

PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

6:00 pm, Friday, May 8, 1998 The College Grounds

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Charlottesville Municipal Band James W. Simmons, *Conductor*

ACADEMIC PROCESSIONAL*

Faculty Marshal Raymond F. Bratton Professor of Chemistry

Marshals for the Graduates Martha T. Clutter Associate Professor of Mathematics

> Bruce Robinson Assistant Professor of Business Management

INVOCATION*

Rabbi Aaron Bisno Hillel Foundation, University of Virginia

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Deborah M. DiCroce President

Led by Barbara Edwards

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Thomas E. Albro Past Chair, State Board for Community Colleges

GREETINGS FROM THE COLLEGE BOARD

D Wayne K. White Chair, Piedmont Virginia Community College Board

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Dr. White

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Champ Clark Former Editor and Writer Time Magazine

Dr. DiCroce

PRESENTATION OF PVCC AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Kurt P. Gottschalk Acting Dean, Instruction and Student Services CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

AWARDING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES Dr. DiCroce

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

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

Dr. Gottschalk

Barbara Ann Oprandy A.A.S., Nursing Magna cum laude

William P. Jackameit Dean, Finance and Administrative Services

BENEDICTION*

CLOSING REMARKS

*The audience will please stand.

Rabbi Bisno

The PVCC Alumni Association will host a reception honoring the Class of 1998 immediately following the ceremony.

SPEAKER

CHAMP CLARK Former Editor and Writer, Time Magazine

Veteran writer and editor Champ Clark boasts a career which since the 1940s has included a prestigious daily newspaper and a leading national news magazine. Today a resident of Greene County, he currently serves on the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, is active in local politics, and continues to write and edit.

Mr. Clark went to work at the Kansas City *Star* in 1947, primarily as general assignment reporter and writer. He also covered one session of the Missouri state legislature, and spent several months on a nationwide organized crime beat. In 1951 he joined the staff of *Time* Magazine as a writer concentrating on politics for the Nation section. He held editing and bureau chief positions before becoming senior national correspondent. When he left *Time*, he had written more cover stories (65) than anyone in the magazine's history up to that date.

Since moving to Greene County, Mr. Clark has continued to write and edit. He is the author of *The Badlands, Flood, Decoying the Yanks, Gettysburg,* and *Assassination* (Lincoln's) and has edited all or parts of about 50 other books, all as a free-lance writer for Time-Life Books. He also is active in the Greene County Republican Committee and is a former member of the Republican State Central Committee and former chairman of the Seventh District Republican Committee.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., he moved to Washington, D.C., in 1933 after his father, Bennett Champ Clark, was elected to the U.S. Senate. He attended Purdue University and the University of Missouri, from which he received a bachelor of arts degree in English.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in August 1942 and was called to active service in 1943. He served overseas as a Japanese interpreter for about 18 months and was discharged as corporal in September 1946.

Mr. Clark and his wife Mizzell (Mitzi) are the parents of four grown children.

SPEAKER FOR THE GRADUATES

BARBARA ANN OPRANDY Associate in Applied Science, Nursing Magna cum laude

Barbara Ann Oprandy today receives an associate in applied science degree in nursing. She is graduating with high honors.

Ms. Oprandy came to PVCC in the fall of 1994 after three years as a health clinician at Western Albemarle High School. She might have stayed at Western Albemarle, enjoying as she did her work with teenagers in the school which her four children attended. But she realized that her knowledge was limited and that with training she could become a more effective advocate for young people. She applied to the PVCC nursing program in the spring of 1995 and completed her first year in the program in the 1995-96 academic year. Family illness, death, and other personal losses caused her to leave school the following year, but she returned last fall to complete the nursing program.

As she leaves PVCC, Ms. Oprandy is seeking a position in a health department or clinic setting. And perhaps one day, she will be back in a public school as a nurse. She strongly believes that every school should have one. Whatever her role, it will be enriched by her experience at PVCC. She will recall "professors who stated over and over again that no question was a dumb question." She will model her professional life on PVCC faculty members who impressed her with their commitment to their profession and their students. And she will not forget the student friends she has made, especially the international students. "Through their eyes, I have seen things in a different light," she says. "I've traveled to China, Germany, and Singapore without ever having to leave Charlottesville."

Cheering her on today are Ms. Oprandy's husband, Peter, who is a captain in the Charlottesville Fire Department, and their four children. Three are college graduates and the youngest is completing her sophomore year at James Madison University. Family is a "huge" priority for Ms. Oprandy so it is not surprising that she says the best thing about PVCC is "its homelike atmosphere." She continues: "You really have a feeling that you belong to something very special at PVCC. There is a commitment to excellence here that you get caught up in and want to be part of."

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

MARLENE V. HERAKOVICH Assistant Professor and Special Needs Counselor

Marlene V. Herakovich, assistant professor and special needs counselor, is recognized as a tireless advocate for students with disabilities who, beyond the normal course of her duties, has changed campus culture and attitudes at PVCC.

Thanks to her efforts over the past decade, students with physical, emotional, or learning disabilities participate fully in the life of the college, and faculty and staff act based on knowledge, rather than bias or fear.

In her role at PVCC, Ms. Herakovich has brought disadvantaged students in to the mainstream and has helped countless others achieve their potential. She spends the time required to learn to know individuals and their families, and she tailors her guidance accordingly. A master at opening and sustaining communication, she is firm yet supportive, persistent yet sensitive and caring. Extremely knowledgeable about a wide range of disabilities, she is also very perceptive, and uses her insight to help students understand themselves. Not only does she know the laws and recommended practices regarding special needs students, she calls upon the many services available in the area. As a member of the College Diversity Committee, Ms. Herakovich has been an articulate voice for inclusion and she has broadened the college community's view about what it takes to create a truly welcoming environment. Her spirit and methods set a precedent that will last long after her own retirement

Ms. Herakovich came to PVCC in 1987 as a part-time counselor and became full time in 1993. She was promoted to the rank of assistant professor in 1995. She has a bachelor of science degree in education from Indiana State University and a master's degree in family counseling from Virginia Tech. Her wide range of experience was recognized in 1996 when she was appointed by the governor to a four-year term on the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities.

DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENT

COLLEEN M. HIGGINS Associate in Science, Education Summa cum laude

Colleen M. Higgins, a member of today's graduating class, exemplifies an adult who returned to college to "reinvent" herself. What distinguishes her is her extraordinary involvement and leadership both in the life of the college and in her home community of Louisa.

At PVCC, Ms. Higgins is a gifted student whose achievements earned her a place in the college's honors program and in the first class to participate in the Teaching Fellows Partnership, an alliance between PVCC and the University of Virginia designed to increase diversity among teachers. She is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for twoyear colleges, and this year serves as chapter secretary. She also was one of two nominees from the college to the 1998 All-USA Community College Academic Team.

She has willingly shared her academic ability, tutoring fellow students in math, biology, French, and English composition in the PVCC Learning Center. In fact, she says, the center has been the site of her most significant learning experience at PVCC, confirming her desire to become a math teacher in the middle or high school in her home community.

Ms. Higgins is a student leader, representing her peers on the college standing committees of Curriculum and Instruction and Student Services. This level of involvement is reflected in her life in Louisa County, where she is an election official, a parent aide in the public schools where her two children are enrolled, and soprano soloist and deacon at Yanceyville Christian Church. Through her encouragement and leadership, an exchange program has developed between her church and a local African-American Baptist congregation.

On leaving PVCC, Ms. Higgins anticipates that her next step will be the University of Virginia. Her ultimate academic goal is a doctorate in mathematics.

PIEDMONT VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1997-98 Graduates

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Accounting

Chris Alan Curtis Trang Thi Khuu* Alisa L. Lam* Nancy Arlene Shifflett** *Cum laude* Netsehit Tewolde* *Summa cum laude* Henry Weeks Trimble, IV Christina Murray Wright+ *Summa cum laude*

Computer Information Systems

Martha Dickinson Burner Jacqueline Denise Clark** Cum laude Paula Annette Franklin* Summa cum laude Audrey Lynn Henshaw* Iennifer R. Lawhorne** Magna cum laude Karen M. Ledford* Cum laude Richard Blair Locke, Ir.* Richard (Rick) L. Mangione, Jr.* Michele Ann Metz Angela Denise Morton Robert T. Reed Magna cum laude Nancy Arlene Shifflett Cum laude Eliamma (Elsie) R. Varughese B. Lynn Payne Walker** Natalie Lavern Wright** Sheedeh Zandinejad+ Cum laude

Computer-Aided Drafting and Design Jennifer L. Compton Alexander Niles Phillips Bethany K. Rhoads Stacy Lynn Walker Summa cum laude

Electronics Technology

Paul Anthony Accardo Summa cum laude Charles Cameron Arbogast Johnnie Lee Banks, Jr. Lenai Marina Banks Denise Shawn Blackburn Magna cum laude Christopher Lawrence Coates Cum laude Christopher Lee Deane** Ronald James Louque, II Summa cum laude **Jeff S. Morris** Magna cum laude Wayne Bernard Murphy** Christopher McGuil Robinson** William Gregory Varney Cum laude

General Management

Joshua Keith Brown Magna cum laude Debra A. Cox Summa cum laude Cynthia M. Graves Candice Renee Hughes Cum laude Rebecca L. Jansson Cum laude Sandra Napier Lewis^{**} Magna cum laude Andrea Dawn Overstreet Nancy Richardson Lisa M. Sites *Cum laude* Emily Kay Stacy

Marketing

Steve Allen Bennett Emily Kay Stacy

Nursing

Julie Dietrich Abadie Traci Lee Allen Cum laude Leslie Craig Barker Cum laude Amelia Wallace Boggs-Hightman Cum laude Anthony Vincent Broccoli Summa cum laude Melissa LaVon Brown Joan S. Carlin Mary I. Carroll Cum laude **Bobby Lee Casteen** Summa cum laude Stephanie Ann Clifton Heather Lynn Cosner Magna cum laude Sally Anne Dver Dreama K. Farrish Magna cum laude Kirsten Eddy Forwood Kate Maury Granger Dawn Marie Guss Cum laude Mary E. Havasy Magna cum laude Jennifer Joyce James Cum laude

Gary Griffith Jones Summa cum laude Shelby Jean Knight Cum laude Tracy Plunkett Mann Brandi Dale Massie **Dorothy Marie Morris** Barbara Ann Oprandy Magna cum laude Christina Kate Ownby Suzanne W. Painter Holly Marie Pardee Judith Lynn Parsons Faith Thompson Payne Cum laude Christopher M. Puchino Nancy J. Rhoads Magna cum laude **Rachael Irene Riser** Magna cum laude **Jennifer Erin Robertson** Cum laude **Teresa Robin Saunders** Stephanie Blake Scott Cum laude Cynthia Leigh Shifflett Linda Anne Smith Cum laude Anna Maria Steffy Carol Ann Timmons Cum laude Bonnie Williams Vineyard Joan Boeklen West Magna cum laude Kimberly Kay Wood Charlotte Diane Wooten Mei Xue Cum laude Twila Carol Yoder Magna cum laude Honors Diploma

Office Systems Technology Linda T. Collins** Mary Lena Daniel** Cum laude Cynthia D. Friend** Cum laude Diana R. Harlow Cum laude Heather Ann Hart* Brenda Carole Hicks Summa cum laude Donna S. Hoy Cum laude Lucille T. Jones** Brenda Kay Kane** Diane Virginia LaFon Sandra Gail Small**

Police Science Peter James Baber Summa cum laude

Scott M. Cox** Darren Christian Douglas Magna cum laude Thomas Warrick Durrer, Jr.** Michael John Easton Matthew Dennis Maguire Cum laude Michael Thomas Mouly Summa cum laude John C. Parker** Summa cum laude Amanda Eileen Pentz David Lee Roach* Cum laude Matthew Brian Schultz Magna cum laude Travis William Sorrells+ Magna cum laude Kimberly M. Stokes Cum laude Thomas William Thornton

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Liberal Arts Sandra Kay Almond** Cum laude Kellie Cook Bell Christy-Anne Venn Betler Cum laude Jessica Lynn Cammer Laura Patricia Coloma Magna cum laude Cynthia Lynn Craig Sonva Lynn Craig Cum laude **Daniel Forrest Crone** Melissa Ann Crouch Summa cum laude Jonathan Haig Crumish Summa cum laude Melissa Anne Dinsmore* Magna cum laude Honors Diploma

Charity Lynn Donnelly+ Hillary Ann Elston Magna cum laude Katherine Ann Giltinan** Summa cum laude Jason Andrew Harlow Cum laude Tammy Lynn Herring Summa cum laude Diana Michelle Hutcherson Cum laude John William Hutchinson, Jr. Elizabeth Katherine Jennings** Magna cum laude Suzanne B. Johnson** Jennifer Kellee Keyser* Noah Jordan Krohn Andrew Lucchetti Stacie Nichole Moon

Sarah Annette Norvelle Thomas Daniel Payne, III *Cum Laude* Lisa Anne Peregoy+ Michelle Nicole Rice *Summa cum laude* Mandy Celeste Roudabush* Michael Wesley Simmons* Magna cum laude Mark Andew Wade* Cum laude Francis C. S. Withers, Jr. Cum laude Brandi Lynn Wright+

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

Business Administration

Dina Marie Armstrong William Bartley Atkins **Elizabeth Margaret** Barretta-Davis* Cum laude Carolyn Bollie** Cum laude Valerie Lisa Bramlett Cum laude **Jason Scott Breeden** Karla Jean Brubaker* Summa cum laude Brian Michael Chewning Cum laude Jason Lee Crow Cum laude Annabel Lee Crum Summa cum laude Honors Diploma Miranda Leigh Deane Gregory William Dixon** Summa cum laude Susan Lillian Dowell** Thomas J. Evans* Leslie Jane Fahrney Magna cum laude Mark Andrew Fontenot* Lisa Dawn Freeman* Scott Daniel Guengerich* Brian Haley Hawkins* Emily Caroll Heule**

Huu Chinh Hoang* Cum laude Bina Mahendra Hopkins Marquetta Michelle Jackson Megan Fasy Kohr Kelly Ann Laderoute Cheryl A. S. Lewis Magna cum laude Marticia Michelle Mathias Magna cum laude **Donald Kevin Milleson** Kristopher M. Nelson Shannon Brigid O'Rourke Cum laude Angela Dawn Pellouchoud Magna cum laude Scott Phillips Schultz* Melinda Denise Smith-Robinson **Tiage Anderson Deane** Southard Mark Edward Spencer** Jody Mead Taylor Netsehit Tewolde Summa cum laude Patricia Lvnn Ventura** Cum laude Thaddeus J. Walcutt Magna cum laude Tarak Minoo Walter** Shawn Lyn Wood*

Education Mary Katherine Boxley Cum laude **Richard Wavne Bransfield** Cum laude Sean Patrick Campbell Cum laude Michael Glenn Drier Derek Madeira Hartline Cum laude Colleen Marie Higgins+ Summa cum laude Amanda Nicole Jenkins Cynthia Sue Lumpp Holly Kathleen Mack Cum laude Cynthia Denise Matthews Amanda Lee Murphy Summa cum laude Amanda Catherine Spigone Jody Mead Taylor Sandra E. Upman** Donna H. Webster* Donna Gail Williams*

General Studies

Maria Soledad Banyuls* Summa cum laude Hovhannes Stuart Beaver** Kathryn Lynn Beggerly* Dana DeAnn Black Cum laude Susan Anne Campbell** Cum laude Joan Showalter Catlett** Mark Stephen Check Cum laude Alice W. Colvin Thomas Warrick Durrer, Jr.** James Thomas Edmonds, III Damon Kurt Fleming** Katherine Lorraine Graves** Cum laude Barry A. Greer* **Troy Scott Hairfield** Kristen Beth Harper* Wendy Wodka Harvey Summa cum laude Vickie Kim Johnson-Williams* Kimerlee Reniesa Jones+ Carrie Rimmer Lindau* **Joseph Mangiaracina** Gail J. Mankie* Cum laude Thomas Michie McMurdo Carol Thompson Merica+ Kaye Elvetta Monroe Linda H. Nacamulli Cum laude Andrea Michelle Nelson* Susan Michelle Nicholson* Cum laude Randall Jason Nordstrom Summa cum laude Rachel Hope Norford Theresa Paczkowski John William Rice Kristen Fave Roebuck* Cum laude David Polk Sabanosh Thomas Andrew Snoddy Amanda Christine Walton** Pauline Samuels Williams* Pamela Marie Wilson** Cum laude Ronald Bruce Wilson** Magna cum laude

Science

Annette Marie Dellaganna Magna cum laude David James Demas Summa cum laude Kathryn Lyn Jett Stacie Nichole Moon Beth A. Shoemaker** Magna cum laude Maria H. Walrond

Science (Biology) David Hamilton Miller, Jr. Bret Samuel Wolfe** Magna cum laude Science (Computer Science) Rabab Mahmoud Zaini *Cum laude*

Science (Engineering) Bobby L. Hicks, Jr. Dianne Christine Vogel *Cum laude*

Science (Mathematics) Jessica Nicole Ferneyhough *Cum laude*

CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATES

Automotive Technology

Anastasia Vyacheslavovna Kulikova+ Gilbert H. Williams*

Child and Family Support Services

Ramona Theodora (Graves) Berry Michael Thomas Mouly

Child Care

Tara Shannon Butler Auguste Wilhelmine de Groot*

Laura Huff Fitzgerald* Michael Thomas Mouly

Computer-Aided Drafting Technology

Guy Gerald Campbell**

Computer Information Systems

> Howard D. Mallison, II* Jeffrey Wayne McDaniel** Teresa Johnson Palmateer**

Electronics Technology Jeffrey Allen Baldwin* Melanie Breeden**

Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration

Frederick Vaughn Adams* Raymond Eugene Murphy* William Burdette Shubert*

Horticulture

Oscar W. Smith, III** Steven Gregory Wood**

Preparation for Health Care Cynthia Sue Lumpp Kimberly Marie Simmons*

CERTIFICATES

Administration of Justice

Peter James Baber Scott M. Cox** Darren Christian Douglas Michael John Easton Matthew Dennis Maguire Rachel Medley* Michael Thomas Mouly George Kevin Noteman John C. Parker** Amanda Eileen Pentz Matthew Brian Schultz Travis William Sorrells+ Kimberly M. Stokes Thomas William Thornton Business and Office Wendy Lee Taylor* Yvonne Arneeta Waller*

+ 1998 Summer Graduate

- * 1997 Summer Graduate
- ** 1997 Fall 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

Honors Diplomas are awarded to students who have completed 15 credit hours of honors courses and have a GPA of 3.5 or above.

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 1997-98 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 baccalaureate degree in ceremonies May 9 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 (Marketing)

Christy L. Sullivan

Health Sciences (minor in Management) Marsha L. Haley Paul Ryan Jones Philip G. McDonald Rodney V. Meadows Mary A. Mendoza Renee M. Shank Rita T. Sydnor Kim-Uyen Vo Human Services Counseling Darlene W. Adams Leslie D. Harris Michelle F. Lawson Amy C. Welborn

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)

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)

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Piedmont Virginia Community College values the multicultural diversity of its students, faculty, and staff. We are committed to creating and nurturing a campus environment which both welcomes and empowers all individuals. We recognize cultural differences of background, experience, and national origin, and we seek to promote a genuine understanding of and appreciation for these differences. We seek as well to recognize and promote the common bonds of humanity which cross the boundaries of cultural difference.

Piedmont Virginia Community College maintains and promotes equal employment and educational opportunity in its educational programs and activities without regard to race, color, sex, or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification), religion, handicap, national origin, sexual orientation, or other nonmerit factors. Inquiries concerning the affirmative action policy should be addressed to PVCC's affirmative action officer.