



PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

6:00 pm, Friday, May 7, 1999

The College Grounds

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRELUDE	Charlottesville Municipal Band James W. Simmons, <i>Conductor</i>
ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL*	Faculty Marshal Raymond F. Bratton <i>Professor of Chemistry</i> Marshals for the Graduates Jewell-Ann Parton <i>Professor of English</i> Timothy F. Huffman <i>Instructor in Drafting and Design/ Mechanical Technology</i>
INVOCATION*	The Reverend Alvin Edwards <i>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</i>
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*	Led by Barbara Edwards
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Frank Friedman <i>President</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES	Thomas E. Albro <i>Past Chair, State Board for Community Colleges</i>
GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD	Philip L. Sparks <i>Chair, Piedmont Virginia Community College Board</i>
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Mr. Sparks
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Robert G. Templin, Jr. <i>Senior Fellow, Morino Institute</i>
PRESENTATION OF PVCC AWARDS	Dr. Friedman
PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARD	Gwendolyn Hill Holt <i>President, Piedmont Virginia Community College Alumni Association</i>

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Kurt P. Gottschalk
*Acting Dean, Instruction
and Student Services*

CONFERRING OF
DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Dr. Friedman

AWARDING OF
DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Dr. Friedman
Ronald B. Head
*Executive Director, Planning
and Information Technology*

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT
SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

Dr. Gottschalk

SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

Barbara Ann Hatcher
A.A.S.
*Computer Information Systems
Summa cum laude*

CLOSING REMARKS

William P. Jackameit
*Dean, Finance and
Administrative Services*

BENEDICTION*

Reverend Edwards

*The audience will please stand.

The PVCC Alumni Association will host a reception honoring the
Class of 1999 immediately following the ceremony.

SPEAKER

ROBERT G. TEMPLIN, JR.
Senior Fellow, Morino Institute

Robert G. Templin, Jr. is no stranger to Piedmont Virginia Community College. Dean of instruction from 1978 to 1986, he encouraged major initiatives in international and general education. His visit to the offices of the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1985 led to a grant which enhanced the humanities program at PVCC, ultimately bringing national attention to the college.

Following his tenure at PVCC, Dr. Templin was named president of Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, a position he held for eight years before becoming the president of Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology. The Center for Innovative Technology was created by the General Assembly in 1984 to promote economic growth in the Commonwealth by attracting and retaining technology-based jobs and businesses and by enhancing Virginia business competitiveness through technology innovation.

As president of the center, Dr. Templin concentrated on facilitating the development and transfer of technology resources to stimulate economic development in Virginia. His efforts in workforce training, education, and economic development have been featured in publications including *Virginia Business*, *The Washington Post*, and *Fortune*. In 1997, he was selected by *Virginia Business* as "Business Newsmaker of the Year" and he received leadership in technology awards from the Northern Virginia Technology Council and the Greater Richmond Technology Council. More recently, he was named by *Digital South* magazine as one of the top 50 influential technology leaders in the region.

Dr. Templin serves on a number of boards including Virginia's A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Partnership, Virginia Business Higher Education Council, Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, Virginia Tech Economic Development Advisory Board, Manufacturing Technology Center Board, and several technology councils.

Dr. Templin in April joined the Morino Institute in Reston, Virginia, as a senior fellow. In this position, he is continuing an emphasis on technology. In particular, he is looking at the implications of the Internet on society, especially on youth.

SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

BARBARA ANN HATCHER

*Associate in Applied Science, Computer Information Systems
Summa cum laude*

Barbara Ann Hatcher today receives an associate in applied science degree in computer information technology. She is graduating with highest academic honors.

Ms. Hatcher was born in New Jersey but moved as a young child with her family to the Shenandoah Valley. In 1992, she moved across the mountain to Charlottesville, supporting herself with various retail positions and by working in a dry cleaners. When she came to PVCC in the fall of 1996, it was with the intention of taking a computer class or two to enhance her opportunities in the workplace.

But her stay at the college was to offer more breadth and length than she ever imagined. What started out as a computer class or two turned into a degree in computer information technology. What started as a position in the college's work-study program turned into a part-time classified staff position in the Jessup Library in March 1977.

In addition, Ms. Hatcher found at PVCC an environment in which her interests flourished. A self-motivated student, she has taken advantage of programs and activities at the college to expand her horizons in theater, reading, photography, and the study of diverse cultures.

Ms. Hatcher plans to continue at the college for the next year, completing a second degree in business administration. She then looks forward to studying for a bachelor's degree in information technology and a master's degree in library science.

In the audience today are members of Ms. Hatcher's family from New Jersey and Virginia. Their applause is the warm-up for further graduations to come.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

RONALD B. HEAD

Executive Director, Division of Planning and Technology

Ronald B. Head, executive director of the Division of Planning and Technology, is recognized for his willingness to undertake difficult tasks and complete them with great skill. So great is his modesty and his ability, that many of these tasks are smoothly completed without fanfare. The Distinguished Service Award publicly states that the college community values his quiet competence.

Thanks to his work at the college since 1985, we know more about the students we serve and the outcomes of their study here. And we know more about the college's impact in the community. More recently, we are learning to navigate the Internet and to realize the tremendous potential of the computers on our desks.

Under unusual circumstances, Dr. Head has stepped forward to assume major leadership positions at the college. In 1996, he served for five months as acting dean of instruction and student services. Last summer, he was thrust into the unanticipated role of co-director of the college's self-study for reaccreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Head was coordinator and then director of institutional research and planning before his stint as acting dean. He continues to pursue his research interests and is president-elect of the Southern Association for Community College Research. As acting dean, he used his research background to develop a model for assessing instructional program productivity. As executive director of planning and information technology, he has coordinated the upgrading of all personal computers at the college, directed the installation of a high-speed local access network connected to a statewide ATM network, created a computer help desk for faculty and staff, and instituted faculty and staff training.

Dr. Head has a bachelor's degree in English from Washington & Lee University, a master's degree in English from the University of Virginia, and a doctorate in higher education from the University of Virginia. His wide range of experience was recently recognized when he was appointed to the Joint Commission of Accountability Reporting, a national group studying accountability measures in American higher education.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENT

ZENO LANTOS

Associate in Art, Liberal Arts

Summa cum laude

Zeno Lantos, a member of today's graduating class, embodies the best qualities of a student. He shines in academics, drawing high praise from his professors. They remark on the caliber of his intellect and his creativity and sensitivity. "I see few students with the abiding appreciation and zeal for education which Zeno embodies," wrote one professor.

But his achievements are not limited to the classroom. In the spring of 1998 he overcame his nervousness and successfully tried out for a part in a campus theater production, working long hours to understand his character and the nuances of the script. He was chosen by his peers to be president of the college's Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. He also was the college's nominee to the 1999 All-USA Community College Academic Team. Nominees for this honor must demonstrate a high level of academic skill, a spirit of service, and articulation of career goals.

His outstanding academic achievements, including his graduation today with highest academic honor, becomes an even greater feat when another factor is considered—English is not his first language. Mr. Lantos was born and grew up in Hungary and came to this country only recently as a high school exchange student. His culture has been an important part of his service learning. Children at The Peabody School now know more about Hungarian culture thanks to his regular visits there. They also appreciate him for the kindness and respect he shows them.

In addition to service learning, Mr. Lantos has volunteered as a worker assistant with Habitat for Humanity, as a helper at the Madison Shelter of the SPCA, and as a driver with the Madison County Rescue Squad.

On leaving PVCC, Mr. Lantos anticipates that his next step will be the University of Virginia for study of political science and foreign affairs. After obtaining an international law degree, he plans a career in government and politics.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

SIDNEY M. (MACK) TATE
Associate in Science, Education
Cum laude, Class of 1975

Sidney M. (Mack) Tate, who graduated from Piedmont Virginia Community College in 1975, is honored today as the first recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award established by the PVCC Alumni Association. The award recognizes personal or professional accomplishments of PVCC alumni. It was created to call public attention to the significant roles PVCC alumni are playing in Central Virginia communities and beyond.

Mr. Tate, principal of B.F. Yancey Elementary School in southern Albemarle County, is recognized for his service as an educator in Albemarle County and for his commitment to public education. He began his career in 1977 teaching fifth grade at Stone Robinson Elementary School and was a teacher for five years before his appointment as assistant principal at Jackson P. Burley Middle School. From 1986-91, he worked in the central office of Albemarle County Schools. He has been principal at Yancey since 1991.

What distinguishes Mr. Tate as an educator is his strong belief that schools should be an important part of the communities they serve. "At Yancey," he writes, "I have worked towards providing services to our students other than what happens during the school day. This includes services to our families and other adults in the community." As a result, Yancey is the center for many community activities and services, from evening classes for adults and children to summer programs for students, from Habitat for Humanity to a program that provides computers for home use.

All of this occurs without taking away from the fundamental commitment to instruction. In fact, youngsters at Yancey have a role model for lifelong learning in their principal. Mr. Tate received a B.S. in elementary education from the University of Virginia in 1977 and an M.S. in administration and supervision from UVa four years later. Since that time he has continued to take classes, amassing 42 graduate hours beyond the master's degree.

As a student at PVCC, Mr. Tate was active in student government and was selected to be speaker for the graduates in the Class of 1975.

**PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1998-99 GRADUATES**

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Accounting

June J. Athy**
Anthony Joseph Bieda**
Summa cum laude
Ralph Washington Shoaf,
III
Cum laude
Gary Lee Simmons
Beverly Faye Smith
Summa cum laude
Henry Weeks Trimble,
IV**
Christina Murray Wright
Summa cum laude

**Computer Information
Systems**

Alhaja Ti Affinnih
Daniel Kirk Berry
Sherri Lynne Brewer*
Jane A. Clark
Maria Lara de Lara Cruz**
Summa cum laude
Leslie Jane Fahrney
Magna cum laude
Donald Warren Grant
Magna cum laude
Chantel MarVette Gross
Cum laude
David W. Harris
Summa cum laude
Barbara Ann Hatcher
Summa cum laude
Christopher Scott
Luzynski
Richard Leo Mathias**
Magna cum laude
Teresa Johnson
Palmateer**
Summa cum laude

Virginia Hope Sarver**
Summa cum laude
William Robert Watts
Magna cum laude
Michelle Mason Wright
Ray Wilson Wyant, Jr.
Sheedeh Zandinejad*
Cum laude

**Computer-Aided Drafting
and Design**

Dawn Marie Aleksich-Ramey
Elizabeth Marie Bachman
Cum laude
Melissa Dare Clay
Brandon Thomas Gibson
Benjamin Wilmore Harris*
Gary Brandon Hogsten**
Hugh Jack Morris*

Electronics Technology

Bethany Jo Bates
Candace Hill Bell
Summa cum laude
Linda P. Davis
Magna cum laude
Chad Vinson Dillon
Magna cum laude
Mark Ryland Dowdy
Summa cum laude
Michael Anthony Farabaugh**
Magna cum laude
Barbara Ann Rembold Felton**
Magna cum laude
Thomas Leroy Hurtt
Magna cum laude
Gregory Scott Lamb
Cum laude
Fred Layton Morris**

Steven Paul Russell**
Magna cum laude
Timothy Robert Sullivan
Timothy Paul Taylor***
Magna cum laude

General Management

Danielle Nicole Dodds
Mary Elizabeth
Magna cum laude
Candice Renee Hughes*
Cum laude
Heather Renée Mallory
Aimeé R. Newcomb
Summa cum laude
Doris Hall Shifflett
Magna cum laude
Nancy Arlene Shifflett
Cum laude
Vernell H. Shifflett
Henry Weeks Trimble, IV

Marketing

Allen Kent Beasley, Jr.**
Magna cum laude
Dana Renee Brown***
Christopher Dale Morris**
Jessica Lynn Ragland
Henry Weeks Trimble, IV

Nursing

Heidi Marion Anderson
Andrea Erin Asher
Summa cum laude
Jennifer Lynn Bottemiller
Cum laude
Charles Richard Byam, Jr.
Martha Powell Campbell
Magna cum laude
Vinda Price Carpenter
Cum laude
Elizabeth Faye Coleman
Robbin Whorley Collins
Catherine Pendleton Davis
Gayla C. Deibert
Michael F. Dewes***

Paul Ashley Drumheller
Angela Marie Duke
Magna cum laude
Sally Turnbull Dunn
Summa cum laude
Sarah Aylor Durham
Dwindy Ann Eppard
Kimberly Fleming Epperson
Jamie Smith Ferguson
Cum laude
Gale Rebecca Foy
Karen Michelle Graham
Magna cum laude
Teresa Lynn Green
Charles Michael Hammond
Lisa Marie Henkel
Gary Dean Hoerman
Alexandra Jean Hussey
Cum laude
Emily L. Ignatiadis
Tammy Carol Irving
Summer Renéé Kelso
Angela Michelle Lamonds
Trisha Evelyn Maupin
Andrew David Mitchell
Magna cum laude
Juliana Elizabeth Morone
Jackie S. Nuckols
Ted Hugh Pearson
Summa cum laude
Stacy Dawn Puchino
Cum laude
Diana DeMasters Robertson
Jill R. Sellers
Summa cum laude
Tabatha Anne Shelton
Tracy Leigh Stinson
Braelynn S. Stork
Michele Renéé Thompson
Teresa H. Thompson
Summa cum laude
Janice P. Walker
Magna cum laude

Sandra S. Williams
Stacy Leigh Williams
Debbie H. Wolford
Cum laude
Eileen Ann Wong

Office Systems Technology

Christina Marie Almond**
Cum laude
Keri Dawn Carter
Cum laude
Linda C. Garber**
Magna cum laude
Brenda C. Kelley
Magna cum laude
Maria Nicole Lawrence***
Melissa Lauren Miller
Magna cum laude

Amanda L. Warren
Cum laude
Lorrie Ann Wollschlager
Lisa Ann Wright

Police Science

Katrina Michelle Hunter
Karen Abshire Napier*
Amanda Eileen Pentz*
Cum laude
Travis William Sorrells*
Magna cum laude
Kimberly M. Stokes***
Cum laude
Thomas William Thornton

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Fine Arts

Amanda Rae Dutram
Grace Evelyn Gibson
Heidi Rebecca Howard***
Summa cum laude
Sarah Elizabeth Roadcap
Summa cum laude

Liberal Arts

Shirley Lee Baldwin
Arcelia-Elideth Lora Ceron
Renaë Anne Chapman
Kahlil Gibran Chism
Tavis Hunter Coffin**
Cum laude
Stacy Arlene Collier
Patrick Allen Crady
Bryan Shannon Craig
Cum laude
Amos Brian Crounse*
Earl C. L. Davis
Pamela Dawn Davis
Ann Kristina Dichtenberg
Cum laude

Charity Lynn Donnelly*
Cum laude
Kristina Lu Enman
Cum laude
Christin Lee Falvella*
Mark Robert Frazier
Summa cum laude
Jason Andrew Harlow*
Cum laude
Ruth Anne Herring
Rachel Dawn Horsley***
Summa cum laude
Salena Maurene Hutcherson
Aiyisha Shawnté Jackson*
Monica B. Jasiurkowski
Bethany Suzanne Jessen
Cum laude
Carrie Maurene Johnson*
Summa cum laude
Mandy Nicole Johnson***
Zeno Lantos
Summa cum laude
William Michael Loo*
Jnanam Lin MacIsaac***
Summa cum laude

Jamie Stuart McCauley
Rhonda Colette Minor
Stuart Rogers Moore***
Lisa Anne Peregoy*
Gregory L. Salomone
Magna cum laude

Aaron Benjamin Steers-
Smith***
Shamika Rochelle Terrell***
Nikolay Metodiev Tomov
Magna cum laude
Kathy L. Wooten***

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Business Administration

Alhaja Ti Affinnih
Bryan David Castle
Summa cum laude
Diana Lynn (Duncombe)
Clark
Magna cum laude
Tracy Darlene Collier
Magna cum laude
Leslie Jane Cook
Summa cum laude
Daniel Brett Curnutte
Michele Kay Deane
John Dabney DeLong
Cum laude
Mark Matthew Fairhill
Racheal Denise Feggans
Debra L. Fisher
Magna cum laude
Stacey Leigh Flowers
Kelly Nicole Fortune**
LaToya Aisha Hortense
Frye
Cum laude
Christian N. Howell***
Summa cum laude
Matthew Rush Fulk
Chester Earl Gray***
Jennie Anneliese James
Donald Phillip Johnson***
Herbert Franklin Johnson
Cum laude
Wendy Susanne Jones
Kiran Keshap

Michael R. King***
Summa cum laude
Nathan Guy Knight
Faron Henry Lee, Jr.***
Pierre Lee***
Magna cum laude
Carrie Nicole Lindau
Marticia Michelle Mathias*
Magna cum laude
Diane (Priscilla) Mitchell**
Magna cum laude
Donald Wayne Morris
Cum laude
Jennifer Lynn Nester
Eric Brinson Newsome
Cum laude
Tiffany Rae Oliver
Ana Raluca Palaghită,
Summa cum laude
Lisa Marie Partusch
Cum laude
Christopher Alan Pearson
Summa cum laude
Angela Dawn Pellouchoud*
Magna cum laude
Ian Charles Phillips
Cum laude
Laurie Diane Phillips
Leigha Denise Rae
Melanie Kay Robertson*
Mojeeb Mohammed Sakhizad*
Randi H. Snow
Amanda Elizabeth Spain
Jennifer Lynn Staton
Elizabeth Ann Talley

Stephen R. Utz**
Angela Denise Wood
Magna cum laude

Education

Nancy Grace Bogdonoff
Summa cum laude

Jessica Ivana Carter

Pamela Teresa
Cavanaugh***

Amos Brian Crouse*

Pamela Dawn Davis

Michael Stephen Haney*
Cum laude

Colleen Marie Higgins**
Magna cum laude

Phillip Jason Holland***

Frances Emily Morris***
Cum laude

John B. Presley

Virgilia M. Strother***

Elizabeth Ann Talley

Lisa Marie Vacco

Arica Rose White

Brandy Lynnette Young

General Studies

Dana DeAnn Black*
Cum laude

Margaret Elizabeth
Cagnina

Pamela Teresa Cavanaugh

Jennifer Lyn Charback

Ashley Virginia Clarke***

Christopher John

Compton**
Magna cum laude

Joshua Seth Donnini

James Thomas Edmonds,
III*

Denise Taylor Gibson

Cynthia S. Gilbert*

Patrick Albert Hahn

Juanika Cowana Howard

Travis Marcellus Johnson
Cum laude

Tamilee C. Laird*
Summa cum laude

Nathan Scott Lane

Lisa Marie Lotts***

Robert Stewart McAdams, Jr.

Carol Thompson Merica*

David C. New***
Cum laude

Randall Joseph Otis
Summa cum laude

Elizabeth Ellen Richardson
Cum laude

Sarah Elizabeth Roadcap
Summa cum laude

Teresa Ann Simrell***

Sirena Michelle Walker**

Science

Lindsay Katherine Callahan**

Vicki Jean Cordell**
Cum laude

Mervin Michael Faulkner

Christy Rebecca Jones***
Cum laude

Pinkal Patel*
Cum laude

Daniel Lynn Schweitzer*
Summa cum laude

Benjamin Yates Shaw
Magna cum laude

Melissa Lynne Wasznicky

Rachael Louise Westermann
Summa cum laude

Nancy Lauren Williamson
Cum laude

Martin Wallace Wood

Science (Engineering)

Lawrence Edward Cassada, Jr.
Magna cum laude

Anthony Lee Farmer*
Summa cum laude

Christopher E. Martinez***

Michael Dwayne Peyton
Magna cum laude
Stephen J. Powell
Summa cum laude

Brian Henry Snoddy**

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATES

Automotive Technology
Alberto Jesus Ramos

Frank Biddle Gray, Jr.
Johanna Lydia Lutz-Kautzmann

Business and Management
Ann S. Morris*

Lisa Marie Partusch
Glen Richard Seitz
Nancy Arlene Shifflett

Child and Family Support Services

Henry Weeks Trimble, IV
Christina Murray Wright
Jian Ying Yuan

Kimberly Dawn Kidd
Harrison

Child Care

**Heating, Air Conditioning,
and Refrigeration**

Cinda L. Harris**
Kimberly Dawn Kidd
Harrison
Angela Annette Taylor

Bruce A. Alcorn**
Daniel L. Alleman**
Richard Edward Christmas**
James Gregory Corle**
Douglas E. Fleming**
William T. Holloway**
Howard C. Mitchell**
Thomas Joseph Sullivan, III*
Matthew Todd Wills*

Computer-Aided Drafting Technology
Lily Maureen O'Cearnaigh

Computer Information Systems

Lisa Ann Hoy**
Gary Wayne Thomas*

Horticulture

Robert Allen Aldridge

Drawing
Katheline A. Gidding

Insurance Support Technician

Sheri L. Clements

Electronics Technology
Stephanie Ann Campbell**
Mark Devlin McClemens*
M. Elaine Woodson

Networking

Jim V. Baldino
Karen Rice McDowell

Financial Accounting Analysis

Alexandra Marie Barré
Robert Scott Chinn
David Harold DeGregory
Edward Patrick Dennis

Painting

Katheline A. Gidding

PC Upgrading and Repair

Inhye Kim Son
Elsie M. Parr
Christopher Warren Thompson

CERTIFICATES

Administration of Justice

Katrina Michelle Hunter
Kylene Nicole Kiser
Preston Wayne Knott
Melody Amanda Lewis
Karen Abshire Napier*
Laura Ruth Payne**
Daniel Robinson**
Travis William Sorrells*
Kimberly M. Stokes***
Thomas William Thornton

Automotive Technology

Thomas Hancock Garth, III*
Anastasia Vyacheslavovna
Kulikova*
Andrew E. Markley
James Robert Bonham Rust**
Thomas Andrew Snoddy*

* 1998 Summer Graduate

** 1998 Fall Graduate

*** 1999 Summer Graduate

Explanation of Honors

Cum laude, with honors: 3.2-3.499 GPA

Magna cum laude, with high honors: 3.5-3.799 GPA

Summa cum laude, with highest honors: 3.8-4.00 GPA

Graduates wearing a gold stole and tassel are members of the Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. The silk honors stole and tassel are worn by graduating PTK members as a symbol of their outstanding academic achievement.

TELETECHNET

1998-99 GRADUATES

Since the fall of 1994, a partnership between PVCC and Old Dominion University in Norfolk has provided Central Virginia students the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree without leaving the PVCC campus. Through the program known as TELETECHNET, students complete their freshman and sophomore courses in PVCC programs and then move on to the ODU courses which come to PVCC via interactive satellite technology. The students listed here will receive their degree in ceremonies May 8 at ODU. Because of their association with PVCC, the college takes this opportunity to congratulate them on their achievements and to wish them well.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Business Administration (Management)

Jessica Morris
Scott Schultz
Christy Sullivan

Criminal Justice

Jennifer Dela Pena

Electrical Engineering

Billy Joe Foreman
Paul Stewart

Elementary Education

Kevin Chapman
Drusilla Winters

Health Sciences (minor in Management)

Karen Clark
Marsha Haley
Chris Kirby
Philip McDonald
Rodney Meadows
Mary Mendoza
Renee Shank
Rita Sydnor
Kim Uyen Vo

Human Services Counseling

Gail D. Bruce
Carrie Damron

Human Services Counseling (minor CRJS)

Loretta Cottrell
Thomas Ikehara

Nursing

Judy Etchison
Donna Hill
Kim Leake
Linda Sigler
Kelly Smith
Mona Snow

Professional Communications

Janet Lilly

Psychology

George Benoit

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Business

Ruth Wallace

Education

Rebecca Newman
Roxanne Rodes
Drusilla Winters

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The history of academic dress reaches back to medieval universities, where the gown, the cap, and the hood signified the privileges and responsibilities of the scholar. The teaching guild was the guild of the master of arts; the bachelor was the apprentice of the master.

At Cambridge and Oxford universities, every detail of academic dress is subject to regulation by the university. At one time, Oxford tailors who did not comply with the rules could be punished by the vice chancellor of the university. European universities continue to show great diversity in academic dress. American colleges and universities, however, have followed a single standard of academic dress since 1895.

The gown has become a symbol of the democracy of scholarship as it covers dress indicating rank or social standing. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming; the doctor's degree gown is faced with velvet and has velvet bars on the sleeves in colors to show the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

The cap symbolizes freedom of scholarship. The symbol derives from Roman times when freed slaves had the privilege of wearing a cap. Academic caps feature a tassel indicating the discipline of the wearer.

The hood is the forerunner to the present cap. Its colors denote the discipline represented by the degree, and the college or university from which the degree was granted.

THE CEREMONIAL MACE

The Piedmont Virginia Community College mace was presented to the college by University of Virginia President Robert M. O'Neil in 1988. The gift honored PVCC President George B. Vaughan as he prepared to leave the college and also signified the close working relationship that had developed between the two institutions.

The mace is a traditional ceremonial staff which serves as a symbol of authority. The PVCC mace is made of silver and walnut and incorporates a Jefferson cup into its design. It was created by John J. Owen, retired vice president for development at the University of Virginia.

PVCC MEDALLION

The Piedmont Virginia Community College Medallion is awarded to persons who, through special acts or sustained service, have made extraordinary contributions to PVCC. The Medallion is the highest non-academic honor the college bestows. Recipients are:

Bernard J. Haggerty (1984)
P. Joseph Jenkins (1985)
V. Earl Dickinson (1986)
Elizabeth H. Woodard (1988)
Dr. James R. Batten (1989)
W. A. Pace, Jr. (1993)
Grace H. Carpenter (1996)
Grace L. Tinsley (1997)

PVCC HONORARY DEGREE

The honorary associate in humane letters degree is awarded by Piedmont Virginia Community College to persons who have demonstrated exceptional support for education and exemplary service for the public good, both at PVCC and beyond. The honorary degree is the college's highest academic honor and has been awarded to:

John T. Casteen, III (1992)

PVCC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The Piedmont Virginia Community College Distinguished Service Award is given to persons within the college community for imaginative and distinguished leadership or service within the college or for outstanding professional or community service. Past recipients are:

Cheryl Brooks (1984)
Dick Harrington (1984)

Marie C. Melton (1985)
Leonard L. Nance (1985)

Brenda W. Minor (1986)
Don Vaughan (1986)
Lloyd L. Willis, II (1986)

Emily Pels (1987)

Patricia N. Buck (1988)
William D. Owen (1988)

Adrienne D. Granitz (1989)
Linda G. Crosby (1989)
Evelyn Edson (1989)

Jan M. Hassan (1990)
G. Larry Brown (1990)

Pryor Hale (1991)
Jewell-Ann Parton (1991)

Letty A. Macdonald (1992)
Roscoe H. Phillips (1992)
Patricia T. Stubbs (1992)

Ralph H. Hensley, III (1993)
Margaret D. Hrabe (1993)
Lawrence D. Keyes, Sr. (1993)
Brenda C. Shifflett (1993)

Mary Jane King (1994)
S. Kathryn Bethea (1994)

Jane C. Kingston (1995)
Norma A. Diehl (1996)

Samuel N. Pincus (1997)

Marlene V. Herakovich (1998)

PVCC DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARDS

The Piedmont Virginia Community College Distinguished Student Award is given to students who demonstrate exemplary service or leadership within the college or in the college service region and beyond. The award was instituted in 1994. Past recipients are:

Victoria Barry Watson
(1994)
Elizabeth Fraser (1995)

Steven D. Bickers (1997)
Colleen M. Higgins (1998)

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Mary Ann Steger Conrad, *Chair*

Joseph R. Daniel, *Vice Chair*

Arnold R. Oliver, *Secretary*

Thomas E. Albro

Frank Doczi

Marjorie L. Funk

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