome to PVCC’s community.

Born and raised in Louisa county, Anderson transferred to Longwood University after high school for a Bachelor of Science degree in

Liberal Studies, beginning with the intent of becoming a middle school English teacher or basketball coach.

Anderson said he took inspiration from his school teachers, stating, “When I grew up, I had a lot of good teachers, and they seemed to love what they were doing, and I found that admirable.”

His path changed when he encountered Longwood’s peer mentors. The mentors are experienced college students who volunteer to advise and guide freshman students into their first year of college academia. These responsibilities include helping students become comfortable and confident in their new environment, taking them to scheduled orientation and special events, and being a viable role model and leader for them. Anderson became a peer mentor as soon as he could and greatly enjoyed his position.

Continued on page 4



Photo courtesy of PVCC’s Marketing and Media Relations Office

In This Issue

- PVCC Events -pg. 2
- SGA Update -pg. 3
- Student Success -pg. 5
- Club Details -pgs. 6-17
- Eclipse -pg. 18
- Library -pg. 19
- Classifieds -pg. 20

DATES TO REMEMBER

— Spherus^ —

Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Building

— Labor Day —

Sept. 4, All day, No classes

— Welcome Back Social * —

Sept. 6, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bolick Center/Student Patio

— Calligraphy Performance and Workshop * —

Sept. 7, 7 p.m., North Mall Meeting Room

— One Mic Stand * —

Sept. 7, 7 p.m., Dickinson Building

— PVCC Teach-in* —

Sept. 11, 12-2 p.m., Bolick Center

— There and Back Again* —

Sept. 13, 12 p.m., North Mall Meeting Room

— Third Fridays Improv* —

Sept. 15, 6-7 p.m., Dickinson Building

— Free Movie Friday- *The Big Sick* * —

Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Building

— Constitution Day Speakers * —

Sept. 18, 12-1 p.m., North Mall Meeting Room

— Eat and Meet Career Information Panel * —

Sept. 20, 12-12:45 p.m., Bolick Center

— Gallery Exhibition Opening Reception * —

Sept. 22, 5-7 p.m., Dickinson Building

— PVCC Register to Vote * —

Week of Sept. 25, Main Campus

— Student Success Day * —

Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bolick Center

— Russian-American Relations* —

Sept. 27, 12-1 p.m., Auditorium, M229

*Free Event ^Student Vouchers Available

Join Us

Skye Scott, assistant editor

The Forum would like to welcome new and returning students to the Fall 2017 semester here at PVCC! We hope that you enjoy being a part of PVCC's diverse population this semester, and that you get involved with clubs and events offered here, as well.

The Forum is PVCC's student newspaper with articles written by students both in *The Forum* club and the journalism class. Our mission is to provide information and a voice to PVCC students about events in the Charlottesville community. With this in mind, *The Forum* students write articles and reviews about both PVCC and Charlottesville events

The Forum club is just one of about 45 clubs here at PVCC. Throughout the upcoming semester, we will publish articles about events other clubs are offering, as well as advertise those events or clubs. In this issue you will find general information about most of the active clubs on campus.

If you are interested in getting involved with *The Forum* newspaper, feel free to email Dr. Whyte at twhyte@pvcc.edu or Skye Scott at sms29219@email.vccs.edu. Also check us out on Facebook at The PVCC Forum or Twitter @PVCCForum. We also have a website containing all of our articles: www.piedmontforum.com.





Student Government Association News

Skye Scott, assistant editor

At the end of every school year, the PVCC Student Government Association (SGA) elects seven new members to represent both the SGA and the student body as the SGA executive board. With the new school year beginning, it is time for these newly elected members to begin their work.

Waqas Al Mulhim is the new president for this academic year. According to the SGA constitution, the president is in charge of “representing the views and concerns of the Student Body to the College administration and the community, and for leading efforts to improve student life and resolve student grievances.” Al Mulhim said, “I am very excited to represent the Student body as the SGA president this year. I am also very excited to have more events that will help students academically, and help them to get engaged in the school’s community.”

Michael Apgar is excited to be the new vice president. According to the SGA constitution, Apgar’s job is to “coordinate the transition process and implement training procedures for new members, as well as assist the President in any or all of his/her duties, and assume the duties of the President in cases of absence, resignation, or impeachment.” Apgar said, “This year, I want to bring to life the ideas from our entire student body. We have a wide range of students here, and I hope to utilize this diversity to generate ideas that will better our college and enrich the lives of our students.”

Rain Sabin is the new executive senator. The constitution says that “The Executive Senator manages the SGA senators serving on the College Senate, meets with President of the College once a month with Executive College Senate to report SGA opinion of pertinent topics, and presides over necessary SGA senator submeetings.” Sabin said, that as the executive senator “I largely manage our committees.”

The director of events for this year is John Linkous. The constitution says that “The Director of Events shall lead and manage the Events Department, which organizes and runs SGA-

hosted social events across the campus and the community.” Linkous said, “I’m really looking forward to the events this year and the amount of fun and excitement everyone will have from them on campus.”

The director of public relations this year is Skye Scott*. The constitution says, “[The] Director of Public Relations shall lead and manage the Public Relations Department, which develops and maintains SGA media, outreach, administration-specific polling, and appreciation processes.” Scott said, “I am excited to expand SGA social media outreach by increasing the use of our social media pages. I am also looking forward to advertising the events we will host this year.”

The new director of student voice is Cambria Kowalzik. According to the constitution, “The Director of Student Voice shall lead and manage the Student Voice Department, shall submit SGA -approved project proposals to the appropriate college staff, and shall communicate the results of projects to the SGA body.” Kowalzik said, “As the Director of Student Voice for the SGA, I endeavor to give everyone the opportunity to be heard; from ensuring member satisfaction within the SGA, to polling the student body for their opinions on the school. I aim to transform your ideas into working proposals that the SGA can then put forth to be reviewed by the school administration.”

Erin Sonnenburg is the returning SGA secretary. The constitution says that “The Secretary documents the actions of the SGA, manages general attendance records, and records general meeting minutes.” Sonnenburg said, “In the upcoming school year, I would like the SGA, as well the PVCC administration, to emphasize the importance & maintain a diverse and inclusive, academic community.”

If you are interested in becoming part of the SGA, contact Waqas Al Mulhim at wa2810@email.vccs.edu.

Also, follow them on Facebook at PVCC Student Government Association or Twitter at @PVCC_SGA.

*The author of this article is the SGA director of public relations.

New Coordinator of Student Life and Activities

Continued from page 1

After graduating from Longwood in 2015, he worked a semester as a member in its Office of Student Affairs. Afterwards, he enrolled in the University of Virginia and received a master's in Student Affairs and Higher Education, further putting him on the path of helping college students and enhancing their higher education experiences.

"One of my biggest goals while I'm here is to hold fun, inclusive events for the college community that allows students to bring their families, bring their significant others, and have any of those people who are important to them be part of the college as well," he said.

In regards to former Coordinator of Student Activities Steve McNerney, Anderson remarked, "He left me a letter explaining the activities, the roles, and the position here. We are still in communication. He's been a real help getting the ball rolling for me here."

Like his predecessor, Anderson will work with the various clubs and academic departments to achieve his goals of creating a great and memorable experience for PVCC's students during his time here, and he plans on having the traditional PVCC events, such as Casino Night, as

well as adding new things to the roster if possible.

The events he has directed so far were part of PVCC's traditional Welcome Back Week. With the intent of easing in new students and engaging seasoned students to the college community, the daily events were held in the Student Bolick Center from morning through the early afternoon during the first week of the fall semester. These events included a meet and greet, a seminar on tips to college success, and a seminar about maintaining overall health and wellbeing at PVCC and in life. Each one also provided free food and fun, interactive activities to make the experience feel more festive and enjoyable.

Welcome Back Week ended with an evening showing of 2017's *Beauty and the Beast* behind the Betty Sue Jessup Library. Anderson gave the event the unofficial name, "Movie with a Mountain View."

Anderson has the potential to be a good fit at PVCC with his determination, passion, and experience in his chosen field.

He concluded, "I want them to leave here feeling they have developed as a student and got the college experience."

Outdoor Movie Night

Skye Scott, assistant editor

On Friday, Aug. 25, PVCC students, faculty, and staff gathered with their friends and family outside PVCC's main building for some fun and entertainment in the warm summer weather. Fireflies twinkled in the air as people played volleyball and spikeball while enjoying free popcorn. However, the highlight of the evening began after the sun went down, when everyone gathered on lawn chairs and blankets, and unnatural light lit up the dark sky as 2017's live-action movie *Beauty and the Beast* played on an outdoor screen.

The first week of Fall 2017 classes at PVCC contained days full of fun activities and free food to welcome students back to school. For the

conclusion of Welcome Week on Friday, Aug. 25, Shawn Anderson, the coordinator of student engagement and student life, decided to host PVCC's first outdoor movie event for PVCC students, friends, and family in celebration of the first week of school.

The event started at 5 p.m. with food and games. Little Johns, the restaurant on PVCC's campus, stayed open longer than usual to allow attendees access to more food and drinks. The movie was scheduled to start at 7 p.m., but did not start until closer to 7:45 p.m. because the sun was still so bright.

While the turnout was not huge, it was enough people to encourage Anderson to plan another outdoor movie event for later in the semester.



Fall 2017 Welcome Back Social

Skye Scott, assistant editor

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Student Government Association (SGA) is hosting their annual Welcome Back Social. The event will be located in the Bolick Student Center and on the Student Patio.

The Welcome Back Social is one of the biggest events the SGA hosts on campus during the Fall semester. Last year, so many PVCC students, faculty, and staff came to the event that it broke the record for largest Welcome Back Social at PVCC to date.

The purpose of the Welcome Back Social is to give the PVCC community a break from their work and school, and provide some entertainment and fun. John Linkous, the director of events for the SGA, said, "I'm really looking forward to the event as we're bringing in food and a couple

distractions for the students and faculty to have fun and be able to get away from the stresses of classes and work."

A few of the "distractions" include a dunk tank, free food, live music, juggling, face painting, and a pie eating contest. In past years, participants have also made use of the wide grassy field around the Student Patio and played games like volleyball and spikeball. The winners of the pie eating contest will receive a \$25 gift card.

Waqas Al Mulhim, the SGA President, said, "The Welcome Back Social was the first event I participated in last year in the SGA. This event was very fun and helpful. Through this event, I met a lot of friends, faculty, and staff. I look forward to meeting the new students and faculty as the SGA president next week during the event."

Fourth Student Success Day

Skye Scott, assistant editor

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Student Services office is hosting their fourth Student Success Day.

Student Success Day is an event created to enhance students' achievements at PVCC by learning about the resources available on campus.

This year's Student Success Day will follow the same schedule as previous years. This includes a variety of workshops in the morning, followed

by a resource fair in the afternoon.

The resource fair is where most of the resources (Writing Center, First Quadrant Math Center, etc) on campus set up tables in the Bolick Student Center to provide the students with information about their specific office. Pizza, cookies, and soda are available to all students who participate in the event and visit some of the tables at the resource fair.

Certain professors also offer extra-credit opportunities to the students that attend.

Club Day information

Charles Stish, assistant editor

Once a semester, the clubs at PVCC come out and present themselves in hopes of attracting attention and gaining new members.

The clubs set up in the main building with tables, sign up sheets, and sometimes elaborate displays of flags, banners, poster boards, and bowls of candy, hoping to attract new members. The attractions work to entice passing students with questions about the club. This is Club Day, an important day for the social student body at PVCC.

Clubs can be essential to social life at PVCC as they offer extra-curricular activities and events for their members, and others, to join in on, creating a rich social environment. The clubs at PVCC are great for meeting like-minded people, making friends, and being more involved.

After interviewing members of several clubs, it seems no matter the diversity, they all share the same objective: to attract people with similar

interests and create an environment where they can share ideas. Despite a similar overall objective, each club has different goals. Some are proactive, like Volunteer Club, who actively hold club events and are involved in the local community. Others take a more passive approach, like Board Game Club, and hold meetings and small events for their members and those interested.

The clubs at PVCC can be likened to paint colors on a palette: each a different color representing something unique in the diverse social picture of PVCC's culture. Each one is important to strengthening the feeling of camaraderie, diversity, stewardship, and friendship PVCC is about. Campus culture without the colorful contribution of clubs would be stark.

Help keep PVCC colorful. Be the color and don't be shy to join a club. If it interests you, join it. Go to a meeting and be active. Be a spark of color in PVCC's cultural and social diversity.



PVCC Club Day Fall 2016. Photography by Charles Stish

Adult Student Life Club

The mission of the PVCC Adult Student Life Club is to provide support and engagement opportunities that appeal to PVCC adult students. The PVCC Adult Student Life Club provides a forum for adult students to meet as peers, plan activities and gain resources meaningful to their life goals. The PVCC Adult Student Life Club addresses issues relevant to adult students, including how to juggle work, family and college. For more information, contact Denise McCalahan, dmcclanahan@pvcc.edu.



American Sign Language Club (ASLC)

A linguistics and culture club focusing on the Deaf world, particularly the use of ASL. The club works to expand its members knowledge, and vocabulary, through the usage of ASL during meetings, as well as hosting guest speakers. Beginners are welcome, as are fluent signers. Deaf and Hard of Hearing students are especially encouraged to join. For more information, contact the club president Bambi Kowalzik at Crk2552@email.vccs.edu. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/980194225435719/>

Anime Club

The Anime Club welcomes anyone interested in Japanese animation, comics and music. The group focuses on new animations, while leaving room for the classics. They meet on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. in M155. Club president Kayla Paschall says the group votes on what to watch. Contact Kayla Paschall at kdp2460@email.vccs.edu or the advisor Noriko Donahue, ndonahue@pvcc.edu.



Art Club

The Art Club's mission is to support student artists by sponsoring fun, art-oriented events. The club sponsors a variety of art-related events like the annual Day of the Dead Candy-Thon (on Halloween), the Film Series, artists workshops, college visits and more. For information, contact Faculty Adviser Beryl Solla (bsolla@pvcc.edu).

Black Student Alliance

BSA members work together to cultivate leadership, stimulate cultural and educational awareness and contribute service to the College community, the local African-American community and the larger multicultural community and society. The organization welcomes participation by all who support this mission. For more information, please contact the Faculty Adviser, Justin Wert (jwert@pvcc.edu) or the student contact Kaneesha Lord (kl2276@email.vccs.edu).



Board Game Club

The Board Game Club at PVCC meets every Tuesday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. on the third floor of the Dickinson Building. Members play a wide variety of games ranging from card games to more involved games such as war games and beyond. Contact Faculty Adviser Bruce Glassco at bglassco@pvcc.edu for more information.



Book Club

The Book Club at PVCC encourages participants to find their inner bookworm. Club members determine which books to read and host discussions, movie viewings, and other activities such as speakers. Past books read include *The Kitchen House* and *The Gadfly*. The Book Club also sponsors and works closely with the events for the One Book Project. For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Crystal Newell cnewell@pvcc.edu or the student contact, club President Marissa Hall mph2324@email.vccs.edu.



Brony Club

PVCC's Brony Club is for those who share a common interest in the show *My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic*. Club members try to exemplify the characteristics of a good person that the series encourages: honesty, generosity, compassion, optimism, devotion and leadership. Each meeting focuses on one of these

characteristics, and members join in activities once a week including watching the show, enjoying fan content, fundraisers and service projects. They strive to show that this club can make a mark at PVCC. Their goal is to be a place for people to feel like they belong with no judgment. The club meets each Monday from 12:00 to 12:45 in room M155. For more information, contact Morgan Eppard (co-president) at mle2431@email.vccs.edu or the club Advisor Michael Ferero, mferero@pvcc.edu.



Chess Club

Interested in chess strategy, or looking to learn? Are you looking for a new place to put your chess skills to the test? Try Chess club, a fun and safe learning environment for first-time learners and experienced veterans alike. The club meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. in the Main Building, room M158. For more information, contact Hunter Hough (co-president) at hbh215@email.vccs.edu or Abel Pors (co-president) ataep22252@email.vccs.edu.



Creative Writing Club (Writers Unite)

Creative Writing Club allows your imagination to roam freely through the stroke of a pen,

surrounded by those who share an interest in writing. Every year, the club produces the school's literary magazine *The Fall Line*, the three-minute horror story contest and has a special event with fun activities for The National Day on Writing. "I would say that anyone can come to our meetings. We do some writing, talk about writing, and encourage writing among ourselves. It is a place where people can learn about creative writing—low stakes and friendly," said Jennifer Koster, the adviser. The club meeting time will be set after the college's Club Day. For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Jennifer Koster at jkoster@pvcc.edu.



Cru (Christian Fellowship)

Cru is a Christian group at PVCC that welcomes all students. They are focused on building a strong, inclusive community, providing opportunities to grow in the knowledge of the Bible and God, as well as building the faith of members and non-members alike. Cru offers retreats, conferences, Bible studies, and other social events to help connect students to the community. They meet during College Hour (12-1) in room M835 every Wednesday. For more information, please contact Ian McCready (icm270@email.vccs.edu) or their advisor André Luck (aluck@pvcc.edu).



Dance Club

The PVCC Dance Club is a fun way for the PVCC community to enjoy all forms of dance with no experience necessary – just a love of moving! This club provides students with many dance opportunities throughout the year, including free technique classes, choreography, performance opportunities, and much more! Club adviser: Michelle Cooper - mcooper@pvcc.edu

Drama Club

The Drama Club is for students interested in any aspect of theatre, including film. Drama club fosters interest in live theatre through co-sponsorship of major theatre productions and through production of smaller theatre offerings, as well as by encouraging participation of students both as audience members and performers/technicians. For more information, please contact Faculty Adviser Brad Stoller, bstoller@pvcc.edu.

Engineering and Technology Club

The PVCC Engineering and Technology Club is designed to gather PVCC engineering and technology students for social and career-oriented purposes as well as to participate in fun and interesting projects. Student Contact: President Joshua Smith, jps24382@email.vccs.edu Club adviser: Hunter Moore, hmoore@pvcc.edu.



The Film Series

The film series is part of the art club at PVCC. The film series meets twice a semester,

usually weeks two and ten. The meetings typically follow a studio art class on a day such as Wednesday when most students are on campus. Look for information posted around campus for upcoming meetings. The films for this semester include *The Big Sick* and *Dunkirk*. Club President Julia Grammer says, “For the art club film series we try to choose compelling films that appeal to critics and audiences alike; that cover topics of interest to artists and have meaningful social content and interesting visual elements.” Contact Faculty adviser Beryl Solla at bsolla@pvcc.edu. The first Free Movie Friday is Sept. 15. The film *The Big Sick* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Dickinson Building.

The Forum

The Forum, PVCC’s newspaper, provides a voice for the student body. *The Forum* offers students the opportunity to report their news and share their ideas while also learning the fundamentals of the journalistic experience. Faculty Adviser Tamara Whyte said, “We welcome any level of commitment or skill.” *The Forum* meets once a month at varied times depending on student scheduling. The first meeting will be Sept. 18 at noon in M251. Faculty Adviser: Tamara Whyte, twhyte@pvcc.edu. Student Contact/Club President Skye Scott, sms29219@email.vccs.edu

Website: www.piedmontforum.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PVCCForum

Twitter: [@PVCCForum](https://twitter.com/PVCCForum)

Instagram: [PVCCForum](https://www.instagram.com/PVCCForum)



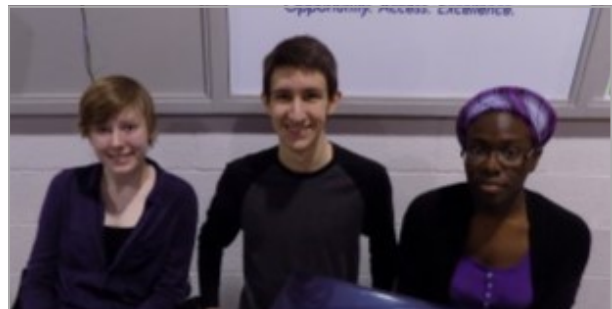
French Club

The French Club is dedicated to bringing about a greater appreciation for the French language and French culture. To this end, the main mission of the club is to aid students in their learning of French, as well as to provide an environment for them to enjoy all things French. No prior knowledge of French is needed, and native French speakers are encouraged to join. For information about the French Culture club, contact the Faculty Adviser Kris Swanson (kswanson@pvcc.edu) or the club President Brandi Rey (blh28575@email.vccs.edu).



Gender Equality Club

Their mission is to promote gender equality by educating the PVCC community about gender inequality and providing a forum to discuss issues related to gender. Gender equality does not imply that all people experience and express gender identity in the same way, but that all people should have equal rights and be treated with the same respect. For more information and details about this club, please contact Faculty Adviser Connie Jorgensen cjorgensen@pvcc.edu.



German Club

The purpose of German Club is to promote

knowledge of and interest in German language, history and culture and to provide a relaxed setting where students can pursue this interest. Members can engage in various activities such as watching German movies, practicing their speaking skills in German, playing German board games, etc. In addition, they usually organize one or two events each semester.

Faculty Advisor: Patricia Jassmann, pjassmann@pvcc.edu
Student Contact(s): Nathan Duncan, nld2027@email.vccs.edu and Stacie Dowdy, sld2304@email.vccs.edu



Graphics Club

The Graphics Club hosts the Graphics Club Hour, where they invite speakers, hold workshops, present movies, and work in creative teams on special, real-world projects. The Graphics Club is geared for CSC Graphic Design Program students, but is open to all students interested in or experienced in all things related to design. For more information on the Graphics club, contact Aubrey Tomlin at atomlin8755@email.vccs.edu or the Faculty Adviser Aaron Miller, Amiller@pvcc.edu.

Homeschool Club

The Homeschool Club will meet each Wednesday throughout the Fall semester from noon to 12:50pm in room M155. The intention of this club is to provide a space to congregate, meet new people and facilitate discussions about potential difficulties transitioning from homeschool to a collegiate atmosphere. Participation in this club does not require strict attendance every Wednesday and will welcome any student at any point. For more information, please contact the

Faculty Adviser, Jon Renshaw (jrenshaw@pvcc.edu) or the student contact, Alexander Goldberg (alg2407@email.vccs.edu).

HOPE @ PIEDMONT

HOPE @ PIEDMONT is a new club at Piedmont Virginia Community College. Its function is to “Stand up against sexual violence and support any student who has endured an assault, is facing a pregnancy, or going through an emotional crisis while in college,” according to club Adviser Jackie Fisher. For more information, please contact HopeAtPiedmont@gmail.com.



Horticulture & Environmental Club

In 2007, PVCC’s Horticulture & Environmental Club was formed to provide students and community members with an organic garden to learn about environmentally-sound horticulture and sustainable practices. Their current project is an organic garden for use as a practical learning platform for environmentally-sound horticulture. The founding of an organic vegetable garden encourages more interest for other students, faculty, staff and the community to learn and put in practice environmentally-healthy horticulture. The excess food that is produced by the garden will find its way into the local food stream of the hungry in the community. As a club they are also interested in encouraging sustainable practices both on our campus and the College’s service region. More information can be found on their website: <http://pvcchorticulture.wordpress.com>.

Email co-advisers David Lerman (dlerman@pvcc.edu) or Jennifer Scott (scott@pvcc.edu) for further information.



International Club

The International club is a service and social club designed to bring together PVCC students from other countries with the PVCC community. The international club hosts many events, including potlucks, picnics, bowling excursions, trips and more. Student contact: Dil Magar dkm2951@email.vccs.edu. Faculty adviser: Irina Timchenko itimchenko@pvcc.edu.



Investment Club

The Investment Club is one of the oldest clubs on PVCC's campus. Its mission is to help students improve their knowledge of the economy and Page 8 market of our country. Visit their website: www.facebook.com/pvccinvestmentclub. For more information, please contact the Faculty Adviser: Mahmood Moghimzadeh, mmoghimzadeh@pvcc.edu.



Japan Club

The Japan Club aims to bring a piece of Japanese culture to PVCC by playing Japanese games, by indulging in some Japanese food, by providing insight into Japanese society and tradition, and by bringing people who are interested in Japan together. On top of all this, we might, just maybe, have a little bit of fun along the way! They meet on Tuesday, 4:30pm-5:30pm at M174 (every other week). For more information about the Japan club, contact the club's president, Alec Traaseth, akt221@email.vccs.edu or the club Adviser, Noriko Donahue at ndonahue@pvcc.edu.



Latter-day Saints Club

The goal of the Latter-day Saints (LDS) Club is to seek gospel understanding in a scholarly setting and search for the light that comes from becoming acquainted with the lessons of the scriptures. The club endeavors to share the peace that is experienced during the study of scriptures. For more information, contact the student contact, Melissa Ann Kibbe, mak21690@email.vccs.edu, or the Club Adviser, Andrew Renshaw, at

renshaw@pvcc.edu.

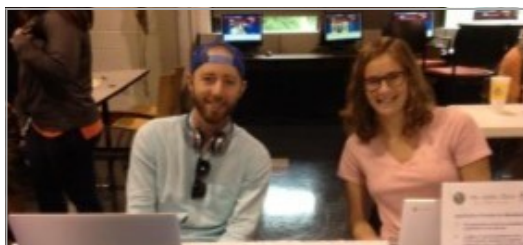
LGBTQA Club

The LGBTQA club works to foster a sense of community between all PVCC students and to increase awareness of the lives and issues faced by people with diverse sexualities and gender identities. They participate in outreach to the LGBTQA community at large and work to create a safe atmosphere with PVCC and surrounding communities. Contact club president Annelise Stunes, as2027@email.vccs.edu or faculty advisers Barbara Heyl, bhey1@pvcc.edu, and Renee Eves, reves@pvcc.edu for more information.



Math Club

The Math Club at PVCC is for those who enjoy math and want to share that fun with others. Hosting Pi Day events and a spring math day for area elementary students are only two of the fun projects for the coming year. The Math Club contains PVCC's Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta (MAΘ), a subset of the club which is the mathematics honor society. Members of the honor society are eligible to wear MAΘ's graduation honor cords. For more information, contact club advisers Karen Overman (koverman@pvcc.edu) and Justin Storer (jstorer@pvcc.edu).



Music Club

The Music Club is a place where people who share a love for music gather together to play music in jam sessions at The Maxwell Theater (Black Box) in the Dickinson building or just to discuss their appreciation of music. "I would recommend the Music Club to anyone that loves music. It's a great way to meet new friends that share an interest in music – the best art form, in my humble opinion," said Michael Baize. For more information, contact club adviser Kay Bethea at kbethea@pvcc.edu or student contacts Mike Baize at mbaize6274@email.vccs.edu and Jacob Brumback at jrb264345@email.vccs.edu.

People Empowering People (PEP) Club

The People Empowering People (PEP) Club serves as a voice for all students in eliminating barriers of perceptions, ignorance, attitude and any other barrier which people with disabilities encounter. We shall do this by raising awareness and providing education about disabilities and disability issues. For more information, contact the club Adviser Susan Hannifan, shannifan@pvcc.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is an international honorary academic honor society for two-year colleges. Academic standards must be met to be eligible for membership. Applications should be submitted electronically directly to the national society. Please see PTK PVCC Facebook page for the latest news. Faculty Advisers: Bruce Robinson brobinson@pvcc.edu and Kit Decker kdecker@pvcc.edu.



Piedmont Student Launch Team

The Piedmont Student Launch Team was created to bring together a diverse group of PVCC students who share the desire to build insanely high powered rockets and compete in NASA's Student Launch Initiative. The club provides a unique opportunity for interesting social interaction, combined with personal and career development, all while having a great time building rockets!

Faculty Adviser: Yana Goddard,
ygoddard@pvcc.edu

Student Contact: Andrew Oxford,
abo2738@email.vccs.edu

Website: <http://www.piedmontlaunch.org/>



Piedmont Rotaract Club

The Piedmont Rotaract Club is a service club that is part of the Rotary International network of professionals working together. The club meets on Wednesdays from 12-1 p.m. in room 175. Rotaract Club members will:

- Plan and lead community service projects
- Develop leadership skills through networking with local Rotary Club members
- Interact with service-minded people
- Make new friends and have fun!

Club Adviser: Miriam Rushfinn
mrushfinn@pvcc.edu

Pottery Club

The Pottery Club offers a creative outlet for

students enrolled in the ceramics courses and those who love art. In this club, students have the opportunity to hone their skills with pottery clay and make them manifest in works of art. This artisan club nurtures the skills already gained and develops those yet to be mastered. The Pottery Club meets in the Dickinson building. For more information on the Pottery Club, contact Tom Clarkson at tclarkson@pvcc.edu.

Psychology Club

The PVCC Psychology Club is a student run organization that seeks to expand students' knowledge of all things related to psychology. The goal of the club is to increase understanding in the field of psychology, facilitate interaction among students, and enrich students' social experiences through club sponsored events for the student body. We connect with the community through holding fundraisers, social activities, volunteering, donating our time and efforts, and much more! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Brandi Rey, Club President, blh28575@email.vccs.edu, or our advisor, Dr. Michael Rahilly, mrahilly@pvcc.edu or our advisor, Dr. Michael Rahilly, mrahilly@pvcc.edu



Radiography Club

The Radiography Club at PVCC strives to maintain the highest level of excellence in their clinical and didactic curriculums as well as providing the utmost quality in patient care. The Radiography Club of Piedmont Virginia Community College will become a network of Radiography students assisting each other to ensure success in their future careers. It is their mission to perform at the highest ethical and

professional standards set forth by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Code of Ethics. Through their actions, they will increase awareness of the Radiography field to Piedmont Virginia Community College as well as the community at large. For more information on this club and the radiography program, contact Faculty Advisers Nicole Winkler at nwinkler@pvcc.edu and Adria Clarke at aclarke@pvcc.edu. For more information on the club, contact President William Comarovschi, wzc23@email.vccs.edu.



Science Club

The PVCC Science Club aims to promote science in our community by sharing how science applies to the real world, celebrating the creative nature of science, and making science more accessible and inclusive. All are welcome. Our meetings are held in the Keats Science Building. For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Anne Allison at aallison@pvcc.edu.



SMASH Club

PVCC's Smash Club is for those who share a common interest in the video game Mario Brothers Smash. Club members meet to play and discuss the video game in a friendly and supportive environment where one can test their skills and make new friends. Each meeting focuses has several games that are up and running and can be played. We strive to have a competitive yet friendly area where folks can meet and play. For more information, contact club advisor Michael Ferero, mferero@pvcc.edu.

SNAP Club (Student Nurse Association at PVCC)

The Student Nurse Association at PVCC (SNAP) is an organization created by PVCC student nurses. They strive to support nursing students on their journey and promote an atmosphere of professional collaboration and academic excellence. They host orientation sessions for onboarding students, promote events that outreach to the community and work to boost morale of students. Through SNAP, nursing students can build an encouraging network between themselves and also serve others.



Sonography Club

The Sonography Club's mission is to increase awareness of our field in the community at large and the college community. It is the club's

purpose to mentor fellow students and to encourage professional development and ethics with the common goal of providing quality patient care and imaging. Staff Adviser Lisa Burrington describes a typical Sonography Club meeting: “Students may determine how they will raise funds and plan for that. In the past, students have arranged tutoring meetings and have arranged to have guest speakers.” For more information, contact club Adviser Lisa Burrington at lburrington@pvcc.edu.



Spanish Club (Club de Español)

The Spanish Club meets on a weekly basis to chat in Spanish, share food and music, watch films, play games such as loteria or Manzanas con manzanas, hear occasional presentations, make crafts such as papel picado or cascarones, meet visitors from other countries, and organize club events such as visits to local restaurants, the Casa Bolívar at U.Va., or a local salsa class. Students of all levels – from novices to native speakers – are welcome to attend. To learn more, contact the Faculty Advisers Kit Decker (kdecker@pvcc.edu) or Jorge Grajales-Diaz (jgrajalesdiaz@pvcc.edu).



Student Government Association (SGA)

The Student Government Association (SGA) of Piedmont Virginia Community College is the primary organization for representing the interests of all students to the faculty, staff, and administration. SGA represents the rights, interests, and concerns of the student body to college officials while promoting an effective communication network between students, faculty, and staff.

As a council for student ideas and concerns, the SGA works in conjunction with the College to improve student quality of life by planning, supporting, and running several student events. The SGA also encourages the establishment of new clubs.

Learn more about the SGA on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pvccstudentgov>.



Student Veterans of America

Student Veterans of America provides students who are veterans or active service members and their families with the resources, support and advocacy needed to meet their education and career goals while at PVCC and following graduation. The organization participates in and organizes projects, events and activities and provides a social group to help veterans transition to life on campus and PVCC Student Government Association members in the community. For more information about SVA club, please contact club Adviser Jackie Fisher at jfisher@pvcc.edu.



Come be that “voice.” For more information: www.virginia21.org. Or, email Connie Jorgensen at cjorgensen@Pvcc.edu.



Ultimate Frisbee Club

Led by team Captain Noah Borgerson, the Ultimate Frisbee Club meets on Fridays at 2 p.m. The Ultimate Frisbee Club is one of the longest running sports clubs currently on campus, if not the longest. Staff adviser, John Gulley had much to say about the club, including reports of heaven shining its light down upon club members, perhaps explaining the club’s lasting appeal. “If you’re interested in joining, look up and join the PVCC Ultimate Facebook site,” said Gulley. The club is co-ed. All are welcome. Contact Club Adviser John Gulley at jgulley@pvcc.edu.

Volunteer Club

Interested in helping out the local community or making the campus a better place? Join the Volunteer Club. Specific activities will be determined by members of the club and can range from on campus functions (charity drives) to off campus initiatives (community events). For more information, please contact the Faculty Adviser Todd Platts tplatts@pvcc.edu.



Women in STEM Club

The Women in STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Club provides social support and STEM focused discussion and activities for students interested in STEM fields. The club has collaborated with other student clubs to sponsor discussions about career pathways in STEM. For more information, please contact the Faculty Adviser: Joanna Vondrasek jvondrasek@pvcc.edu or student contact: Annelise Stunes as2027@email.vccs.edu.

Virginia21/Political Club

Be a part of the most successful advocacy group for young people in the nation by joining Piedmont Virginia Community College’s Virginia21 chapter! Our goal is to educate students of all ages to influence policy by coordinating statewide political action on issues important to higher education. Members are given opportunities to lobby at General Assembly, attend leadership conferences with public officials, tour the Virginia State Capitol, be active among events at PVCC, and much more! Their motto is that they are the “voice of a generation.”



Solar Eclipse Starts New Semester

Charles Stish, assistant editor

Around 2:42 p.m. on Aug. 21, PVCC students and faculty members throughout the campus congregated in various outside locations to witness the solar eclipse. Using camera obscuras and special viewing glasses, the excited audience members took turns viewing the astrological spectacle and gazed at the sky with a shared sense of awe and wonder, creating a notable communal vibrancy amongst the impromptu celestial observers.

Despite many on campus witnessing the eclipse, there was a short period of time when rain clouds loomed overhead and blocked view of the sun at the approximated time the eclipse was to be in full view for the Charlottesville region.

Those excited to see the eclipse were briefly disappointed, believing the weather would prohibit their expectations. During this time, many made sarcastic comments. One person said, "It's so beautiful! I'm blind because of it!"

After a few minutes of doubt, the clouds broke and the sun came back into view and with it the chance to witness the eclipse. They would not have to wait another seven years to see the next one.

Some instructors took their classes outside to view the event and others gave leave for their students to witness it.

Once they had their fill of sky gazing, the astrological observers went back inside to continue the remainder of the first day of the fall semester.



Photography by Charles Stish

PVCC Library Requests Your Presence

Antonia Florence, guest writer

PVCC has about 5,000 full and part-time students who could be using the Betty Sue Jessup Library and its many resources. However, comparatively few do, according to Laura Skinner, the head of the library's reference department.

The library is centrally located in PVCC's main building and offers a variety of resources, such as a popular collection of books, bestsellers, eBooks and audiobooks. Textbooks, laptops, phone chargers and headphones are also available for in-library-use only. Ask the librarians for help locating any of these items.

There are two study areas just inside of the library. One is much larger and serves as a multi-purpose area where many daily, weekly and monthly newspapers, magazines and journals are available. There is room to study, but it is occasionally used to teach targeted research skills to various classes.

Mid-way back on either side of the library are two alcoves with study carrels, tables with chairs, and large cushioned chairs with ottomans. Near the back are six group study rooms which are available by reservation and are equipped with whiteboards and televisions.

The back of the library accommodates students who wish to work quietly on assignments, read or study. All study areas have a variety of seating to accommodate individual needs.

There are four types of libraries. PVCC has an academic library, used mainly to serve colleges and universities.

"It is vital that they meet the needs of the students and faculty by supporting the current curriculum with up-to-date resources," said Skinner. However, the Betty Sue Jessup Library is funded by the state, so it serves the local community as well. Public libraries serve cities and towns, and school libraries serve the school system in which it is located.

Special libraries provide resources on specific topics and are in many universities, hospitals, and military and government facilities. They can also be helpful to PVCC students seeking credible information and are available through the interlibrary loan system.

The library's electronic material has increased as print books have decreased, leaving more room for in the library study space. "The library has become more streamlined, leaner and more targeted," said Skinner. It is expensive and wasteful to keep printed material current. It is more advantageous in many ways to use electronic resources.

As the print versions are purged, "they are donated, per state guidelines, to Better World Books," said Crystal Newell, coordinator of library services.

Better World Books is a website with a variety of books for sale at a reduced rate. All genres of books, including textbooks are available. A portion of the proceeds and about half of the books are donated to increase world literacy rates in third world countries. "For Better World Books, the triple bottom line [profit, people and planet] comes in lots of forms. From helping to build a nursing library in Somaliland to offering customers carbon neutral shipping on every book they buy, doing good is not just a part of Better World Books' business—it *is* the business," according to the Better World Books website.

Skinner suggests those who are uncomfortable navigating the library's system to seek help. "This is why the library staff is here," said Skinner. PVCC has three reference librarians and others who happily pitch in as needed. The library is a collaborative reference and instruction effort, and, with a total of 10 staff members, it is truly a collective effort.

Think of the librarians as an extension of your textbooks and instructors. They help students find information for reports, term papers, and projects, as well as speeches and personal interests. They might even be able to help with computer operator-error challenges. Jacqueline Carrell, the access systems librarian, has guided many students by identifying the problem and helping them get back on track.

Though the library can seem daunting, there is help and direction available. An integral part of the library is its support system, which is the network of librarians.

Skinner said, "It is wonderful when a student goes from knowing nothing to realizing, 'Hey, this is not so hard.'"

Classifieds

The Writing Center@PVCC presents
English Conversation Circle
Fall 2017

In The Writing Center Lab, M627
For non-native English speakers

English Conversation Circle will not be held on days when classes are not in session.

Conversation Practice

Tuesdays, 4:00—5:00

Come practice speaking English in an informal setting.

No homework is required.

August 29: Beyond Hello
September 5: Daily Habits
September 12: Etiquette & Manners
September 19: Learning Languages
September 26: What Do You Think?
Oct. 3 -Dec. 5 To Be Announced

Book Discussion

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
2nd and 4th Mondays from 4:00—5:00

Join us as we discuss new vocabulary, American history, and issues brought up by PVCC's One Book.

September 11: Chapters 1-4
September 25: Chapters 5-7
October 9: Chapters 8-10
Oct. 23-Dec. 11: To Be Announced

Questions?

Contact The Writing Center at PVCC,
434-961-5499 or email jkoster@pvcc.edu

Contact Us

The Forum

501 College Dr.
Charlottesville, VA 22902
twhyte@pvcc.edu
www.piedmontforum.com

The Forum offers classified space to the PVCC community free of charge. Please send announcements along with full name, email, and phone number to: twhyte@pvcc.edu.

The Forum Staff

(Listed alphabetically)

Assistant Editors

Skye Scott
Charles Stish

Staff Writers/Copyeditors

Anna Agree
Jake Delaurier
Kelechi Emeonye
Joel Gibbons
Teriney Grooms
Jeff Jones
Ray Petree III
Isaac Rowlingson
Fazel Sardar
Skye Scott
Charles Stish
Sarah Vagnoni
Rebecca Wood

Comic Artists

Caroline Morris

Faculty Advisor

Dr. Tamara Whyte



Check us out on social media

@PVCCForum

The Forum is a voice for all students. Accordingly, materials published in The Forum, including any opinions expressed, should not be interpreted as the position of the VCCS, Piedmont Virginia Community College, or any stakeholder thereof. The paper welcomes letters to the editor, guest columns, questions, photography or any other ideas or submissions one may have for the upcoming publications. Please contact twhyte@pvcc.edu with any questions.