

Winter 2021 Newsletter

NETWORK²WORK@PVCC

Real Jobs. Real People. Realizing Potential.

Greetings from Network2Work @PVCC!



[Learn more](#) about Network2Work@PVCC. [Meet the team](#). We look forward to hearing from you!



Quote of the Month

"One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks." — Jack Penn

Staying Strong During COVID-19

WINTER 2021 -- Charlottesville residents have had to face the economic, physical, and emotional toll brought on by the global outbreak of coronavirus. The patience, strength, and courage of our community are needed now more than ever as we all work *together* towards recovery from this worldwide crisis. Our team at Network2Work@PVCC is working hard to help our community find employment opportunities as the Virginia job market returns to "normal."

Don't be afraid to ask your community/network for a helping hand!

Resources:

- PVCC website resource list: [PVCC Resource List](#)
- Network2Work@PVCC email: network2work@pvcc.edu.
- COVID-19 info: [CDC Website](#).
- Mental health: [Region 10](#).

Job Seeker Highlight: Tanjah Wheeler

THANK YOU
NETWORK2WORK!



"I JUST WANT Y'ALL TO KNOW I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WHOLE ENTIRE TEAM STICKING WITH ME AND KEEPING ME POSITIVE AND ON THE RIGHT TRACK SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THE PROGRAM! I'M DEFINITELY LOVING UVA AND IT'S GOING WONDERFUL."

-TANJAH WHEELER

TANJAH IS A STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN AT THE UVA MEDICAL CENTER. WITH NETWORK2WORK'S HELP, TANJAH WAS ABLE TO SECURE THIS POSITION, RECEIVE ONGOING LIFE & CAREER COACHING AND EVEN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A NEW PAIR OF GLASSES. WE ARE SO PROUD OF HER SUCCESS!



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“GOOD MORNING MRS. DAWN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE TO MY DILEMMAS! YOU RESPONDING LIKE YOU DID, DID SOMETHING TO ME, I FELT LIKE THERE'S HOPE SOMEWHERE FOR ME. MY WIFE AND I BEEN GOING THROUGH IT AS WELL, SHE KEEPS SAYING I NEED TO DO BETTER, BUT HOW?? I BE FEELING LOST, WITH SO MANY EMOTIONS . I LEARNED FROM THAT CORE SKILL TRAINING THE S.T.O.P TECHNIQUE AND IT HELPED ME PROCESS CERTAIN THINGS. IT'S JUST SO MANY THINGS TO SAY, BUT I TRULY WANT TO THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS ALL Y'ALL FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING OUT HERE FOR PEOPLE.”

Job Seeker Success Feedback:

“I can't continue to express my gratitude for all of N2Work@PVCC help through everything!” Job Seeker – George

“Know that I am so grateful to you and everyone at Network2Work@PVCC, you all have believed in me when no one else did. I cannot begin to thank you enough for everything you personally have done, it means the world to me.” Job Seeker – Patrick

“She offered me a full-time position at UVA. I'm excited and pleased to be joining the team in November ('20). Thank you so much for helping through this process and leading me in the right direction for this opportunity and position.” Job Seeker – Camae

Shout-out to our Job Seekers Troy Greenhowe, Ingram Barnett and Joii Goodman!

Troy, Ingram and Joii completed the CPCT program this winter. The CPCT program, taught by Daniel Clark, is one branch of many that is designed to certify



students in Fiber Optic Network Installation. They can now go on as independent contractors as part of an internationally recognized association. What an accomplishment!



Another BIG THANKS to our Advocates!

Our **Advocates** are volunteer community and neighborhood-based Connectors and Navigators. They are individuals who are well-connected and well-respected in their communities.

Network2Work@PVCC uses **Connectors** to identify individuals fit for jobs brought to us by our Employer Network, and **Navigators** who keep in touch with and help support Job Seekers along their journey!



We have over **375 Advocates** supporting Job Seekers throughout the Network2Work@PVCC region. Our Advocates undergo a simple training session and are committed to connecting, encouraging and supporting Job Seekers in finding quality employment. Thank you Advocates!!

Advocate Success Feedback:

"I would like to thank you for introducing me to Network2Work@PVCC! I am working with my first Job Seeker and have thoroughly enjoyed working with her and being part of her progress! This process has been very rewarding and I believe beneficial to both of us! Thank you!"

-Kara Chandeysson
City Manager, Charlottesville
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Employer Network

Employer Highlight: Haley, Chisholm & Morris



"Haley, Chisholm and Morris, Inc. is a general contracting firm specializing in site work and utility work. We have been in business for 121 years- since 1900. Network2Work@PVCC has proven to be an invaluable asset to us for hiring qualified persons with a desire to work. We are anxiously awaiting referrals for additional potential employees. Troy Newton is one of our most valued employees, and we want more like him."

-Kim Payne

Provider Network

Another BIG thanks to our incredible Providers! This growing list of local health and human service organizations, along with other businesses, assist all of our job seekers along their pathway to self-sufficiency. Thank you!

--Listing of all our [Community Partners & Providers](#).

Provider Organization Highlight: The Salvation Army



DOING THE MOST GOOD®

"Network2Work@PVCC is needed in our community, more so now than ever. I feel no one should be satisfied with what they have and always try to do better. Network2Work@PVCC gives ALL individuals the chance to pursue that. It has pushed people to be more productive and given them a new stance on life letting them know that if you apply yourself you can and will make a vast and better-quality difference in your life.

There was one particular woman I referred to Network2Work@PVCC that stood out as a shining star. This young lady and her daughter checked into the shelter about 2 years ago. The mother was broken, scared, self-esteem was low and everything else that comes with being homeless suddenly. After getting her signed up with Network2Work@PVCC, this young lady did a complete turnaround in record time. She has since moved into her own place, in the process of getting a Habitat Home, was recently given a vehicle and her daughter is striving in school. She recently came back to thank me personally for the referral to your organization which was the staple in getting her to where she is now."

-Brenda Smith, Resident Shelter & Kitchen Manager

Introducing our New Team Members!



Jessica Marino: Life and Career Coach/Advisor for Single Parents

Jessica lives in the Shenandoah Valley and considers herself an optimistic extrovert. She enjoys working with people, and she especially enjoys seeing others define and find their own success. She worked for a nonprofit for seven years and then in human resources for a year. After completing her BS in human services, Jessica realized she wanted to be working where she felt she could be of

assistance to others. The position of Life and Career Coach/ Advisor for Single Parents seemed to be a great fit as Jessica has experience both as an adult learner and as a single parent. She is excited to assist the program's job seekers and help them discover a path that is sustainable and one that they are proud of.

In her free time, Jessica enjoys spending time with her family and friends, running, hiking, biking, reading, and traveling. She feels at home in the mountains and is a dog fanatic.



Abigail Williams: Outreach Specialist

Abby is a graduate of VCU. She has her B.S in Mass Communications with a focus on Creative Advertising. She previously worked on the Marketing and Media Relations team right here at PVCC. She is very passionate about what Network2Work@PVCC does and loves coming up with new and creative ways to share our mission with the community. Abby found herself in content creation when she realized she wanted to make impressionable connections with those around her and advocate for positive brands and programs that make a difference in the world. She says one of the most rewarding parts of working with N2W is getting to put Job Seekers success stories out there for others to see.

In her free time, Abby enjoys all things basketball and staying active. She loves watching her favorite reality and cooking shows, and playing Animal Crossing.

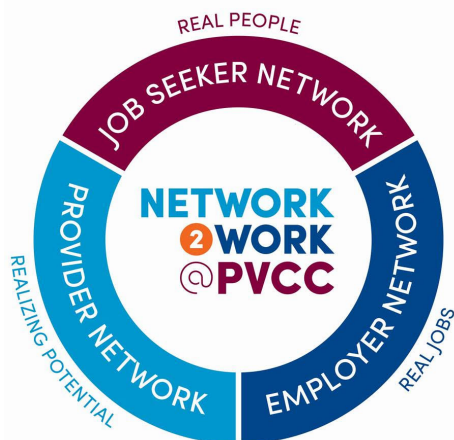
THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL thanks to the following...

In addition to our over 330 volunteer Advocates who connect and guide Job Seekers to Network2Work@PVCC, we partner with many other individuals and central Virginia organizations. We thank the following volunteers who continually support our mission:

- The **entire family of PVCC staff members** who day in and day out support all aspects of our Network2Work@PVCC operation.
- [Women United in Philanthropy](#), the [Associated General Contractors of Virginia](#), [The Rotary Club of Charlottesville](#) and PVCC's Adult Student Tuesday Evening Speaker Series for hosting wonderful events, panel discussions and seminars featuring Network2Work.
- The hundreds of volunteers that continue to support our Job Seekers!

Know anyone looking to join our community?



Know someone who would enjoy our newsletter? Spread the word. Please forward this email or share our newsletter registration.

If you would like to join our network as an Employer, Provider, or Advocate, we would love to hear from you.

Complete the [referral form](#) and someone from Network2Work will contact you.

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