# NETWORK2WORKOPVCC

Real Jobs. Real People. Realizing Potential.

## Happy New Year!

As we say goodbye to winter and move toward spring, here is everything that you need to know about Network2Work@PVCC in 2020.

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#### **Real People: The Job-Seeker Network**

Our **Job-Seeker Network** consists of those who:

a) Are looking for a quality, wage-sustaining job (*Job-Seekers*) andb) Know people looking for these jobs (*Connectors*).

The Job-Seeker Network's explosive growth is evident in the following:

- Our 1,300<sup>th</sup> **Job-Seeker** just entered our program as of March 1, 2020. (Recall that our founder, Ridge Schuyler, started with less than 20 Job-Seekers just four years ago!)
- We just trained our 350th **Connector** (volunteers throughout central Virginia who know people looking for jobs).
- In short, every job-seeker is connected to some aspect of training that provides valuable skills (and certifications!) that are marketable to our Employer Network.

<u>Click here for some data on our job</u> <u>seeker success</u>



"You guys helped pick me up when I was feeling very down and that means a lot to me! I love Network2Work@PVCC - it is a true gem in this area and you all are truly amazing! I can't continue to express my gratitude enough for all of the help through everything. Thank you!"

- Job Seeker

## One of our Network2Work Job-Seekers:

From a Zambian refugee camp to Charlottesville in 2012, Bushiri Salumu has since then acquired his GED and US citizenship. He then went on to gain his Certified Nurse Aide training at PVCC and has been hired as a patient care assistant in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit. Multiple partnership programs through PVCC have been a big help to Salumu as well.

Click here to read the full article.



Bushiri Salumu



A word from one of our employers, the Draftsman Hotel:

"I have really enjoyed working with Network2Work@PVCC and have found the program helpful in building the candidate pipeline in Charlottesville's competitive job market."

-Katherine Hamilton, HR Manager

#### **Real Jobs: The Employer Network**

Our **Employer Network** consists of any employer in central Virginia who offers a quality job paying at least \$12.50 per hour (\$25,000 annually) or more not requiring a college degree. Here are the simple steps:

- An employer takes 5-minutes to complete an on-line "job ticket" (briefly describing the job, the wages/benefits, the prequalifications, etc..)
- The job ticket is sent out via the Network2Work "app" to the **Connectors** who then go into the central Virginia community and select the right person for the job.

As of today <u>we now serve over 90</u> <u>different employers</u>, representing close to 120 jobs spanning our four categories of construction & skilled trades, health care, hospitality & services, and transportation & logistics. Our jobs currently represent over \$10,000,000 in local, available wages!

Are you an Employer who offers noncollege degree positions that pay at least \$12.50 or more per hour? Please contact Frank at <u>fsquillace@pvcc.edu</u> if you are interested in finding qualified, supported potential employees free of

charge to your organization!

<u>Click here to see which employers we</u> work with

#### **Realizing Potential: The Provider Network**

Our **Provider Network** continues to grow as we partner with local community agencies who offer work skills, life management, and personal & health resources in order for our Job-seekers to best succeed.

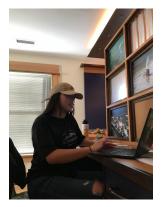
If interested in becoming a Network2Work@PVCC Provider, contact Tori Maxey at<u>vmaxey@pvcc.edu</u>.

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Business development intern Samira!

#### **The Operations**

We sadly say goodbye to our wonderful, temporary Administrative Assistant, Joanne Smith. Joanne literally kept the trains running on time over the past three months while we were short-staffed and exploding in growth. You always have a home here, Joanne – THANK YOU!

Our Provider Network Coordinator, Tori Maxey, is now back after maternity leave! We are excited to have her back on the team, along with her new son, Lo!

We have also gained a new business development intern, Samira!

Our Network2Work@PVCC web page has been updated, including a new media page dedicated to our previous newsletters, articles, videos, and radio shows. Check it out <u>here</u>!

Finally, **our Network2Work@PVCC database "Tool,"** powered by Tech Dynamism, has just been upgraded as of March 2. We encourage all persons associated with Network2Work@PVCC to ask questions and become familiar with



the latest version of our database!

Meet our Network2Work@PVCC team

The new "Tool."

### Know anyone looking to join our community?







- Know someone that 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, connector, or volunteer we would love to hear from you.

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