

NETWORK²WORK@PVCC

Real Jobs. Real People. Realizing Potential.

Summer 2020 Newsletter

Summer Greetings from Network2Work!

Learn more about Network2Work@PVCC [here](#).

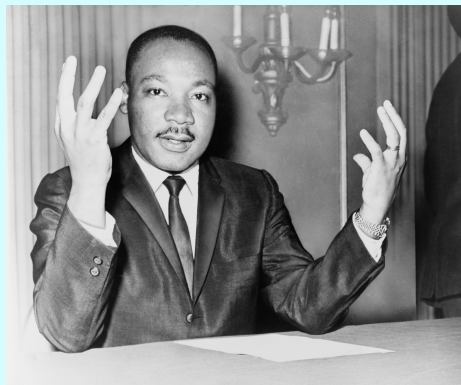
A photo of the Network2Work@PVCC office, located downtown.

[222 South Street NW](#)

[Charlottesville, Virginia 22902](#)



You can "meet the team" [here](#). Feel free to reach out!



Quote of the Month

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Staying Strong During COVID-19

SUMMER 2020 -- Charlottesville residents have had to face the economic, physical, and emotional toll brought on by the recent global outbreak of novel coronavirus. The patience, strength, and courage of our community is 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: [Link](#).
- Network2Work@PVCC email: network2work@pvcc.edu.
- COVID-19 info: [CDC Website](#).
- Mental health: [Region 10](#).

Job Seeker Network

Effective Monday, July 6th 2020 Network2Work@PVCC is accepting **NEW ENROLLMENTS!**

ADVOCATES! Your incredible work is needed now more than ever, as we connect our Job Seekers to new employment. Please read this [update](#) from our Director Frank Squillace.

Job Seeker Highlight: Ferris



Ferris—a shining example of one of Network2Work@PVCC’s **Job Seekers**—has been employed at Pepsi-Cola since Nov. 11, 2019.

He was introduced to his current job through his Advocate **Jean**, who he says has simply been “awesome.” Jean has been there for all the “little questions that I may have had,” especially during the COVID situation, says Ferris. “She would always have answers for me.”



The biggest challenge Ferris faced when applying for his new job at PepsiCo was a lack of reliable transportation. One of Network2Work@PVCC’s incredible supporters, **Dan**, was able to graciously donate a car to help Ferris get to work! Check out Ferris’s new ride in the photos on the left.

After getting hired, Ferris went to work with the “intention of trying to progress further.” He sees PepsiCo as a perfect fit and states that his job has “wonderful benefits and opportunities to grow.” He has found a career at PepsiCo thanks to his hard work, as well as the amazing help of our Network2Work@PVCC Advocates



and Providers. He is currently working on a moving up to a new job position. Good luck, Ferris!

Ferris, any advice for new Job Seekers? “My advice is to go through the Network2Work@PVCC process and stick with it. If you’re consistent with anything, you’ll find success. I went to the classes they had for a month to prepare for my new job, and everything worked out in the end. Stick with the formula.”

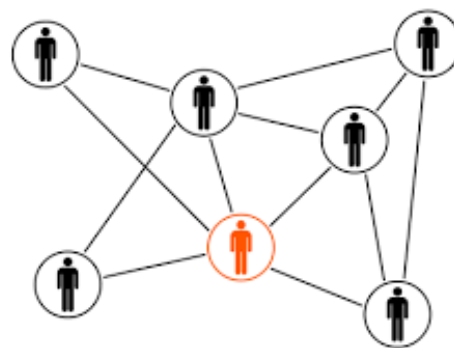
Source: [PepsiCo Facebook](#).

Quote:

“Ferris is doing great, he is a great asset to the company in our warehouse department. It’s exciting, I’m glad he is doing well.”
– Sena, Human Resources Administrator, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Central Virginia, a Network2Work@PVCC Employer

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 **330 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 Quote:

"The loaner truck for my job seeker has saved the day! He highly regards Network2Work@PVCC and would like to give back to help others!"
– Barbara, Network2Work@PVCC Advocate

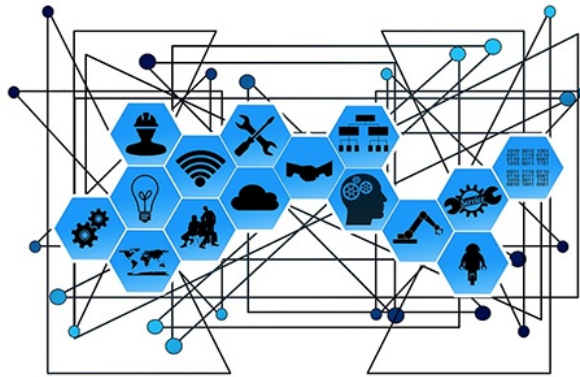
ADVOCATES: please take a moment and answer our Quarterly Question.

Quarterly Question

Employer Network

We are proud of our growing network of quality local employers in central Virginia. A BIG thanks to all the amazing businesses in our Employer Network!

--Listing of our [current Employers](#).



Employer Quote:

“We have been very, very happy to have Eric on the team. I just chatted with his manager and she confirmed that he is doing great, has a good attitude, and is very reliable.”

– Mary Anna, Human Resource Specialist, Tiger Fuel,
[Network2Work@PVCC Employer](#)

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 Fountain Fund**



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The Fountain Fund provides low-interest loans to formerly incarcerated people. Since lending commenced in 2017, they have provided nearly 150 loans totaling over a half million dollars. To be eligible for a loan someone must be formerly incarcerated, have the ability to pay back the loan, and be able to say how the loan will elevate their life. Through a partnership with Operation Hope, the Fountain Fund also offers 1:1 financial wellness coaching. Learn more about the Fountain Fund [here](#).

Their offices are in the **Jefferson School City Center** and appointments can be made by calling our Client Partner Navigator, **Martize Tolbert, at 234-3600**.

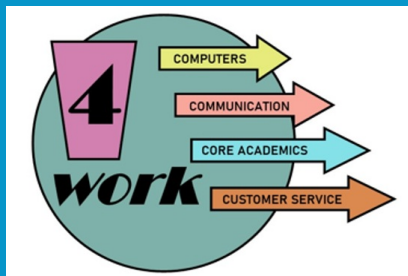


FREE TJACE@PVCC Class!

Thomas Jefferson Adult Career Education at PVCC is excited to announce a new career pathways class designed to help adult learners gain skills and experience sought by employers. The free **4Work** class is for adults who are seeking employment and need to develop the following 4 skills required for work:

1. Customer service
2. Work communications
3. Core academic skills (reading, writing, math)
4. Basic computer skills

Students can also earn the industry recognized Retail Fundamentals certification from the National Retail Federation. English language learners and those seeking a GED are encouraged to enroll. **For more information and enrollment requirements for 4Work, contact Rebecca "Becky" Payton, Adult Career Coach, at rpayton@pvcc.edu.**



Introducing Our Summer Interns!

Grace

"I'm going into my fourth year at UVA studying Biology and Spanish, and I am currently a Data Science intern for Network2Work@PVCC. For my



Spanish major, I was lucky enough to get the chance to study abroad in Spain before COVID-19 became a global concern. I am currently working on organizing and analyzing expenditures for Network2Work@PVCC to find and highlight areas where the program has proven to be the most helpful and discover new areas of rising importance."



Nate

"I spend most of my time rowing for UVA. When I'm not doing that I am probably trying to teach myself guitar. I am not very good, but it's getting better! My main focus at Network2Work@PVCC is making our resources and services more accessible for re-entering citizens. I am also improving our social media and partnering with the Charlottesville Living Wage Coalition to create more job opportunities that pay a living wage."

Ryder

"I am a rising Fourth Year at UVA and a summer intern at Network2Work@ PVCC. My main focus during my internship is to increase employment opportunities for our community's formerly incarcerated people. I am also responsible for creating and sending out this edition of the newsletter you are now reading! In my free time, I love to train Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and watch UFC events. Despite my interest in combat sports, however, I promise I'm a peace-loving guy!" :-)



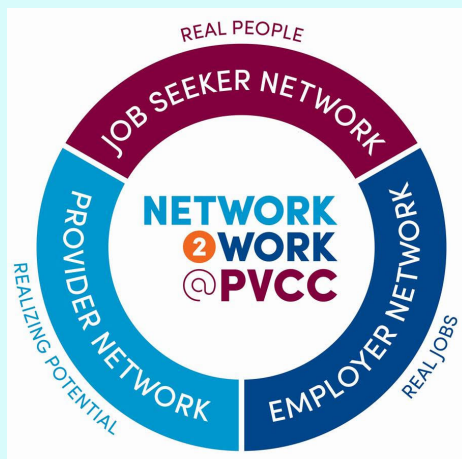
THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL thanks to the following...

In addition to our over 300 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 [Charlottesville Society for Human Resource Management](#) members who provide mock interviews.
- [Monticello Media](#)'s Joe Thomas and the weekly "Network2Work@PVCC" Thursday morning radio segment.
- Anne Spanos, our first (and lead!) volunteer and Sue Friedman who both assist our Job Seekers with resumes.

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.

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