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Perk Up: Caffeinating the PVCC Community

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Madison Weikle, assistant editor

When PVCC's deli Littlejohn's moved out of the Main Building, it left an empty room and one question, who would feed the students? Thanks to PVCC's coffee shop Perk Up, the people of PVCC finally have their answer.

Ellie Beverly founded Perk up with Camille Phillips, owner of Green House Coffee in Crozet, in January 2016. Beverly said, "I worked for Camille for about two and a half years when the Mermaid Express (coffee shop prior to Perk Up) came up for sale. We bought the Mermaid Express, and the rest is history!"

Since then, Perk Up has been caffeinating and feeding everyone who walks through the halls of PVCC.

Beverly said, "Our plans for the new spot are for it to be as quick and efficient as possible. We

are trying to offer the best of both worlds with having healthier options but also comfort foods. We want the PVCC community to choose to eat here at school instead of leaving campus and risk losing their parking spot!"

Along with its previous espresso and baked goods menu, Perk up will be introducing new food options. Beverly said, "We will offer a lot of grab and go options, such as fresh made salads, wraps, protein packs, granola parfaits. We will also have a grill with burgers, veggie burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, pizza, greens bowls, grain bowls and wraps! We are trying to cater to everybody's needs at the school."

Perk Up will be open Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Fridays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m..

Beverly said, "We would love to hear feedback from everybody on how we can best serve the PVCC community."



Photography by Madison Weikle

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DATES TO REMEMBER

— **Welcome Back Social *** —
Aug. 29, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Bolick Student Center and Patio

— **Mark Nizer, 4D ^** —
Aug. 31, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Main Stage

— **Labor Day: No Classes** —
Sept. 3

— **Drop-In Job-Win/LinkedIn Photo Booth *** —
Sept. 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Bolick Student Center

— **One Mic Stand *** —
Sept. 6, 7 p.m., Dickinson Black Box Theatre

— **Meta Major Information Session:
Education & Human Services *** —
Sept. 11, 1-2 p.m., Main Building, M159

— **Travel Abroad Information Session *** —
Sept. 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Main Building, M229

— **Constitution Day Guest Speaker *** —
Sept. 17, Noon, Main Building, M229

— **Meta Major Information Session:
Arts & Humanities *** —
Sept. 18, 1-2 p.m., Main Building, M159

— **Gallery Exhibition Opening Reception *** —
Sept. 21, 5-7 p.m., Dickinson Galleries

— **Third Fridays Improv *** —
Sept. 21, 6-7 p.m., Dickinson Black Box Theatre

— **Free Movie Friday: *Leave No Trace* *** —
Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Main Stage

— **Eat & Meet Employer Seires: Police Science,
Criminal Justice, and Forensic Science *** —
Sept. 27, 12-1, North Mall Meeting Room

— **OMNY Taiko Drumming ^** —
Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Main Stage

*Free Event ^Student Vouchers Available

Notes from the Editors

Madison Weikle, assistant editor

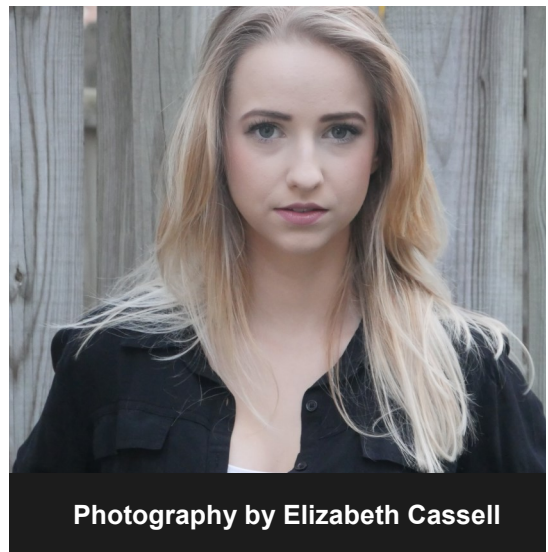
William Shakespeare wrote in *King Henry VI Part II*, “Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven.”

I have experienced the destructive forces of ignorance first hand. I let myself blindly walk through the halls of PVCC, dropping classes. *The Forum* changed it all for me.

I walked into my first day of ENG 121 not knowing how it would change me. The Introduction to Journalism class not only helped me discover my passion for writing and news, it also gave me the confidence I needed to publish my own work. I want to give the same opportunity to all who are involved in *The Forum* this year.

Along with my Co-assistant Editor Bryn Dotson, I will be focused on bringing entertaining and accurate information to the PVCC community.

We will spread knowledge so our community can fly on its wings, like Shakespeare believed.



Photography by Elizabeth Cassell



Student Government Association News

The Student Government Association of PVCC would like to welcome all new and returning students and celebrate the upcoming semester! We will be holding a Welcome Back Social and Club Day on August 29, 2018, for all students to come and explore all the activities PVCC has to offer.

In addition, SGA members will be available Monday, August 20 - Wednesday, August 23, in the Bolick Center to help guide new students to their classes and answer any questions they might have.

The SGA is also currently recruiting new members. Students can either fill out our application, or become the SGA representative of a club on campus. We have open leadership positions including Vice President, Secretary, Director of Student Voice, and Executive Senator. If you want to get involved or have questions, please contact the Coordinator of Student Engagement and Student Life Shawn Anderson at sanderson@pvcc.edu.

Here is to a great new school year with many exciting events and announcements to come!



PVCC mascot Pouncer encouraging Fall 2018 Class Registration.

Going out in AP Style: ENG 121

Madison Weikle, assistant editor

In the age of fake news, trusted journalism is hard to find. However, PVCC offers a safe space for student writers to publish their work within a supportive community. The journalists of *The Forum* scour the campus, covering events, interviewing people, and snapping pictures for the campus' student-run publication. Although the members cover all sorts of stories, they are rarely written about. Who are these journalists and how do they pull together an issue of *The Forum*?

Many students who put together the monthly newspaper have gotten involved by taking the Intro to Journalism class, ENG 121. The Journalism classes are taught by Associate Professor of English Dr. Tamara Whyte. Whyte said, "You don't have to be a good writer to succeed in the course."

The Intro to Journalism class takes place on Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. It is a late start class, meaning it is a 12-week course, which starts on Sept. 10. In the course, students learn about writing for newspapers, in

proper AP style, along with studying how to read news objectively. "All students can benefit by being better writers and critical thinkers," said Whyte, "The skills we cover in Journalism improve clarity, precision, writing, and communication."

Students are expected to turn in one article most weeks. They are given general prompts to inspire their articles, then they gather information about their topics. After finishing their articles, the students peer edit each other's writing. At the end of each month, the class comes together to format and publish the issue. Their work is also published on piedmontforum.com.

Every student has the opportunity to be published multiple times each semester. At the end of the course, students prepare a portfolio of their work rather than taking an exam.

The course is an approved transfer elective for many majors, offered in the Fall and Spring semesters.

"Everybody should take it," said Arif Vega, who complete all three Journalism classes at PVCC. "I think it should be a required course."

12-week classes starting Sept. 10

- **BIO 106 Life Science**
- **CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking**
- **ENG 111 College Composition I**
- **ENG 112 College Composition II**
- **ENG 121 Introduction to Journalism**
- **ENG 246 Major American Writers**
- **HIS 121 United States History I**
- **ITE 119 Information Literacy**
- **MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning**
- **PED 109 Yoga**
- **PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy**
- **PSY 227 Bio-Medical Ethics**
- **PSY 230 Developmental Psychology**
- **SDV 100 College Success Skills**
- **SOC 200 Principles of Sociology**

The One Book Program Evolves with *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert

Bryn Dotson, assistant editor

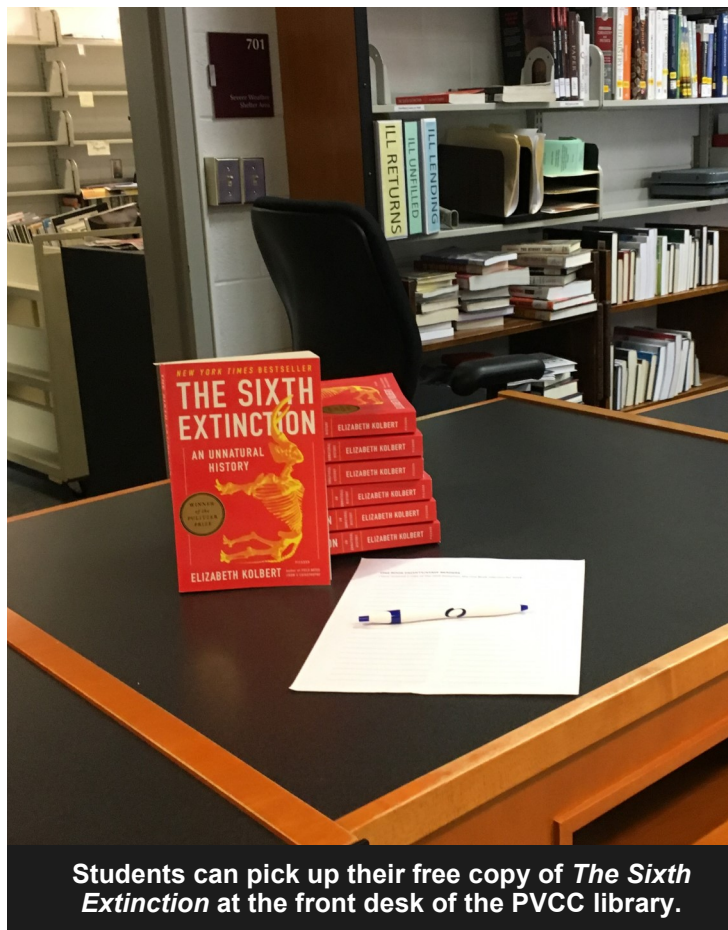
After the dinosaurs went extinct, scientists held a devastating asteroid responsible. This catastrophic event is known as the “fifth extinction.” It is estimated by scientists between 150-200 species of plants, insects, and mammals become extinct every day. Now, humans are the asteroid.

Elizabeth Kolbert, an environmental journalist and author of this year’s One Book choice, *The Sixth Extinction*, explains the major role humans are playing in mass extinction. Kolbert states, “To argue that the current extinction event could be averted if people just cared more and were willing to make more sacrifices is not wrong, exactly; still, it misses the point. It doesn’t much matter whether people care or don’t care. What matters is that people change the world.”

The One Book Program hopes to encourage students, faculty, staff, and community members to engage in open dialogue and communication about the year’s book choice. Associate Professor of English and Co-Chair of the One Book Committee Tamara Whyte says, “I love that the One Book Program allows for the college to discuss a book across courses and disciplines. The events get students engaged outside of the classroom.”

Students vote on a book in the spring semester. This is PVCC’s fifth year participating in the One Book. This year’s book aims to enlighten readers on the impact everyday activities can have on our planet.

Director of Library Services Crystal Newell, co-chair alongside Whyte, says, “This book will make you think about how small actions, like traveling to another country, affect other species, and how we as the human race affect the world around us.” Along with incorporating the book



Students can pick up their free copy of *The Sixth Extinction* at the front desk of the PVCC library.

into classes and curriculums, the One Book Program will be hosting events that correspond with the book’s material.

One Book will host a Meatless Monday event on Sept. 17, a no-shopping day on Oct. 10, and a recycling event on Nov. 5. There will also be guest speakers and other events to be announced later in the semester.

Students can get their free copy of the book from the PVCC library.

Learn more about the One Book on the library’s website: <https://www.pvcc.edu/student-services/library/one-book-program>.

Students are invited to join the One Book Facebook group as well: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pvcconebook/>.

The Secret to Student Success at PVCC

Bryn Dotson, assistant editor

When back-to-school banners are pasted all over grocery stores and syllabus after syllabus is released, it can sometimes feel overwhelming. School can be incredibly rewarding at times, but it can also challenge students. PVCC offers a wide variety of free resources to help them achieve their goals.

Writing a paper? Any PVCC student can get help with writing at the PVCC Writing Center in the Main Building in room M617. The Writing Center's tutors are passionate about their work, showing enthusiasm for each and every student. Students can get assistance for work for any class that includes writing in English. Professor of English and Writing Center Coordinator Jennifer Koster oversees the center. Koster explains that many students that visit the center are looking to clean up grammatical errors, as well as have another set of eyes on their work before turning it in.

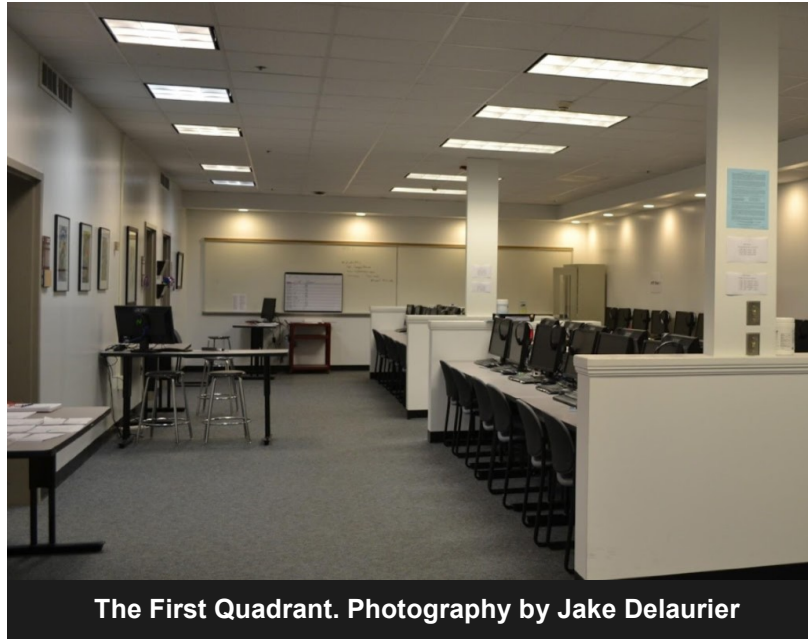
Many professors encourage their students to utilize the center and its incredible staff. Koster said students who come to the Writing Center three or more times for a class are 20-30 percent more likely to earn a passing grade than the other students.

The Writing Center is open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, students can visit the Writing Center's page at <https://www.pvcc.edu/student-services/academic-support/writing-center>.

Along with writing help, students can also get assistance with other subjects.

For many, math is a daunting and challenging subject. The First Quadrant aims to ease math anxiety and help students better understand math. The First Quadrant tutors students in a broad range of mathematical and science courses offered at PVCC.

The First Quadrant offers one-on-one assistance for students seeking help. The staff are friendly and more than willing to assist wherever



The First Quadrant. Photography by Jake Delaurier

they are able. The center is in room M253 in the main building. Tutors assist students with classes including Pre-Algebra, Calculus, Trigonometry, Computer software, and so many more.

The First Quadrant is available to students Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information on the center, visit at <https://www.pvcc.edu/student-services/academic-support/math-center>.

PVCC believes that every student should have an equal opportunity to succeed. Disability services aims to allow every student to succeed and get the help that they need.

Disability services offers assistive technology, which provides laptops with specialized programs and tools to aid the student. Another service aids the hearing impaired with interpreters.

In addition to services, students are offered a variety of accommodations to allow for each and every person to feel comfortable. Susan Hannifan, the disability services counselor, said, "I love being able to see these wonderful people overcome their barriers and achieve their goals and more when you know them personally."

Visit their webpage at <https://www.pvcc.edu/student-services/disability-services> for more information.

The Writing Center@PVCC

One-on-one tutoring in writing for any PVCC class, placement test preparation, & conversational English practice.

FALL 2018 HOURS

WEDS., AUG. 22– MON., DEC. 10

Monday - Thursday,

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Located in room M617

[across from the Testing Center].

Walk-ins & appointments
welcome.



For appointments, call 434.961.5499 or
visit our website: pvcc.edu/writing-center.

Find us on Facebook at
The PVCC Writing Center!

PVCC Student Club Information

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 adviser, Susan Hannifan shannifan@pvcc.edu.

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.

For more information, contact club advisor Noriko Donahue, ndonahue@pvcc.edu.



Art Club/Film Series

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 more information, contact Faculty Adviser Beryl Solla (bsolla@pvcc.edu).

The first Free Movie Friday of the semester will be *Leave No Trace* on Sept 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dickinson Main Auditorium.

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).



for the One Book Project. For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Crystal Newell cnewell@pvcc.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.



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 the club Advisor Michael Ferero, mferero@pvcc.edu.



Book Club

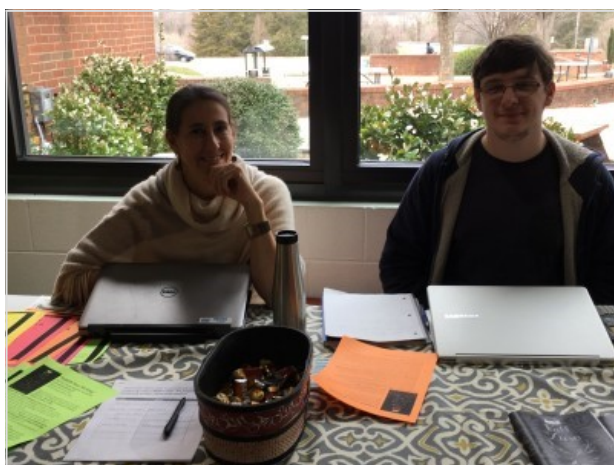
The Book Club at PVCC encourages participants to find their inner bookworm. Club members determine which books to read and host discussions, movie viewings, and other activities such as speakers. Past books read include *The Kitchen House* and *The Gatsby*. The Book Club also sponsors and works closely with the events

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 600-word horror story contest and a day of 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. The club is led by students Wyatt Ernst, Ella Chinn, and Nathan Moore.

For more information, contact Jenny 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 club adviser

André Luck (aluck@pvcc.edu).



Cybersecurity Club

The Cybersecurity Club at Piedmont Virginia Community College is a faculty led student organization that promotes cybersecurity through education and outreach programs within the local community. The Cybersecurity Club's main purpose is to provide students who are interested in cybersecurity the opportunity to increase their knowledge, demonstrate their skills, and advance their careers. Meeting twice a month, members of the Cybersecurity Club discuss and practice hands-on advanced topics to develop career-building experience in network security, digital forensics, system penetration testing, and secure application programming. Community outreach events will allow Cybersecurity Club members to demonstrate their knowledge and skills through informational presentations, publishing research articles, assisting in upgrading and repairing computers, and providing local businesses with computer, networking, and cybersecurity consulting services. We will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in room M173.

For more information, contact Richard Seweryniak (rseweryniak@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!



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.



Earth Guardians

Problem to be solved: With increasing deforestation, overfishing, plastic pollution, climate change, and the dawning 6th mass extinction, many millennials feel helpless as the Earth they are inheriting is being destroyed by greed. The root of all environmental destruction is the failure of governments to regulated corporate exploitation of planet resources. **Solution:** In lieu of government response, a growing movement called Earth Guardian is stepping up to represent the emerging generation who wants to fight to protect our Planet. Through the language of the law, we have been speaking for Earth and for our generation. We are small, but we are strong, and the more we grow, the stronger we are becoming. We are one of many local chapters of Earth Guardian's international network.

Earth has been the mother of every human that has ever lived. Join us to give Earth a voice so she can be the home of many humans to come.

Contact information: Pvcc.earth.crew@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/pvccearthcrew/>



Engineering/Makers Club

The PVCC Makers Club is designed to gather PVCC students of any degree who are interested in making, creating, or working on interesting

projects. Students will have the opportunity to learn many valuable skills while working on interesting projects and participating in a social environment of like-minded students.

For more information, contact the club adviser: Hunter Moore, hmoore@pvcc.edu.



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 is Wednesday, Sept. 5, from noon to 1 p.m. in M174.

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 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 different aspects of French culture. No prior knowledge of French is needed, and native speakers are encouraged to join.

For information about the French Club, contact the Faculty Adviser Kris Swanson (kswanson@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.

For more information. Contact the faculty adviser, Patricia Jassmann, pjassmann@pvcc.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 the Faculty Adviser, Aaron Miller, Amiller@pvcc.edu.

More information can be found on their website: <http://pvcchorticulture.wordpress.com>

HOPE @ PIEDMONT

Email co-advisers David Lerman, dlerman@pvcc.edu, or Jennifer Scott, jscott@pvcc.edu, for further information.

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.



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.

Horticulture & Environmental Club

For more information, contact the faculty adviser, Irina Timchenko, itimchenko@pvcc.edu.

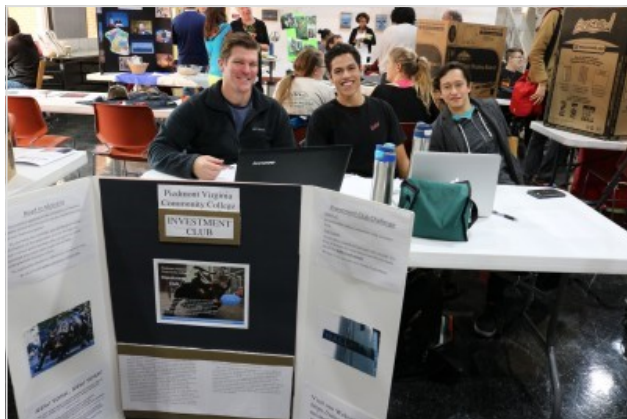
In 2007, PVCC’s Horticulture & Environmental Club was formed to provide students and community members with an organic garden to learn about environmentally-sound horticulture and sustainable practices. Their current project is an organic garden for use as a practical learning platform for environmentally-sound 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.



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 Adviser, Noriko Donahue at ndonahue@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 faculty advisers Barbara Heyl, bhey1@pvcc.edu, and Renee Eves, reves@pvcc.edu for more information.

Math Club (Mu Alpha Theta)



The Math Club at PVCC is for those who enjoy math and want to share that fun with others. The club hosts math-inspired events at PVCC and explores the fun side of math during club

meetings. 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).

Missions for our Military (M2)

"Missions for our Military is a new club to PVCC. It was founded in the 2017 fall semester by Erin Sonnenburg and Brianna Wayne and now operates under the M2 Board of Directors, Connor Pearson, Erin Sonnenburg, Margaret Poulsen, Deadra Miller, and Shannon Gregory, with additional help and support provided by its club sponsor, Jacquelyn Fisher. As a whole it seeks to fundraise and provide moral support for all student veterans at Piedmont and in doing so create a more inclusive and hospitable academic and social environment for all PVCC students and faculty.

For more information, contact club adviser Jackie Fisher, jfisher@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 all types of music. Each school year concludes with a student concert which invites all Music Club members and students involved in applied lessons to perform for the PVCC community.

For more information, contact club adviser Dr. Brianne Little, blittle@pvcc.edu.

Pagans and Wiccans Society (PAWS)

The Pagans and Wiccans Society (PAWS) seeks to be a safe space for those of non-Abrahamic religions within the Piedmont community. Meetings are casual and open to everyone so long as they are respectful.

For more information, please contact club adviser Colum Lecky, cleckey@pvcc.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 the leading international honor society for two-year colleges. PVCC's chapter is officially named Alpha Epsilon Tau. An integral component of PVCC's PTK chapter is community service through participation in toy and food drives, charity walks, assistance to local and national victims of natural disasters, environmental activism and many other service initiatives. Academic standards must be met to be eligible for membership. At the beginning of Fall and Spring semester, the names of eligible students are submitted to PTK National Headquarters. PTK

then invites students to join and issues them a unique code via email that can be used to complete online registration at ptk.org.

More information is available on the club website: <https://www.pvcc.edu/academics/honors-programs/phi-theta-kappa>.

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

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

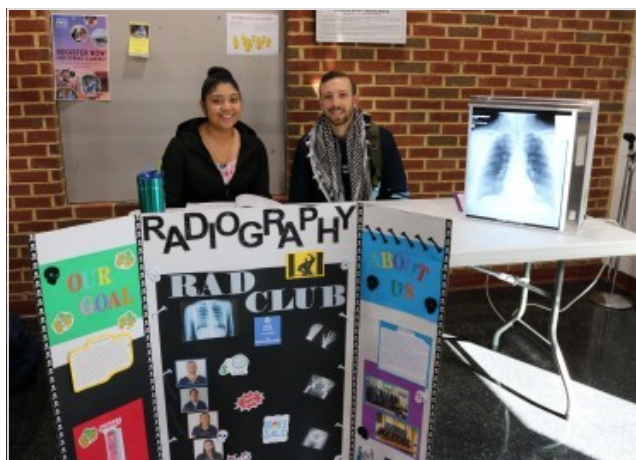
The PVCC Psychology Club is a student run organization that seeks to expand students' knowledge of all things related to psychology. The goal of the club is to increase understanding

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 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 Adviser Nicole Winkler at nwinkler@pvcc.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. The Science Club meets the first Monday of each month at noon in K130 (the conference room on the first floor of the Keats Science Building).

For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Anne Allison at aallison@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.



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).

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



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.

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.



Vegan Club

"Veganism is a way of living that seeks to exclude, as far as possible and practical, all forms of exploitation of, and cruelty to, animals for food, clothing and any other purpose." -The Vegan Society

The Vegan Club at PVCC is for anyone interested in veganism! The club explores the benefits of leading a vegan lifestyle and its positive effects on the environment, health, and animal welfare. Members volunteer at animal sanctuaries, take tours of vegan and vegetarian-run businesses, host restaurant outings and movie screenings, and engage in activism in and around the PVCC campus community.

For more information, contact Elsa Spencer at spencer@pvcc.edu.



Virginia21



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." Come be that "voice."

For more information: www.virginia21.org. Or email Connie Jorgensen at cjorgensen@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.

PVCC's Launch Team Reaches New Heights

Madison Weikle, assistant

On April 30, 2018, the PVCC Launch Team held a presentation in the main building auditorium to reflect on their past year and accomplishments as a club.

Brother and sister duo Andrew and Jesse Oxford led the presentation, captivating everyone in the room with their enthusiastic energy.

They showcased the club's outreach projects, shared the process of competing in NASA competitions, and had their rocket on display.

Andrew, team leader, kicked off the presentation by explaining the competition then challenges they faced.

Andrew said, "The annual competition that NASA holds is about eight or nine months, where teams from around the country, colleges, middle and high schools, compete in several engineering and non-engineering challenges to build a high power rocket and payload.

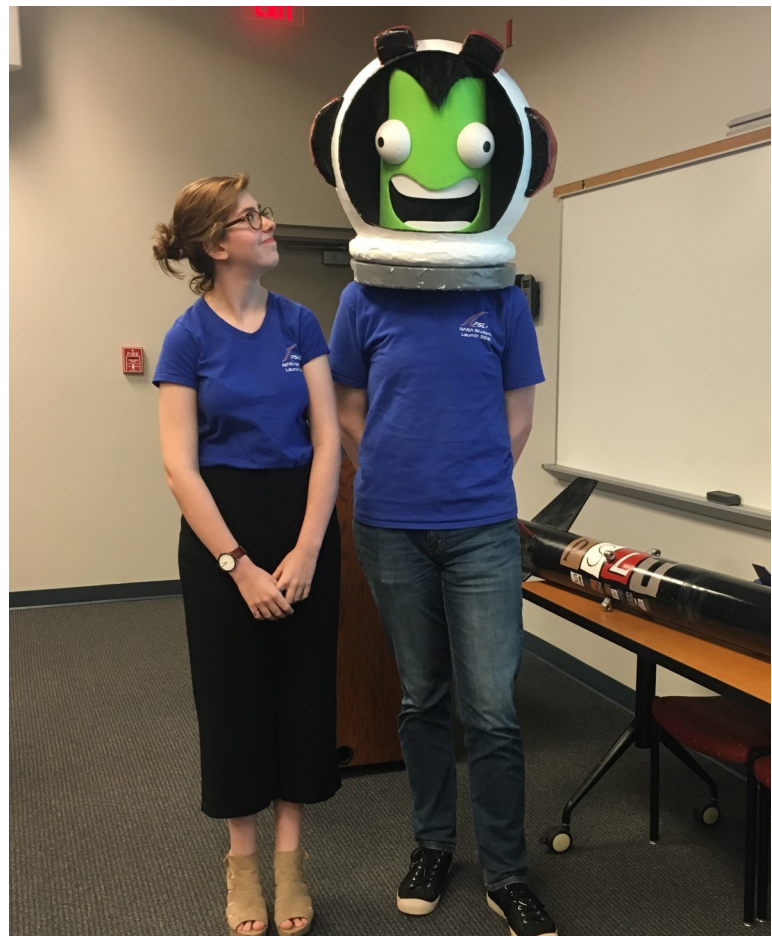
The non-engineering challenges include educational outreach and teamwork." According to Andrew, the competition is based on the federal contracting process.

For the engineering portion of the competition, the Launch Team had to get their rocket to go exactly one mile high, control the payload drop, and deploy a rover that would then drive away and open a solar panel.

The team had to start off by submitting a proposal request which would lay out their goals for the competition and then present their proposal to NASA.

Jesse Oxford then presented the other side of the competition, educational engagement and teamwork.

Jesse said, "Our first event was October 26, where we recruited 100 kids for our goal. We officially had a little over 800 kids totally engaged, so four times the minimum. One of the main things we did this year was girls geek day, which is a STEM program for elementary school girls that is supposed to be something to inspire



**Jesse Oxford (left) and Andrew Oxford (right), pose for a picture with their rocket and Kirble space helmet.
Photography by Madison Weikle**

them to get into STEM and to break gender stereotypes."

During these events, the team built and gave away small rockets to students with the hope of continuing their interests in STEM programs, Jessie says.

Launch Week for the PVCC Launch Team took place on April 8 at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The team's rocket was nine feet tall and weighed 40 lbs.

The rocket flew just under one mile, with the goal of reaching one mile.

The PVCC Launch Team walked away with best display at the Rocket Fair, runner up for best team spirit, and landed 3rd place in best educational outreach out of the 45 other college teams.



Steve Barker and Sophia Keniston pose at a SOAR Session. Photography by Madison Weikle.

SOAR-ing into the Fall Semester

Deadra Miller, staff writer

Soar is defined by Merriam Webster as, “to ascend to a higher or more exalted level.” However, at PVCC, SOAR stands for student orientation, advising, and registration.

The SOAR sessions are set up by the Student Success Office in coordination with Career Services, Financial Aid, Veterans Services, and the Admissions and Advising Office.

SOAR is required for new students so they can get advising and set up classes for the upcoming fall semester.

However, SOAR sessions are not all listening and paperwork. The sessions have some creative aspects as well.

This year, the SOAR sessions included an escape room where “prospective students get to put their team building skills to work while getting them excited about coming here to PVCC,” said David Lerman, director of student success and retention.

The escape room was held during the pizza lunch in the Bolick Student Center in the Main Building.

The sessions also help students make an easier transition from high school to college through the advice from faculty and student ambassadors.

The SOAR sessions change yearly.

When I went through SOAR, the session was not nearly as engaging. However, this has changed greatly.

Director of Advising and Transfer Kemper Steele and his team of advisors in the Admissions and Advising Office have worked with others on campus to create an enjoyable and useful SOAR session.

Their goal is to make the process of registering for classes as fun and painless as possible.

If you need help getting registered for classes or have any questions, stop by the Admissions and Advising Office, Room M144, or the Student Success Office, Room M132.

Review: Innovative and Creative Food at Jack's Shop Kitchen

Bryn Dotson, assistant editor

On a bright Sunday morning, the smell of warm, sweet waffle drifts through the air. Eggs are sizzling in a pan on the stovetop; croissants are baking in the oven.

The broad dining area at Jack's Shop Kitchen is alive and buzzing with chatter as customers sip morning coffee and tall glasses of orange juice.

The restaurant is decorated like a farmhouse kitchen. The interior design consists of cream walls, exposed wood, and fresh flowers on each table.

While there is minimal indoor lighting, broad windows line the dining area allowing an abundance of natural light to brighten the space.

Unlike most sit-down restaurants, customers order their food at the front counter and seat themselves. The staff are friendly and efficient, and the wait for the meal is not extraordinarily long.

The menu consists of savory and sweet breakfast and lunch items.

In the morning, customers can eat anything from Jack's Shop Kitchen's signature Belgian waffles, topped with whipped cream and fresh berries, to their Farmer's Breakfast, which includes eggs, tomatoes, bacon, and sausage.

While Jack's Shop Kitchen is known for their breakfast foods, they also offer a lunch menu. The lunch menu gives a smaller selection compared to breakfast, but it provides something for everyone.

Jack's Shop Kitchen also offers a kid's menu with food like grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken fingers, and the top choice, "Lil' Farmer's Breakfast."

"The restaurant is so nice," said visiting Staunton resident Noah Hebert. "It's very cute and inviting."

Jack's Shop Kitchen is located on Spotswood Trail in Ruckersville, Va. Its hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

For more information, visit their website <https://www.jacksshopkitchen.com/> or their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/jacksshopkitchen/>.



Jack's Shop Kitchen's trout dip spread out with capers and sourdough. Photography by Bryn Dotson.

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Fall 2018

For non-native English speakers

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Join us to practice speaking English in an informal setting.

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Sep. 24: Making Friends

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