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Let There Be Light Illuminated PVCC on December 8

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PVCC club
information

Skye Scott, assistant editor

The first visible art piece for anyone attending Let There Be Light on Friday, Dec. 8, was a light beam that seemed to reach all the way to the sky. Actually, this piece was visible for people just driving on the highway, with no intention of stopping for Let There Be Light.

Let There Be Light is an annual light art exhibit that PVCC's Professor of Art Beryl Solla hosts each year. The exhibit "celebrates the approach of winter solstice and the longest night of the year with light-based art installations," according to the Let There Be Light Facebook Event page.

Art pieces were made by PVCC faculty and students, as well as an exhibit by students at Murray High School. Some pieces were interactive, although most of them were simply pretty to look at. One interactive piece contained

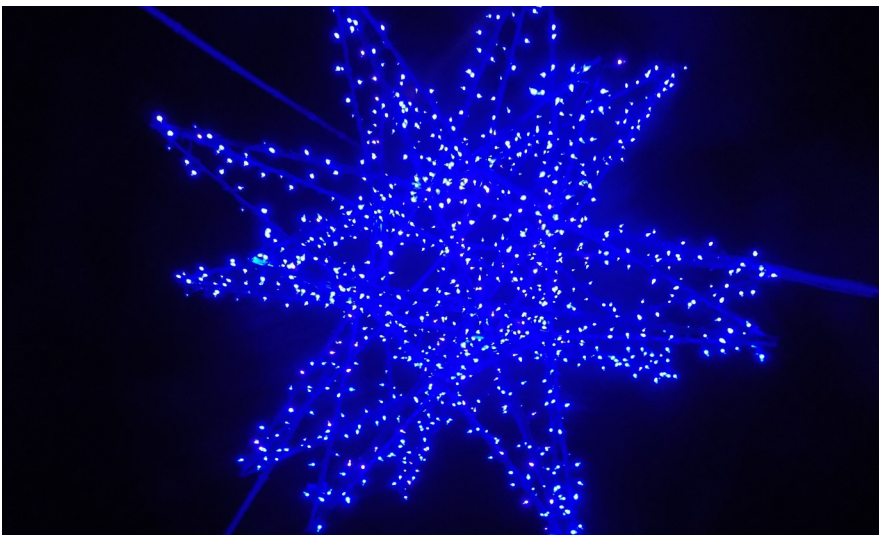
a large screen with a picture that changed when shone on with a flashlight.

There seemed to be a slightly fairytale theme among a few of the art installations. The Murray High School Students created colorful flowers that light up. One unique installation was where the artist took one of PVCC's drain pipes and made it appear as if glowing rocks were falling out of it. Another aspect that added to the magic of the night was small lights that lit up the main paths between each installation.

Hot apple cider, hot chocolate, and different types of bread were provided in the V. Earl Dickinson building.

According to the Facebook event page, people were encouraged to dress as "enlightened beings." Many people did just that, with lights wrapped around hats, sweaters, and shoes.

Whether shrouded in light or not, everyone seemed to enjoy the light shows.



Let There Be Light. Photography by Skye Scott.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Travel Abroad Information Session *** —
Jan. 31, noon, M158
- **English Conversation Circle *** —
Feb. 1, noon, Main Building, Writing Center Lab
- **Theater of the Oppressed Workshop *** —
Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dickinson
- **Impressions of South Korea Talk *** —
Feb. 7, noon, Main Building, M229
- **English Conversation Circle *** —
Feb. 8, noon, Main Building, Writing Center Lab
- **One Mic Stand *** —
Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Dickinson, Maxwell Theater
- **English Conversation Circle *** —
Feb. 15, noon, Main Building, Writing Center Lab
- **Third Fridays Improv *** —
Feb. 16, 6-7 p.m., Dickinson, Maxwell Theater
- **Free Movie Friday *** —
Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Main Stage
- **Of Ebony Embers ^** —
Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Building
- **Eat & Meet Career Information Panel *** —
Feb. 21, noon, Bolick Student Center
- **English Conversation Circle *** —
Feb. 22, noon, Main Building, Writing Center Lab
- **Gallery Exhibit Opening Reception *** —
Feb. 23, 5-7 p.m., Dickinson Galleries
- **Student Success Day *** —
Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Building
- **School Mascot Reveal *** —
Feb. 28, noon, Main Building
- **Screening: I'm Not Racist... Am I? *** —
Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m., Main Building, M229

*Free Event ^Student Vouchers Available

West Side Story

Deadra Miller, staff writer

Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Brad Stoller is producing Arthur Laurents' classic musical theatre production *West Side Story* at PVCC's Dickinson Theater. There will be four performances of the musical in April 2018.

"Following on the heels of PVCC Theater's fall production of *Romeo and Juliet*, its original inspiration, this seminal musical evolves into a show infused with hallmarks of modern times and a nod to the 1950s Broadway original. Brad Stoller and Shelley Cole, who previously joined forces in PVCC Theater's *The Rocky Horror Show* (2015) and *Cabaret* (2017), bring a fresh look at a timeless story of love and tragedy," according to the PVCC website.

On Monday Nov. 27, Stoller started holding auditions for roles in this production. The performers were talented within their strengths. Five individuals auditioned for various parts within the play.

"Even though this was the first night of auditions, the talent pool that I have to choose from is exceptional," Stoller said.

The auditionees had to learn a dance scene, do a read through of a certain scene, and show off their talents to Stoller and the student dance instructor Alissa Bush. Due to the low turnout for the first night of auditions, Stoller's style of accomplishing his goals for the night was informal.

The performances are scheduled for April 5 – 7 at 7:30 p.m. and April 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for general audience and \$6 for students and seniors. Free student voucher tickets are available.



Student Government Association News

SGA's Application Process

Alterations: There are a few changes to the SGA's application process this spring. These changes are listed below.

There will be no interview portion of the application process

In lieu of an interview, SGA applicants will be required to fill out an extended and modified version of the SGA's paper or electronic application

The electronic application can be found on the SGA club page, via the PVCC official website or by contacting SGA's President Michael Apgar at mra25518@email.vccs.edu.

Application deadline: All applications must be completed and turned in by February 9

SGA's First General Assembly Meeting

The first General Assembly Meeting will be January 30 at 8 a.m. in the North Mall Meeting Room

SGA at Club Day

There will be a SGA booth on Club Day offering current PVCC students any additional information regarding SGA management, application/membership deadlines and requirements, as well as future SGA events.

SGA's Spring Fling

The Spring Fling will be April 4 in the Bolick Student Center

Concessions will be the same as last year

Hot dogs, barbecue, mac n cheese, chips, green beans, soda, etc.

All food and drinks are free

Additional details will be provided as the semester progresses

SGA's Talent Show

The Talent Show will be April 13

Additional details will be provided as the semester progresses



Photograph courtesy of PVCC Student Government Association

Improv Gives Unscripted Confidence

Charley Hilliard, staff writer

Every third Friday of the month, PVCC hosts an improv event. Improvisational theatre is about performing elaborate or simple experiences without any script, literally letting a scene unfold spontaneously. This is unquestionably difficult, but the group that met Friday, Jan., 19 2018, made tongue twisters, body posture contortions, and public heart-to-heart speaking look easy with their collective wit. This was an absolutely fantastic group and event.

I showed up 6:05 p.m. and was greeted at the door by a small group of actors looking up at me in the manner of a wild, inquisitive, and nearly untamed animals. They were hunched over, fingers outstretched, and nose pointed forward, I spoke, and they scampered closer. Brad Stoller, assistant professor of the theatre arts, approached me, illustrating a type of stage movement, the whole of his body following his head and nose with expert precision.

He was teaching us how to move like Zanni, the servant, an archetypal character originating from the ancient Italian improv theatre called Commedia Dell'arte. There are a variety of characters from this kind of performance, and we

practiced each emphasizing their unique qualities. In addition to Zanni, there is Magnifico, the Master, played as standing tall, upright, and powerful. Another, Harlequin, exhibits a charming personality and leads around the room with the hips. Stoller described Harlequin as a Jim-Carrey-type seen in modern entertainment. According to Stoller, learning the archetypal characters is common practice for many modern performers.

The final third of the event saw a change in pace from trying to capture the essence of a role to putting a new way of thinking to the test. This involved acting out a scene between a bully, victim, and savior. One of the takeaways from this game was that playing a character, like a bully, can be emotionally difficult because for a person as they are making up, on the spot, how a character behaves. Because of the engagement required by improv, this could trigger unpleasant memories from the past. It is important to know the environment is an open, friendly, and vulnerable one. This created a surprisingly strong connection between the participants. And perhaps because of this, I left the event feeling strangely more confident in who I am. I look forward to the next improv event at PVCC.



Photograph courtesy of PVCC Marketing and Media Relations

Second Annual Reciprocity Entertained PVCC

Deadra Miller, staff writer

The night of Dec. 2 challenged musicians and poetry readers to come forth to show off their talents to the PVCC student body for the Radiological Club. With a set list that was eccentric, musicians presented everything from original songs to covers of some musicians that have paved the way for performers to recreate older songs, with a millennial twist.

Introducing acts and joining in on different songs was PVCC's Director of Off Campus Programs Andrew "Ace" Renshaw. Renshaw brought a comedic relief to the event with singing and his elaborate yet detailed biographies of each performer.

The first act, Steve Losh had a country vibe to it. With his original songs, he can easily be compared to any country artist right now. Losh played the harmonica and guitar at the same time, playing the harmony on one and melody on the other. He opened for Blake Shelton with Nicole Winkler, the Radiography Program director and an associate professor of radiography at PVCC.

Winkler performed with Losh and Renshaw for four songs. One was an original by Justin Storer, "Full House and Home." The other three songs were covers of Tom Petty's "American Girl," "True Colors" from the *Trolls* soundtrack, and Maren Morris' "Dear Hate" to remember the lives lost in the recent Las Vegas mass shooting. Storer, who is native to the Charlottesville area, wrote and arranged "Full House and Home." This original song was beautiful in describing his perspective on life. Storer is an assistant professor of mathematics at PVCC.

Professor of English Bruce Glassco, who was taught by his grandmother to memorize a Shakespearean couplet, performed a Christmas Recitation. This recitation was of "T'was the Night Before Christmas." Glassco recited this in a purposely mangled and comedic way, but he was not being disrespectful. He did it in honor of the poets and performers that produced these works.

NOVA, a group of 16 and 17-year-old high school students has a wonderful sound. One of whose sister is Alexis Brooks a second year Radiography student here at PVCC and an officer of the RAD Club. The members that performed



Photography by Deadra Miller

were exceptional in their guitar skills. Playing back and forth of one another and echoing the other made music lovers be awestruck with the skill produced. Peyton Brooks (Alexis' brother) and Logan Henderson had learned how to play guitar by listening to "old school rock and participating in numerous competitions/shows within the Fishersville area," according to the biography produced in the programs.

Finally, the longest set, and one of the better sets of the night, was Colum Leckey and The British Invasion Band. Assistant Professor of History Jennifer Tomas joined them on stage. Leckey is also an associate professor of History at PVCC. The British Invasion Band, Leckey and Tomas covered numerous songs from the Beatles, Ed Sullivan, the Rolling Stones and many more artists around that era.

The British Invasion Band did such a wonderful job that the Dean of Student Services Mary Lee Walsh was tapping her toes to the tempos and quietly singing some of the covered songs from her seat in the auditorium.

This fundraiser did not just have musical and poetry acts. There was a silent auction and 12 gift baskets raffled off to help support the RAD Club in attending a conference in Virginia Beach this coming Spring.

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/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 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).

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 12–12:50 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.



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 McCreedy (icm270@email.vccs.edu) or their advisor André Luck (aluck@pvcc.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 one of the club presidents, Marissa Hall at mph2324@email.vccs.edu or Wyatt Ernst at wae206@email.vccs.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.

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.

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. Student Contact: President Ivan Hernandez or 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 Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m. in M154.

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Instagram: 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.

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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.

Home School 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.



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.



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.



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 Saint Fellowship

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 (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 (MA Θ), a subset of

the club which is the mathematics honor society. Members of the honor society are eligible to wear MA Θ '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: Erin Sonnenburg (scheduling officer) ecs26778@email.vccs.edu or Shannon Gregory (volunteer officer) sdg22274@email.vccs.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 at 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.

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 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!

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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!

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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



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. 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. The Science Club is meeting 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.



SMASH Brothers Club

PVCC's Smash Brothers 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).



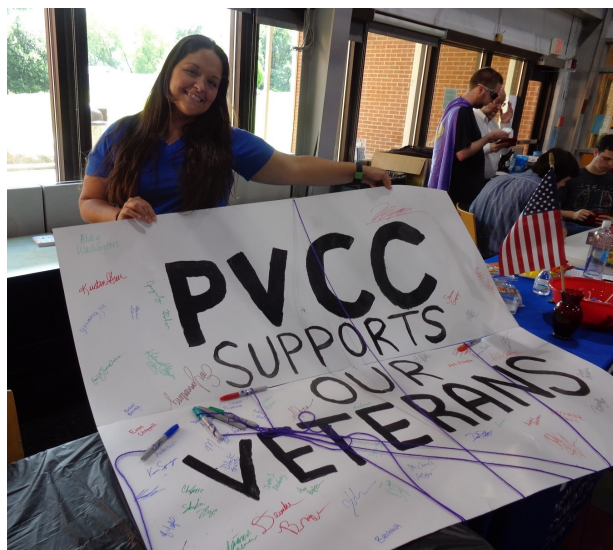
Student Government Association (SGA)



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.

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. 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.

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.



Women in STEM Club



Volunteer Club

Interested in helping out the local community or making the campus a better place? Join the

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.

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Spring 2018

Thursdays, 12:00—1:00 p.m.

For non-native English speakers
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No homework is required.
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Feb. 22: The World as I See It
Mar. 1: Job Interviews
Mar. 8: U.S. Politics
Mar. 15: Staying Healthy
Mar. 22: Spring Break—No ECC
Mar. 29 — April 30: To be Determined

Questions? Contact The Writing Center at PVCC.
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