Hopkins Graduates from Paul D. Camp Community College before High School Commencement Through Dual Enrollment

Zackary Hopkins was PDCCC’s first Dual Enrollment graduate from Franklin High School in May 2013. The program allows high school students to simultaneously earn credits from their school and college, so they can actually graduate from college before receiving their high school diplomas.

Thompson Coca-Cola Gold Scholar & Top Ten All-Virginia Academic Team

Ida Thompson, of Suffolk, is passionate about community service and setting good examples for others, especially since she is the mother of two young boys. An education major at PDCCC, Thompson was named 2013 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar. She was a Presidential Student Ambassador at PDCCC and was the College’s first recipient of the prestigious Valley Protein Scholarship.

McClone Inspires Others with Story of Hope and Courage

LaQuisa McClone, of Suffolk, was selected to serve as student speaker at the 2013 commencement, where she inspired others with her story of “rock-paper-scissors.” Despite not having the resources, she has persevered to attain a quality education at Paul D. Camp Community College. McClone, a work-study student at the College, was selected to represent PDCCC at the Virginia General Assembly. She served as Student Government Association President from 2010-2012 and as Science Club Vice President for the 2010-2011 academic year.

In January, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the PDCCC Regional Workforce Development Center. We are very fortunate to have this gem right here in Franklin, where thousands of people have utilized a variety of training and educational opportunities in order to seek new careers or upgrade skills for existing jobs. The PDCCC Regional Workforce Development Center has served more than 300,000 people since its opening in 2002.

Speaking of workforce, there are a number of career and technical program updates that are included in this report. Unfortunately, we don’t have room to mention all of the new initiatives, but we do highlight the latest news about our Warehouse and Distribution program, our new logging initiative and our work with Green Mountain Coffee Roasters.

Another important step forward this year was the signing of an agreement with each of our local school districts, allowing for a more comprehensive approach to student success. The STEPS program is a college success coach initiative created to increase the number of students graduating, transferring or earning a career readiness certificate.

There also are a number of accolades to be bestowed upon our students, faculty and staff, as well as community members. Please read about their significant accomplishments that make us all proud.

In addition to the LPN program that is under development, Paul D. Camp Community College has launched a Pharmacy Technician program (which provisionally accredited its first class in May 2013) and a Medication Aide program, for which the demand is expected to grow. Yes, there is so much to be proud of at Paul D. Camp Community College. But, we can’t do it alone. Join me in reflecting over the year, and thank you for your support in providing a quality education to our students.

Sincerely,
Paul Wm. Combs, Ph.D.
President
The J. Paul Councill Jr. Community Service Award Goes to Judy Begland

Judy Begland, of Smithfield, cherishes the partnership between Paul D. Camp Community College and Opportunity Inc., where she serves as President and CEO. And, she is pleased that Opportunity Inc. has played such a critical role in enhancing the quality of life for people in the area.

Begland is fully engaged with the College, has made long-term contributions to and within the service region, and is a powerful advocate for workforce initiatives. To recognize her dedication, she was selected to serve as chairwoman of the PDCCC’s Division of Workforce Development in 2004. In 2008, he moved into the vice president position and continued to work with regional business and industry, government and non-profit partners to achieve those goals.

Begland is currently serving as chair of the Workforce Development Services (WDS) Advisory Council’s Program Committee, starting December 2012, which provides guidance and improvements to Virginia Community College System’s workforce programs and services.

He is credited with reaffirming the Division’s commitment to customer service, expanding counseling services and customized training, encouraging the growth of Kid’s College and enhancing the relationship of the College with the One-Stop Center.

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