

A Familiar Face at PVCC: Bonnie Tomlin

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At PVCC there are many people that work together to make student life comfortable and convenient. One face many students see daily is Bonnie Tomlin's. For those who do not know Tomlin, she is the fun loving lady that works as the front desk receptionist inside the South entrance of the main building at PVCC. She is at PVCC Monday to Friday in the mornings until noon to help guide students and campus visitors.

"The students are most important to me," Tomlin said between phone calls. Tomlin's job is to answer phone calls from students, parents, staff, and community members and direct them to the appropriate extension they need. If she does not send someone to an extension, she can often provide the information needed herself.

Tomlin also directs students and visitors to classrooms, staff offices, and other locations in the school. Every so often she has to walk people to their destinations because the school is not simple for everyone to navigate.

Tomlin also has a life outside the school that

she is willing to talk about with anyone who takes a few minutes to speak with her. She has a son, husband and a couple of pets that she loves.

When asked about her family, she said, "My son? I'm proud of him every day. He'll do anything I ask him to do; everything he does makes me proud. My husband is a good person, and very thoughtful. He recently bought me a new Jeep." This Jeep means a lot to her because she has dreamed of having one since she was a child.

Tomlin has been working with PVCC for three years to date this April. When asked how much longer she was planning to stay at PVCC, she said, "I have no idea, until I stop enjoying it. Currently I do enjoy it, the students make me happy, and I have bonded with many of them."

Although Tomlin describes her job as "Not incredibly demanding," it is an important part of keeping student life running smoothly.

Christopher Hoon, a student at PVCC, said, "She adds to the PVCC community; she is very kind and always willing to talk with students, and help them as needed."



Bonnie Tomlin at her desk. Photography by Gabriella Barber