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Annual Report FY 2023–2024





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on fiscal year 2024, we acknowledge the progress we made by maintaining our unwavering focus on our students and our mission to drive their success. This year marked the celebration of 65 years of opening doors and providing the freedom to learn, reinforcing our deep commitment to excellence and inclusivity. It is a momentous milestone that showcases our dedication to transforming lives through education.

Looking toward fiscal year 2025, Prince George's Community College continues to thrive, supported by strong partnerships with national, government, and community stakeholders. These collaborations are essential to our ability to provide students with opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach. Through these vital relationships, we have expanded access to high-quality education, ensuring that our programs remain relevant and impactful in an ever-changing economy.

Our nursing program stands as a beacon of excellence, ranked #1 in the region, and fortified by a \$5.8 million grant to further enhance program support. We were honored to host President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, who announced their initiative on lowering prescription drug costs at PGCC, underscoring the critical role community colleges play in advancing healthcare affordability and economic strength. Additionally, the visit from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Maryland Governor Wes Moore highlighted the value of our Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program in workforce development.

In a significant boost to our technology programs, our College was awarded a grant from Microsoft focused on enhancing cybersecurity education. This grant will allow us to equip students with the skills necessary to thrive in the rapidly growing field of cybersecurity, further aligning with our commitment to workforce development.

Looking ahead, the PGCC 2050 vision—which includes the development of a three-campus model and a new Facilities Master Plan—positions us to meet the evolving needs of our community. Our commitment to workforce development remains strong, as evidenced by the inspiring success stories of our students who have leveraged their education for both career advancement and personal growth.

At Prince George's Community College, our mission is more than a statement—it's the driving force behind everything we do. I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together and excited about the bright future ahead.



In Partnership,

Falecia D. Williams, Ed.D.

President

65th Anniversary

Highlights

Prince George's Community College celebrated its landmark 65th anniversary year showcasing a range of activities and celebrations to honor the College's rich history and vibrant community.



February 2024 Gilmore Day Center | Assisted Living Center Visit



February 2024 Young Playwrights Showcase



February 2024 65th Anniversary Speaker Series: Julia Bethea, PGCC Alumna





March 2024 Ballet Theater of Maryland: Momentum featuring The Firebird



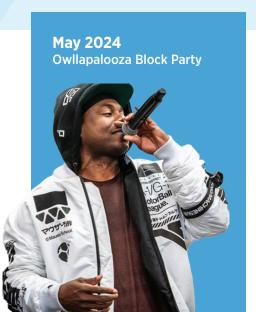
March 2024 Reading Across America: Dr. Seuss Day



April 2024 65th Anniversary Speaker Series: Journalist & PGCC Alumna Noor Tagouri



April 2024 Banking on the Big Screen: Movie Magic Meets Financial Empowerment



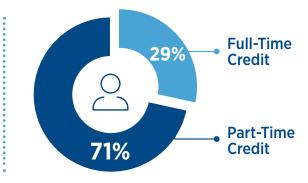


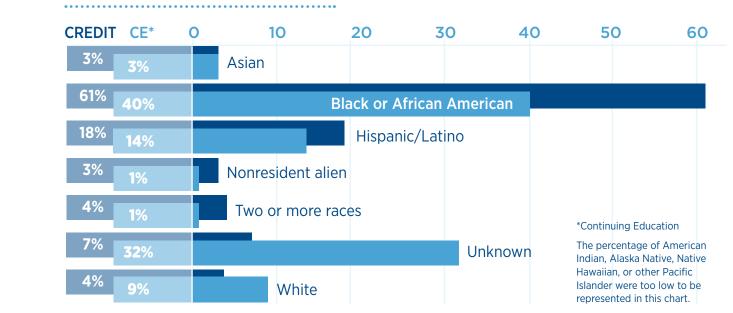
65th Anniversary Speaker Series: Mental Health

PGCC Statistics

TOTAL STUDENTS (FY2024)

26,939 Credit: 15,636 Continuing Education: 11,705





FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

CREDIT

2.994 CE*

9,667

TOTAL FTE

GRADUATION RATE ••••••

25%

TRANSFER RATE

COMPLETION STATISTICS

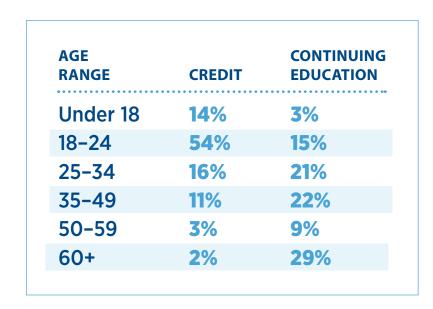
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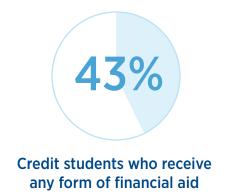
AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

* CE: Continuing Education

Figures rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent



ECONOMIC FACTORS







Credit students who receive Pell Grants

Credit students who work 20 hours or more

Financial Aid and Scholarship Awards

2,258 students were supported by More than 7,700 scholarships from students received institutions, the approximately **PGCC Foundation**, \$33,000,000 in and outside sources. fiscal 2024 from grants, loans, student employment, and 2,258 scholarships. students supported 21 7,700 students received \$33,000,000 **6** Prince George's Community College

The Prince George's County Promise Scholarship, a last-dollar scholarship, provided \$1.4 million to nearly 500 students. This scholarship covers tuition and fees remaining after other grants are considered.

acknowledges the impactful scholarship assistance from the **PGCC Foundation of** nearly \$940,000 to 695 students. This funding allowed students to start and continue matriculation during the 2023-2024 school year.

\$940,000 to 695 students

Secretary of the Treasury.

\$1.4 million to nearly 500 students

PGCC students are resourceful and committed to doing the work to garner resources to assist with their educational pursuits. This is evidenced by the more than \$390,000 in outside scholarship assistance that 153 students received.

\$390,000 in outside scholarship assistance



Prince George's Community College (PGCC), in partnership with Community stakeholders and federal and state leaders, opens doors for all who wish to pursue higher education and greater economic achievement through public funding and advocacy for education access.

U.S. President Joe Biden and U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg were among several government leaders to champion PGCC's efforts to reimagine workforce innovations and strategic partnerships.

In September 2023, U.S. President Joe Biden visited PGCC to deliver a speech about the American economy and strengthening the middle class. Biden also shared his wife's reflections about the importance of community colleges.

"She has an expression, 'Any country that out-educates us will out-compete us,'" Biden said. "The work you're doing here in preparing students to compete in the economy of the future is real. It matters."

In addition, U.S. Senator
Benjamin L. Cardin, U.S. Senator
Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., U.S.
Congressman Steny Hoyer, and
Governor Wes Moore also visited
PGCC to bolster support for the
College. Governor Moore announced
that the State of Maryland will direct
\$17 million to adult education, which
includes funding for PGCC and 15
community colleges in the state.

In October 2023, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg awarded PGCC \$173,640 for the Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training (CMVOST) grant program. Since the grant's inception, 50 students received Commercial Driver's License training.

"We believe in community colleges. We believe in veterans, and we believe in the importance of trucking for the country, our economic security, and our future," Secretary Buttigieg said.



Jonathan Lambert, 34, a U.S. Marines veteran injured during his service in Iraq, struggled for five years to find affordable training. He was ecstatic to receive a grant for his Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL). "With the grant, it made things a lot more affordable," he said.

"When I found out, the first thing I did was I sat down with my kids and told them daddy's finally going to be driving trucks!"



U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg awarded PGCC \$173,640 for the Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training.

Omogoriola Olomo, 49, completed the CDL certification at PGCC in March 2024. He originally sought to enroll in the information technology program, but his passion for driving inspired a different career turn.

"I'm just the type of person that loves driving," Olomo said. "My hobby is driving. This life is about working to make money but also doing something that you love."

Olomo's son and daughter also attend PGCC.
He has been a resident of Laurel,
Maryland for ten years since
emigrating from Nigeria.

He expressed deep gratitude to the government leaders who made it possible for him to receive a full grant to participate in the CDL program.

"I was lucky to be among those granted to be in the program free of charge," Olomo said. "I would like to say a very big thank you to the Governor and all the leaders who made the grant possible."

Student Achievement

Highlights



Daisy Navarro served as the 2024 Distinguished Graduate Speaker for Commencement. Daisy is a First-Generation Mexican-American who began her journey at the College in Fall 2020 as a dual-enrollment student. She was a member of Women of Wisdom (W.O.W.), Trio, STEM Collegian Center, PGCC's Honors Society, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, and the Student Research Club. Daisy was awarded the Prince George's Community College Science Achievement Award and will transfer to the University of Maryland, College Park.



Kyleen Urtola, Truc Le, Dominique Curtis, and Malachi **Anderson** were PGCC Honors Program students awarded 2024 Citations in Honors for their academic achievement. (Not pictured: Stella Garner)



Celine Anong, pictured in the photo, and Kemery **Oparah** were named the All-Marvland Academic Team Member and Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team Nominee. The All-Marvland Academic Team and Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Academic Team recognize scholastic achievement and student leadership among all of Maryland's community college students.



Fatima Kirkland-EL and Emily Vanegas were selected to participate in the prestigious U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program. They are among approximately 500 American students at U.S. colleges and universities selected from over 5,000 applicants to study over a dozen languages overseas or virtually.



In fiscal year 2024, the Diverse Male Student Initiatives (DMSI) and Women of Wisdom programs

experienced a **38 percent** increase in student enrollment. Through

collaborative efforts with the Predominately Black Institute Grant (PBI), both initiatives have enriched student experiences through mentorship, advising, and holistic support.

Initially, the PBI grant benefitted 315 students across the DMSI and WOW programs. However, in the subsequent year, this support expanded remarkably to encompass 749 Black/African American students. This enhanced outreach, alongside tailored services like tutoring, coaching, advising, and mentoring, has led to noticeable improvements in

student retention and completion rates. Notably, both programs have significantly contributed

to increased graduation rates: Women of Wisdom (W.O.W.) with 179 graduates and the **Diversity Male** Student Initiative (DMSI) with 93.

A pivotal moment was the inaugural Elevation Summit. themed "Breaking

Barriers and Empowering Change." This transformative event provided male students with workshops, keynote sessions, and panel discussions offering lifelong lessons. The workshops emphasized holistic student development, covering topics such as academic success, mental health and wellness. financial empowerment, and career readiness. The Summit will now become an annual

fixture, fostering partnerships and collaboration with campus and community stakeholders.

Following the success of last year's "Owl Rise" Summer Bridge Program, plans are underway for its return for a second year.

This program, designed to facilitate the transition for students entering Prince George's Community College in the fall, equips them with the academic skills, support services, and social resources essential for success in a

expanded to include outreach

enhancing its impact.

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First-rate Education:

Preparing Maryland's future nurses



The Prince George's Community College (PGCC) Nursing Department rose to achieve nationally recognized high rankings after weathering several challenges in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. PGCC received a #1 ranking from The National Council of States Board of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX 23–24 report and touts a 100% National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate. It's a hard-won achievement after previous accreditation threats.

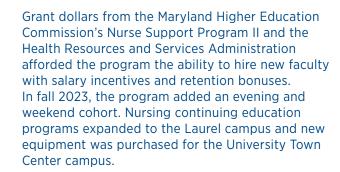
"My whole first year as the department chair was spent trying to work with the Maryland Board of Nursing to get us back on track and now we're back on track," Vivian Kuawogai, PGCC nursing department chair, said.

With support from federal and state grants, the department received a Congressionally Directed Spending Grant of \$971,000 through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to fund equipment needed for the RN, PN, and CNA programs in the Center for Health Studies, the Laurel College Center, and University Town Center.

The Nursing Department was also awarded \$1,099,506 through the Nurse Support Program II (NSPII) with the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Center (HSCRC) and Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). Through the MHEC grant, the Nursing Department has been able to invest over \$110k in faculty professional development.

In fiscal year 2024, the program honored 70 new graduates. Kuawogai credits the PGCC faculty, staff, administration, student support services, and the College foundation for their support.

"In order to have a successful program, you have to have the wraparound support from administration," Kuawogai said. "The College has been extremely supportive, and they have bent over backward to help us do what we need to do to educate our students."



"When you go to hospitals around the DMV, you will be amazed at how many nursing graduates from the PGCC program are staffing hospitals and doing advanced practice work," Kuawogai said.

Solia Bikersteth, 32, is a Lanham, Maryland resident and works in the health care field as a Dialysis Technician. She chose to attend PGCC to receive her nursing education because of affordability and the success of her family and friends who have also attended the College for careers in the nursing field.

"The results show that the program works in terms of passing the NCLEX and ultimately, in a nursing program, that's what matters," Bickersteth said. "I'm not worried about whether or not I'll pass because clearly, the results show that the program works. It's reassuring to know that I chose a good program."

Bickersteth is preparing to become a nurse practitioner with a specialization in maternity and pediatrics. She plans to open a doula clinic that caters to Black and brown women in Prince George's County and Maryland.

Preparing to serve the needs of the community is a driving factor for many PGCC nursing students. Harrison Howe, 26, was born in Kansas City and raised primarily in D.C. He says beginning his career as an Emergency Department Patient Care Tech during the COVID-19 pandemic reinforced his desire to stick with the health care field. Howe followed in the footsteps of his mother who is also a nurse. He aspires to become a flight nurse who responds to remote emergency medical situations by airplane.

"It's a very cool career, Howe said. "I have a couple of the nurses that I've worked with previously that I really look up to who are currently flight nurses. It's a little bit more experienced and I think that it's something I would be quite good at."



As a student working part-time, Howe said he appreciates the flexibility and receptiveness of the professors at PGCC.

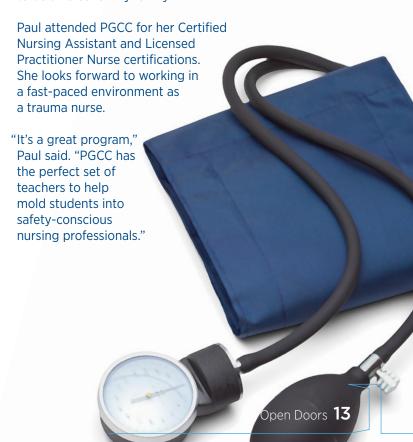
"The professors are very approachable," Howe said. "They care most about the fact you are grasping the learning materials. As long as you participate, it's

clear that you're trying, and that you are engaged in the learning process, they are willing to compromise and work with you."

The PGCC Nursing Department focuses on achievement by meeting students where they are and providing the necessary support for students to actualize their goals.

Prior to attending PGCC, Syite Paul, 34, spent years as a stay-at-home mom before deciding to enter the workforce as a health care professional.

"I wanted to be a nurse because I wanted to be a voice for my patients at the nursing home, and also, I have family members who battle cancer. I wanted to be a voice for my family."





Event Highlights

Purple Light Nights

September 2023

Prince George's Community College held its annual Purple Light Nights Lighting Ceremony at the Novak Field House Courtyard on the College's main campus in Largo, Maryland. Co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, Purple Light Nights raises awareness of the harmful effects of domestic violence, uniting advocates and survivors in support of collective change.





Black Food, Black Futures

October 2023

Prince George's Community College hosted the Black Food, Black Futures Festival, a two-day event celebrating Black food culture and raising awareness of food insecurities in Prince George's County.

Moon Shot for Equity

October 2023

PGCC's partnership with the Education Advisory Board's Moon Shot for Equity is a five-year initiative to eliminate equity gaps, enhance student access, and improve retention, graduation rates, and success. This effort dismantles barriers, provides targeted support, and ensures students have resources to thrive and achieve their credentials."



Remote Area Clinic Event

November 2023

Prince George's Community College collaborated with the Mount Rose, Maryland, and Willow Oak, Maryland chapters of The Links, Incorporated of Prince George's County for the Remote Area Medical (RAM®) Clinic event on the Largo campus. RAM® is a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, high-quality dental, vision, and medical care to those in need.

Community Garden Launch

April 2024

The College broke ground on a 2,730-square-foot community garden to supply fresh food for the PGCC Cares Owl Market and serve as a space for outdoor learning and wellness. The PGCC Garden Club, with faculty, staff, and volunteers, leads the project, supported by a \$9,500 Chesapeake Bay Trust grant."



Commencement

May 2024

Daisy Navarro served as the 2024 Distinguished Graduate Speaker. Navarro is a First-Generation Mexican-American who began her journey at the College in Fall 2020 as a dual-enrollment student.

Troy Weaver Gift

May 2024

Detroit Pistons General Manager Troy Weaver presented PGCC with a \$250,000 gift to support the Troy Weaver Scholarship, which supports ten deserving students residing within the 20785 ZIP code with \$2,500 per semester, totaling \$5,000 annually.





Most Promising Place to Work

June 2024

Prince George's Community College was recognized by the National Institute for Staff and Organization Development (NISOD) and Diverse: Issues in Higher Education (Diverse) as one of the 2024 Most Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges.

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Faculty & Staff Achievement

Highlights

Annette Savoy received awards for academic achievement from the National Society of Leadership and Success Chapter at Marymount University in February 2024.





English Department Professors **Dr. Iris Antoons** and **Holly Gray**presented Blended Learning for

Academic ESL: What, Why, and

How at the Teachers of English

to Speakers of Other Languages

(TESOL) International Conference
in November 2023.

Art adjunct professor **Selin Balci** was one of 36 finalists announced for the 2024 Baker Artist Awards

Interdisciplinary category in April 2024. Professor Balci will also be exhibiting artwork in Germany at the Museum Sinclair-Haus during the Summer of 2024.

Art Adjunct Professor **Joan Bevelaqua** exhibited her paintings in a solo show titled Green and Other Colors at the Arts on Main Gallery in Gloucester, VA in September 2023.



Lindsey Barclay, PGCC online student support services coordinator, received the PGCC New Employee of the Year Award at the Employee Excellence Awards.

Dr. Monika Bachman was the recipient of an American Center of Research (ACOR) Fellowship for Summer and Fall 2023. In participating in the fellowship, Dr. Bachmann learned strategies for incorporating content from ACOR's digital collection of archival materials into her Physical Geography course.

Nursing Professors Bernice
Bouzy, Dr. Charmaine McKie, and
Jennifer Underwood obtained
their Certified Nurse Educator
(CNE) credentials through the
National League for Nursing. This
is a voluntary certification that
recognizes the registered nurse's
education skills.

Professor **Kayon Campbell** completed a post-graduate certificate in Mental Health Nursing from Wilkes University in August 2023.

Dr. Daniel Collins-Cavanaugh presented The Galactic Star Cruiser as an Ethical Gaming Engine at the Popular Culture Association (PCA) National Conference in March 2024.

Professor **Tasha Harris** earned her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland College Park in June 2024. Her dissertation title is "Unveiling the Multifaceted Identity of Black Student Athletes: Implications for Coaching and Sport Leadership."





Dr. Darren Gibson and Dr. Reginald King. professors, co-authored two peer-reviewed journal publications for the American International Journal of Business Management (AIJBM). The publication titles are "The Importance of Social Media Marketing on the Growth and Sustainability of Small Businesses" (February 2024, vol.07, issue 02), and "Enhancing the Success of Small Real Estate Brokerages via Social Media Platforms" (May

2024. vol.07. issue 05).



Professor **Dawn Gillom-Carter**, Academic
Coordinator for Human
Services, was appointed to
the NOHS Board of Directors
for the Mid-Atlantic Territory.



PGCC Nursing Department chair, **Vivian Kuawogai**, received a PGCC President's Award at the Employee Excellence Awards.

Dr. Patrick Hickey concluded his work on a grant-funded working group discussing political science methods instruction at two-year and four-year institutions in Maryland, sponsored by the American Political Science Association (APSA) Pedagogical Partnership Program.

Adjunct Professor **Daryl Howard** received the Society of Health & Physical Educators (SHAPE) in Maryland Friend of SHAPE Award in October 2023. The award recognizes educational or community leaders who promote, support, and advocate for health and physical education.

Dr. lyelli Ichile, Professor and Director of the African-American Studies Institute (AASI) in the Social Sciences Department was awarded a \$25,000 Prince George's County Community Partnership Grant for the ASSI Black Futures Festival. Dr. Iyelli was a contributing author for a chapter titled "Strong and Soft: My Relationship with My Hair" in the book Laid to the Side: Disrupting the Silence of Black Girls' Hair Stories in School (edited by Apugo & Mbilishaka), released in March 2024.



Marshall Johnson, PGCC TV manager, **Miriam Machado-Luces**, and **Louis Holder**, associate professor of Humanities at PGCC, were awarded a Bronze Telly for the produced series, "Around Prince George's."



Miriam Machado-Luces, PGCC TV senior producer, and **Lieutenant Barbara Smith**, PGCC public safety president, were awarded a Bronze Telly for the produced series, "Community Voices: Purple Light Nights."



nominated for two Emmy Awards in FY24 for his Investigative Reporting series and his Public Affairs Town Hall program with Maryland Governor Wes Moore, hosted by WUSA 9 News.

Professor **Larry Miller** was

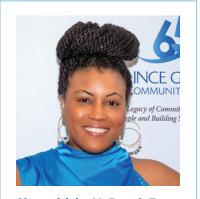
Professor **Theresa Obi** earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP) from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA in May 2024. The title of her capstone project is "The Barriers to Preceptorship for Advanced Practice Nursing Students."

Dr. Nicholas Plants presented Examined Lives, Lived Together, at the Community College Humanities Association (CCHA) National Conference in October 2023. Music adjunct professor **Phil Ravita** served as a panelist on the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). Professor Ravita has been principal bass with The Baltimore Philharmonic Orchestra since 1999 and is chairman of their board of directors.

Professor **Sharlise Shulterbrandt**was appointed to the Board of
Directors for the Prince George's
County Historical Society and the
Prince George's County Philharmonic
Orchestra in Fall 2023.



Professor Laura Miller received a Fellowship through the Mississippi State University Community College Leadership Ph.D. program. Professor Miller also presented "From Maryland to Kurdistan: A Transformative Virtual Exchange Journey" at the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Global Conference in October 2023.



Shaundricka M. Ranel, Esq., senior director of Policy, Compliance, and Title IX at Prince George's Community College, was included on the 2023 Hot List of Lawyers of Color. Lawyers of Color is a 501(c)(3) devoted to promoting diversity in the legal profession and advancing democracy and equality in marginalized communities.

Lisa Simmons, PGCC TV producer, was awarded a Silver Telly for the creation of Al-infused interstitial "The Core Commitments."

Art adjunct professor **Ann Stoddard** received an Individual
Artist Professional Development
Grant from the Maryland State
Arts Council (MSAC) in Fall 2023
to showcase her artwork.

Lieutenant Barbara Smith graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety and received the prestigious Franklin M. Kreml Leadership Award.

Dr. Victoria Taylor, Professor and Academic Coordinator for Psychology was appointed to the Committee on Associate and Baccalaureate Education (CABE) of the American Psychological Association (APA) for 2024. There are only four members nationally representing community colleges and two-year schools. Dr. Taylor also co-authored a manuscript with CABE committee members for a special edition in the APA Teaching of Psychology (ToP) Journal: Fostering Equity in Two-Tear College Psychology Education: Using the APA Guidelines 3.0 as a Path for Student Success (Spring 2024)

Professor **Sadra Thomas** served on the board of the Maryland Chapter of the National Organization of Student Success (NOSSMD) as a political liaison in FY24.

Professor **Deirdre Thompson**was selected as a Social and
Behavioral Sciences judge for
the Annual Biomedical Research
Conference for Minoritized
Scientists (ABRCMS) in November
2023, and completed the Effective
Teaching Practices Certification

offered by the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) in February 2024.

Dr. Sharita Thompson chaired the Association for the Study of African American Life and History's (ASALH) Annual Black History Month Luncheon Committee and served on

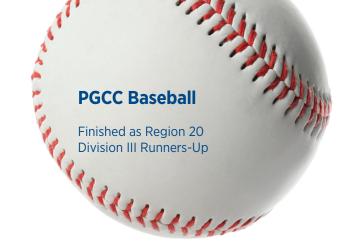
the Organizing Committee for ASALH's 2023 Annual Conference in September 2023. Dr. Thompson also serves on the National Historic Landmarks Committee of the National Park System Advisory Board and was appointed to a three-year term on the Ford's Theater Advisory Committee in January 2024.



PGCC athletics director, **Jo Ann Rogers Todaro**, received a 2024 PGCC President's Award and was named the 2023–24 NJCAA Region 20 Carol Eustis Athletic Director of the Year.



Professor **Jennifer Underwood** obtained her Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) in August 2023 from the American College of Education.



Athletics

Intercollegiate Athletics and Intramurals Department Highlights

PGCC Men's Soccer

Captured their first home postseason victory since 2016 after dominating Harrisburg Area Community College, 6-0 in the Quarterfinals



JASIR TREMBLE



PGCC Men's Basketball

- ♦ Hosted the Region 20 Division III (DIII) Tournament as the #1 team, finished as Champions, the team's 10th Region Title in program history
- ◆ Defeated Sandhills (NC) to claim the Mid-Atlantic District Championship and advanced to the National Tournament in Herkimer, NY as the #7 seed
- ◆ Sophomore Jasir Tremble named an NJCAA Second Team All-American, invited to the NJCAA All-Star Game in Las Vegas, NV where he was named South Team MVP
- ◆ Received a Proclamation from Prince George's County Council for the team's success throughout the season



Move to Division II

Prince George's Community College gained National Junior College Athletic League (NJCAA) approval to move its athletic teams from Division III to Division II in 2024-25, which enables scholarships for student-athletes pursuing college degrees.





PGCC Women's Basketball

- ◆ Captured their fourth consecutive Region 20 Division III (DIII) Title
- ◆ Hosted and won their District Championship for the third straight year to advance to the NJCAA DIII National Tournament in Rochester, MN as the #8 seed
- ◆ Advanced to the Quarterfinals before falling to the eventual National Champions
- ◆ Freshman Kalise Evans named an NJCAA Second Team All-American





HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

End of Year/Hall of Fame Awards Banquet

The department hosted its second Hall of Fame Ceremony with a celebration in conjunction with its Athletics End of Year Banquet. Ten inductees were inducted throughout the evening with representatives from seven different sports offered at one point during the history of the College

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A Look Ahead to 2050:

The future of Prince George's Community College

Picture a college campus with lush green spaces, outdoor study areas, a prominent tower before a ceremonial guad, and a 6,000-seat arena. The future of Prince George's Community College (PGCC) goes beyond a typical community college to embody a premier educational environment that inspires change and empowers future leaders.

"Looking ahead, PGCC's 2050 vision, which includes the development of a three-campus model and the implementation of a new Facilities Master Plan. positions us to meet the evolving needs of Prince George's County and beyond," Dr. Falecia Williams, PGCC president, said.

Curating campus space that motivates students to achieve great things begins with thoughtful design.

"How you occupy space can set the tone for how you think about what's next," Don Pruett, director of Facilities Planning, Design, and

"We're trying to take you beyond what's next. We're aoina bia!"

One of the main features of the new PGCC campus will be a "heart of campus" or centralized focal point near a ceremonial guad where families can take pictures, reflect, and eventually make space for the College to accommodate Commencement on campus as it was in previous years. Kent Hall will be removed to create the land space for this area.

In June 2025, the PGCC Largo campus will open Marlboro Hall which will house Humanities. English, Social Sciences, and Mathematics. The 215,000-square-foot building feature a new gallery space along with ceramic sculpture, 3D modeling. drawing, and photographic art studios. It will also include a new College and professional testing center and offices for

"Our unwavering commitment to workforce development is evident in the many success stories of students who have used their education to advance their careers and enrich their personal lives, both within and beyond the College doors." Dr. Williams said, "As we continue to grow and innovate, we remain focused on providing the resources and opportunities that will empower our students and drive the future of our region and beyond."

Prince George's Community College's three-campus model includes the Largo campus and full-service locations in northern and southern Prince George's County. The College is currently looking to acquire land in these areas.

The Largo campus, currently utilizing 105 of its 150 acres, will reimagine its parking with new garages, increasing capacity from 2,700 to 4,600 spaces. A new arena will host sports, concerts, and other events, creating an entertainment hub and revenue source. The new arena on PGCC's campus would be the first of its kind in the area.

"The development of new campuses and expanded resources for PGCC students will significantly enhance their overall college experience and generate a higher sense of belonging and individualized investment," Dr. Tyson J. Beale, vice president for Student Affairs at PGCC, said.

The 2050 vision for PGCC also includes a new recreational athletics and aquatics community center on the Largo campus and affordable dormitory-style housing for students with families.

More than creating a new campus aesthetic, PGCC leadership believes the new campus developments will improve campus culture.

"I can't wait to see our already vibrant community further engaged and optimizing new resources and learning tools." Dr. Beale said. "The growth of our institution will serve as a newfound beacon of opportunities for learners and the surrounding community. The buzz about new resources and expanded services will align with our strategic imperatives to expand access, diversity disciplinary offerings, and connect intently with workforce partners."



Workforce Development:

Vital support for regional economic growth

Workforce development at Prince George's Community College provides access to noncredit courses to strengthen job skills, career readiness, and personal enrichment. Certificates obtained through workforce development programs at PGCC prepare students to secure employment without associate or bachelor's degrees.

"Workforce development is crucial to regional economic growth because it provides the needed training for residents to enhance their employability skills to meet the high growth and in-demand careers across various industry sectors," John Deadwyler, program director for Workforce Development and Continuing Education Programs at PGCC, said.

The College offers a multitude of innovative workforce development programs, with over 500 online course options including Agriculture and Urban Farming, Computer Technology, Health Care, Education, Construction and Skilled Trades, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Public Safety, Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics.

Infrastructure is one of the fastest-growing industries in the country and the Washington Metropolitan Region. The need for skilled workers to sustain and maintain infrastructure continues to evolve. PGCC's investment in these programs provides Prince George's County residents a pathway to careers in this sector, which is vital, particularly for members of historically disenfranchised communities.

TeamBuilders Academy





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TeamBuilders Academy (TBA), a 14-week construction, energy, and utilities training program, is one of the most

prominent workforce development programs at PGCC. Washington Gas Company and Pepco partner with the College to provide TBA participants with internship experiences and job opportunities upon program completion. The program boasts a 100 percent retention and completion rate, with a 73 percent job placement rate.



Phillip Barnum, 38, completed TeamBuilders Academy in December 2023 and was hired as a maintenance technician with a large-scale property management company in the D.C. metropolitan area. Previously in 2013, he earned a GED at PGCC and began working up the career ranks in

retail. With a baby on the way, he wanted to try something different that yielded higher earning potential. This motivated him to train for a job working on heating, ventilation, and cooling (HVAC) systems.

"I've always enjoyed working with my hands and always enjoyed fixing things," Barnum said. "I come from a family of carpenters and a family of people working with their hands. I wanted to try to develop something that I already felt like I was good at."

Barnum had to work through feelings of fear and resentment to return to school because it wasn't always a source of positive memories for him.

"I've always been a pretty smart guy, but in school, I was a little bit bigger. Bullying was prevalent back then," Barnum said. "I had a lot of anxiety and still do in certain setting situations. The professors at PGCC did a terrific job of easing my fears and letting me know I can do this."

Barnum has newfound confidence in his career future after graduating from TBA.

"I am comfortable presenting my skills and certifications to market myself as a good candidate to stand out from other candidates during the interview process," Barnum said. "I did this not just to provide for myself and my family, but as something I can leave once my son gets of age. I want him to continue a legacy."



Kevin Holland, 31, a father of four from Fort Washington, Maryland, joined TBA following the advice of a friend who recommended the program. Previously, he ran his own business but

says that business slowed down and he needed a change. He shared that the TBA instructors made it a worthwhile learning experience.

"When I walked into a classroom, it was filled with positivity and that's what I was looking for, he said. "It's a positive program that I didn't mind spending my time to take a chance on learning."

Holland received four job offers even before the end of the TBA program. Upon graduation, he chose the most competitive offer with Washington Gas Company as a sales assistant. Today, he enjoys a fulfilling career outlook and a friendly work environment.

I was definitely overjoyed with the offer letter," Holland said. "I love my job and I don't mind being here for another 29 years. Everybody has a smile on their face and we have one common goal to get the job done as safely as possible and go home to our families."

After completing the TBA program and being employed for more than a year, Holland feels settled and notes how he carries a more disciplined mindset.

"I feel like I have to carry myself differently now that I have completed the program to show who I have become because I'm not the same person," Holland said. "I have to carry forth the positivity."

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