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## Andrew Renshaw Selected as Dean of Student Services

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Deadra Miller, online editor

Dr. Andrew Renshaw, a UVA Graduate and previous dean of business, mathematics and technologies, is now the new dean of student services at PVCC as of June 1.

“Renshaw brings a unique skill set to the Student Services office from his previous experiences in student services and an interim academic dean here at PVCC. These past experiences help him to understand the importance of collaboration with other areas of the college,” PVCC’s Director of Advising and Transfer Kemper Steele said.

Renshaw’s role is to work with students that have circumstances that the other advisors cannot work out without the extra help. Renshaw had to go through a rigorous hiring procedure to receive this position; he was not spared from this process.

Renshaw shared some tips that can be used by PVCC students. After a student applies to PVCC, they are given a general block schedule based upon answers that were given in the application. If the student chooses to keep that predetermined schedule or change it depends on that specific student. Student Services professionals are there to guide the student into a program that best fits their interests.

Full-time students are more likely to succeed with this predetermined schedule. If a student wants their parents involved with their school schedule, they need to sign a FERPA form.

“Renshaw has smoothly transitioned into the new role as the dean of students quite well. He has a great eye for improving efficiency with processes that are done within the division without losing sight of student success,” Steele said.

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Photo courtesy of Andrew Renshaw.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

— **Club Day** \* —

Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Main Building

— **Smart Start To College** \* —

Sept. 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Writing Center Classroom

— **One Mic Stand** \* —

Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Black Box Theatre

— **Gallery Exhibition Opening** \* —

Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m., Dickinson Art Gallery

— **In-form: Contemporary Improvisation** \* —

Sept. 13, 6-7 p.m., North Mall Meeting Room

— **Adeola Ogunkeyede Constitutional Day /  
One Book Speaker** \* —

Sept. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,  
North Mall Meeting Room

— **Get Up! Get Movin'! Get Involved!** \* —

Sept. 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Writing Center Classroom

— **Financial Aid Workshop** \* —

Sept. 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m., North Mall Meeting Room

— **Free Movie Friday: *Amazing Grace*** \* —

Sept. 20, 7:30 p.m., Dickinson Main Stage Theatre

— **Theatre Of the Oppressed Lab** \* —

Sept. 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dickinson Black Box  
Theatre

— **Tom Teasley: *The Adventures of Prince  
Achmed*** ^ —

Sept. 22, 3-4:30 p.m., Dickinson Main Stage Theatre

— **NASA: Humans-to-Mars Discussion** \* —

Sept. 23, 12-1 p.m., Auditorium M229

— **One Book Speaker: Understanding and Coping  
with Stereotype Threat** \* —

Sept. 25, 12-1 p.m., Auditorium M229

\*Free Event    ^Student Vouchers Available

## Editor's Note

Jessica Adkins, online editor

The first year of college can be a very stressful time in one's life. That was definitely the case for me. I was up to my neck in work and felt like I had no escape. It was not halfway through the semester, and I had already stopped going to classes because my mental health was deteriorating quickly. During that period of time, I found the Journalism I class. I figured I had a small interest in becoming a journalist so why not take a class that would help me figure out if I actually enjoyed it or not.

When I began taking the course, I figured I would not be writing as much as I would be listening to lectures about how to write a proper article. I was completely mistaken. Within the first week of class, I was already writing an article.

Now, I have always enjoyed writing, but this class was almost an escape from my chaotic first year. I could have been in the grumpiest of moods and as soon as I walked through that door, I was happy. It was my safe space.

I would recommend taking Journalism or joining *The Forum* club to anyone who has an interest in writing about what happens in the community, whether it be school or local. Even if you are not sure if you want to go into the field of journalism, the class is definitely worth taking. If you find that the class times do not coincide with your schedule, be sure to sign up for emails about when *The Forum* Club meets.

The Journalism class, English 121, starts on Sept. 10 from 2-3:45 p.m. in room D106 in the Dickinson Building.

For more information about *The Forum* Club or the Journalism course, contact Dr. Tamara Whyte at [twhyte@pvcc.edu](mailto:twhyte@pvcc.edu).



# Student Government Association News



**Welcomes you**

## **This is Our Year**

Here at PVCC, you'll meet amazing people, forge your future, and do some incredible things!

The Student Government Association is where all of that happens! Come and be a part of something big.



Find us on the PVCC website under "Student Life"

to learn more and apply.

### Check Us Out:

Facebook: [facebook.com/pvccstudentgov](https://facebook.com/pvccstudentgov)

Email: [sga@pvcc.edu](mailto:sga@pvcc.edu) OR [sanderson@pvcc.edu](mailto:sanderson@pvcc.edu)

# Renshaw, continued from page 1

Renshaw is flourishing in his new position, and he is having fun while doing so. Working with a wide range of students keeps him up to date with the changes that come with the programs PVCC provides.

If there are any questions with admissions or advising, please go and schedule an appointment with the front desk staff by calling (434) 961-6581 or stop by the Admissions and Advising office in the main building on campus.

## Finding Your Way with EAB Navigate

Veronica Reyes, staff writer

PVCC is avidly looking for ways to bring academic success and organization to improve student life. You may have noticed the Navigate Student link on your MyPVCC Dashboard or have already received messages from faculty through EAB Navigate.

However, EAB Navigate is so much more than a message board; Navigate is a new VCCS tool being used to gear students towards academic readiness throughout the semester.

Spearheading the utilization of EAB Navigate is Director of Student Success and Retention David Lerman. He said right now Navigate “is being rolled out in phases across the VCCS and also at PVCC so different features are being turned on as we have them ready for implementation.”

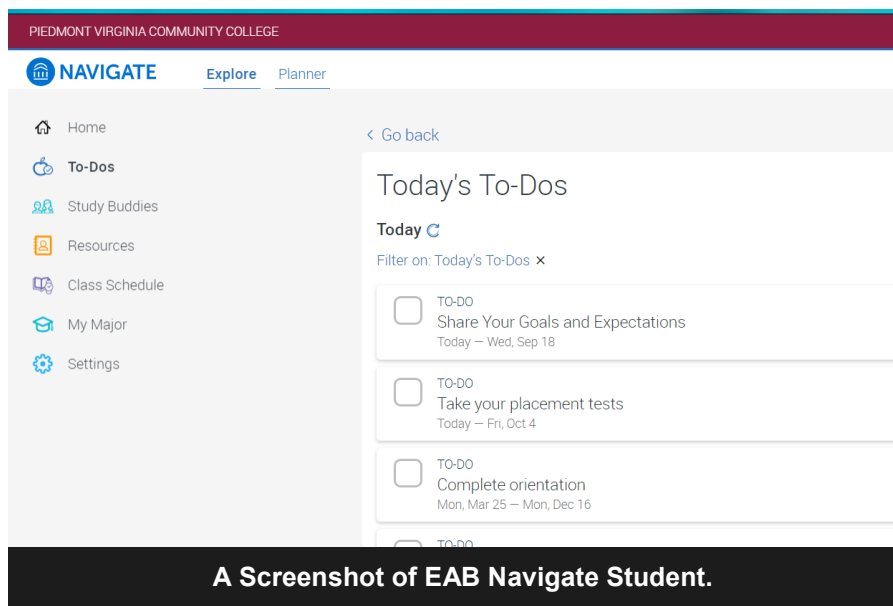
Students can continue to expect messages sent by faculty about their course progress and

attendance record in order to be more involved throughout the entirety of the course. They can also view reminders about important class enrollment and drop information every semester.

Lerman explains, “As we progress, students will be able to use features that will allow them to plan courses semester by semester in advance. The feature about student majors allows students to investigate more information about what kinds of careers are possible with their major.”

EAB Navigate is all about giving students more access and will readily prepare them for future course selections. This new tool in MyPVCC will be essential to helping students better understand their major and degree requirements as they progress through PVCC. Imagine not having to review SIS and the course requirement documents all at once when planning out your classes for next semester. While students can still depend on the hardworking advising department, EAB Navigate will give students across Virginia insight into their major and even the prospects ahead.

Go ahead and take a look at your profile on Navigate just to see how simple and easy course planning will be. Soon enough, students will also be able to review course materials and textbooks as well as make appointments and meetings with faculties. EAB Navigate is soon to make student life at PVCC easier as a new platform that organizes all the facets of academic progress and planning. Learn about it now to be well-equipped for the future changes coming soon.



# The One Book and *The New Jim Crow*

Cody Clark, assistant editor

Community engagement has always been a top priority for PVCC, and the One Book program does just that. Each spring, students vote for that following fall's one book. This past spring, students had the choice of *So You've Been Publicly Shamed*, *Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women*, and, the winner, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Previous One Book winners include *Breaking Night: Homeless to Harvard*, *The Circle*, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, *Sixth Extinction*, and *Hidden Figures*.

Each book in the One Book program is meant to bring the community together to talk about the themes and issues discussed in the book. Director of Library Services Crystal Newell said, "The One Book Program at Piedmont Virginia Community College is an institution-wide initiative whose goal is to bring together students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to read the same book and take part in activities inspired by the text."

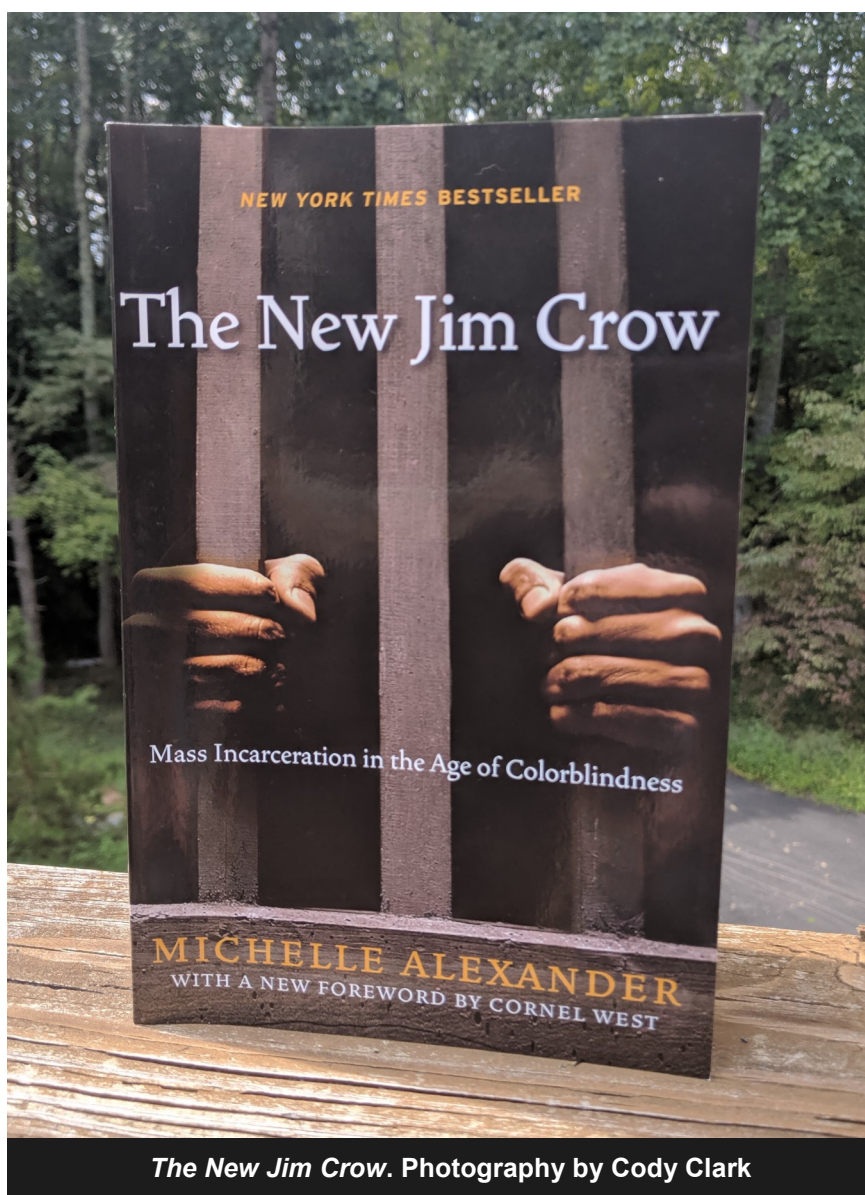
Once a book has been chosen, it is left to the community to further explore it. This year, PVCC gave out 750 free copies of the book. Professors have the option of including the book as a part of their courses and clubs work to host events at PVCC.

The current one book, *The New Jim Crow*, discusses how there is still racial discrimination in the United States today. Even though it is socially unacceptable to discriminate against someone based on race, the criminal justice system bypasses this by labeling people as felons. With the label of felon, all forms of discrimination such as denial of

the right to vote and employment discrimination are now acceptable as long as someone is labeled a felon.

The first One Book event of the semester will be "A Common Cause: Unifying Advocacy Efforts Beyond the Constitution." The event will be a talk given by Adeola Ogunkeyede and Jennifer Kwon from the Legal Justice Aid Center and is currently scheduled for Sept. 16 at 12-1 p.m. in room M229.

More events are planned later this semester including a movie night organized by the Black Student Alliance. Learn more at [www.pvcc.edu/student-services/library/one-book-program](http://www.pvcc.edu/student-services/library/one-book-program).



*The New Jim Crow*. Photography by Cody Clark

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 and so much more.

The first Free Movie Friday of the semester will be *Amazing Grace* on Sept 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Dickinson Auditorium.

For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Beryl Solla ([bsolla@pvcc.edu](mailto: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).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mferero@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 600-word horror story contest and a day of fun activities for The National Day on Writing.

"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 Jenny Koster at [jkoster@pvcc.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Brad Stoller, [bstoller@pvcc.edu](mailto:bstoller@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, contact Faculty Adviser Brad Stoller, [bstoller@pvcc.edu](mailto:bstoller@pvcc.edu).

## 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.



## 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 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. 18, from noon to 12:45 in M174.

Website: [www.piedmontforum.com/](http://www.piedmontforum.com/)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PVCCForum](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Amiller@pvcc.edu).

## HOPE @ PIEDMONT



Need a listening ear? Hope is a team of student volunteers dedicated to helping other students experiencing any kind of emotional problems. Recognizing that students often feel most comfortable talking with friends about life issues, the Peer Mentors receive extensive training on how to help other students. They are not therapists, but act as friends who are knowledgeable about the kinds of emotional issues affecting students and campus resources. e to make a difference at PVCC by giving hope to students We want to show them there is \*hope\* and options just outside of the classroom. Our

focus is to educate and empower students, while also providing a safe place to come and be supported! Our Mission is clear: to provide hope, knowledge, and support for every student who needs it; and to be a light to anyone standing in the darkness. For today, for tomorrow, for the future, we are HOPE @ PIEDMONT!

For more information, contact Jackie Fisher at [jfisher@pvcc.edu](mailto:jfisher@pvcc.edu)

### 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 adviser David Lerman, [dlerman@pvcc.edu](mailto:dlerman@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.

For more information, contact the faculty adviser, Irina Timchenko, [itimchenko@pvcc.edu](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/pvccinvestmentclub).

For more information, contact the Faculty Adviser: Mahmood Moghimzadeh, [mmoghimzadeh@pvcc.edu](mailto: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](mailto:ndonahue@pvcc.edu).

## K-Club

The K-Club serves as a gathering place for those appreciating Korean culture. The club fosters a welcoming environment through shared interest in K-pop, Korean films, and the like. The club hosts numerous events, including K-Club Day and participates in others such as International Foods Day.

For more information, contact the club advisor, Todd Platts, [tplatts@pvcc.edu](mailto:tplatts@pvcc.edu)

## Latter-day Saints 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 club adviser, Andrew Renshaw at [renshaw@pvcc.edu](mailto: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 faculty advisers Barbara Heyl, [bhey1@pvcc.edu](mailto:bhey1@pvcc.edu), and Renee Eves, [reves@pvcc.edu](mailto: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 $\Theta$ ), a subset of the club which is the mathematics honor society. Members of the honor society are eligible to wear MA $\Theta$ '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 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, kdecke@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](mailto:aallison@pvcc.edu).

### Smash Club

PVCC's Smash Club is for those who share a common interest in the video game Super Smash Bros. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [espencer@pvcc.edu](mailto:espencer@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 the members of the club and can range from on campus functions (charity drives) to off campus initiatives (community events).

For more information, contact Faculty Adviser Todd Platts at [tplatts@pvcc.edu](mailto: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, contact the faculty adviser: Joanna Vondrasek at [jvondrasek@pvcc.edu](mailto:jvondrasek@pvcc.edu).

# Palmyra Post Office Dedicated to Fallen Sailor

Deadra Miller, online editor

This past spring, on March 23, the Palmyra Post Office was renamed the U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office thanks to a bill passed by Rep. Tom Garrett and signed by President Donald Trump on July 24, 2017.

On June 17, 2017, Fluvanna native Gunners Mate Seaman Dakota Rigsby was aboard the USS Fitzgerald in the Sea of Japan when a devastating accident occurred. Seven sailors of different ranks were killed during a collision with a Filipino cargo ship.

Rigsby's parents influenced his decision to serve his country. His father is a U.S. Army veteran and his mother has deep ties with Lake Monticello Rescue Squad. Rigsby played football, became a firefighter, and signed his contract for enlistment into the U.S. Navy all before graduating high school in Fluvanna County. After graduation, Rigsby went to boot camp in Chicago, Illinois at age 18 and shipped off to his first duty station aboard the USS Fitzgerald in the Sea of Japan a year later.

The collision that ended Rigsby's career and life happened on June 17, 2017. The Fitzgerald



Artwork commemorating fallen sailors.  
Photography by Deadra Miller

was conducting routine exercises within the Sea of Japan. Rigsby was one of the seven sailors who were killed when the Fitzgerald collided with a Filipino cargo ship. Later that day, a chaplain with the U.S. Navy told Dakota's mother, Shawn Rigsby, the devastating news.

Dakota Rigsby's remains were flown home from Japan with full honors. On July 1, 2017, Rigsby was laid to rest at Zion United Methodist Church in Zions Crossroads with attendance limited to only military personnel and close family. The Patriot Guard Riders (a group of men and women who help escort a fallen military and first responders' remains) attended a memorial service that was held at Fluvanna County High School.

Rigsby was not forgotten by the community. Although Rep. Garrett was not able to attend the service, officials from his office brought a personal note and two American flags that were flown over the House of Representatives to present them to Rigsby's mother at the service. Outside of Fluvanna High School during the service, ladder trucks from Goochland, Crozet, Hollymead and his home station of Lake Monticello had the traffic circle hung with American flags in honor of Rigsby.

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mike Sheridan, who taught and coached Rigsby, called the wide support "a fitting tribute to a young man who gave his life in the service for our country. Here we are, coming out for this young man." Sheridan said, "And I want to thank all of them."



Plaque outside post office.  
Photography by Deadra Miller

# LEGO Blocks take over Lewis Ginter

Jessica Adkins, online editor

The word LEGO is not something that comes to mind when thinking about a garden. However, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden pulled it off. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of Richmond, Virginia, lies 50 acres of scenic garden views. In these gardens, not only can one find delicate flowers and busy bugs but also all sorts of life made out of LEGO blocks. However, the display only lasts through Sept. 22.

This is the first year that Lewis Ginter has put on this display. The people who put on the display are not sure if they will be doing it next year.

Alongside the winding walkways, people can find various species of flowers, shrubberies, and trees. With every new plant that is spotted, there is a small sign stating what type it is. As people walk further through the gardens, they are greeted by the refreshing mists that radiate from a few ponds that almost surround a secluded building, Robin's Tea House.

The pond directly in front of the tea house is home to many species of small fish and has a path that people can walk out on and feed the fish. A lifelike LEGO mother duck and her ducklings walk along the edge of the pond.

Next stop on the LEGO map was the Bloemendaal house which was tucked back into the shaded woods. As children ran up and down the gravel walkways, they were greeted by a huge garter snake and tiny mouse which were both made out of LEGO blocks.

Joyous laughter floated from the children's garden, where the youngest

guests ran and played. During the summer, Lewis Ginter has a small water park in the garden to give a place for parents to rest while their children play and cool off.

Further through the maze of winding paths, a small display is just a short walk from the conservatory. The display consists of a picture board where children and adults can poke their heads through the hole and pose as an adult doing yard work posing with a child that is helping out.

After a long journey through the blossoming gardens, people can go into the conservatory for the annual butterfly exhibit. In the exhibit, people can walk around and interact with hundreds to thousands of butterflies while learning interesting facts about the different species and why they are important to nature.

"I was thinking it was going to be another poorly done LEGO exhibit but it was actually really amazing. I found it very interesting how they tied all of the LEGO displays into one another," said Andrew Payne.



LEGO mother duck with ducklings in tow. Photography by Jessica Adkins

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## English Conversation Circle Fall 2019

For non-native English speakers  
Hosted by The Writing Center@PVCC  
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*Join us to practice speaking English in an informal setting.  
No homework is required.*

Wednesdays, 12-1:00  
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Oct. 23: Expressing Yourself  
Oct. 30: Special Day Traditions  
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