



Paradise Valley Community College

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022



**PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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Dr. Tiffany E. Hunter, President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am delighted to share our 2021-2022 Annual Report that will highlight our continued diligent work toward meeting our student success initiative goals. In our report, you will learn about our important community partnerships, alumni accomplishments, and generous philanthropic supporters. Paradise Valley Community College continues to be a valuable and consistent partner in the community. The desire to ensure that every student feels a sense of belonging while pursuing their goals is important to who we are and what we do.

As we have begun the work of updating our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan, it will continue to serve as our guide as we strive to meet the desired outcomes for student success.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the positive results achieved as Dr. Paul Dale* led the college through and out of a global pandemic. During the 2021-2022 academic year, PVCC was forging its way out of the pandemic and implementing the silver linings that were identified as we were required to change the way we make education accessible and services available and attainable to all our students.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Engagement and opportunities to support student learning, personal growth, career development, and positive social change became even more important aspects of the work we all are here to help our students achieve. The thoughtful contributions to ongoing student success initiatives by

our faculty, staff, community members, our caring donors, and collaborative partners who consistently engage with us to support student success and strong teaching and learning is to be praised.

Thank you for your commitment to PVCC and the value we bring to the community. Outstanding work is happening here so join us in telling everyone about how PVCC is working to move our community forward together.

Respectfully,

Dr. Tiffany E. Hunter
President
Paradise Valley Community College



BLACK MOUNTAIN

PVCC's satellite campus at Black Mountain sprawls more than 80 acres of desert, serving students from surrounding suburbs including north Phoenix, Carefree, Cave Creek, and Scottsdale. The Black Mountain campus comprises Aquila Hall and Orion Hall, both named after constellations that share the sky along the celestial equator. As such, the campus is home to a high-powered 14-inch Schmidt Cassegrain telescope and viewing deck for astronomy students and attendees at our community Star Parties. Partnering with the Valley of the Sun YMCA and the Holland Center, the campus serves a multifaceted role for the local community. The shared education, community, and fitness complex is a hub for local residents, offering a wide variety of classes to fulfill both certificate programs and two-year associate degrees



***Congratulations to PVCC's long time President Dr. Paul Dale on his retirement. After 25 years serving our Pumas and the surrounding community, Dr. Dale retired in June 2022.**

Vision

PVCC aspires to be the higher learning organization of choice by creating engaging lifelong educational relationships that inspire and support all learners to increase their capacity for personal growth and positive social change.

Mission

Our mission at PVCC is to educate the whole person and to serve our students and our community by providing learning opportunities that are designed to help them achieve their goals.

Values

- **Integrity** - We uphold ethical behavior in all that we do; we value accountability, transparency, fairness, and honesty.
- **Diversity** - We honor all individuals and their different viewpoints to promote an inclusive campus environment.
- **Innovation** - We encourage informed risk-taking that enhances student, employee, and organizational learning.
- **Partnerships** - We are committed to building and sustaining internal and external relationships that enhance learning.
- **Excellence** - We expect greatness in all that we do to advance student, employee, and organizational success.
- **Sustainability** - We practice organizational, social, economic, and environmental responsibility.
- **Wellness** - We champion a campus culture that recognizes health and wellness as an integral part of learning by fostering an environment supporting the emotional, mental, physical, and social well-being of all.

ACCREDITED: Paradise Valley Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, one of six regional accreditors recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education to provide accreditation to degree granting, postsecondary educational institutions in Arizona and other states.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Enrollment

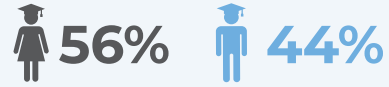
FALL 2021

Full-Time: **1,731** Part-Time: **4,234**

SPRING 2022

Full-Time: **1,329** Part-Time: **4,173**

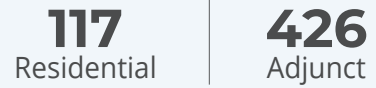
Gender



Undergraduate Student Age

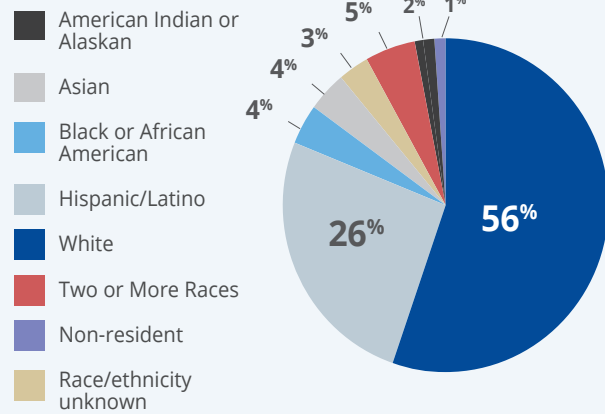


Faculty



Faculty to Student Ratio 12:1

Ethnicity



Undergraduate Student Residence 100% in-state

43% of PVCC students are considered **FIRST GENERATION**

Top 150 Community College



For five consecutive terms, the Aspen Institute named PVCC one of the **Top 150 institutions for Community College Excellence**, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's

community colleges. PVCC received this honor in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021.

The colleges selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.



Strategic Commitment Highlights

01.

Ensure high levels of student success with equity and an excellent experience.

- Presenting at the Council of International Fellowship Cyprus conference on the impact the pandemic has on the practice dimension of social work in the United States, PVCC Faculty Stacy Moreno used the conference invitation as a project for her social work class.
- Career Services' job shadow program is connecting students with mentors versed in their chosen field of interest (FOI) and providing them with a variety of professional development training, tools, resources, guidance, programs, and opportunities in order to instill the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to advance in their career trajectories.
- Engineering student Yarden Levy participated in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program, a virtual program in which students are exposed to various areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), and learn about NASA's missions and career opportunities.
- The inaugural Verizon Innovative Learning (VIL) Summer STEM Camp for 50 middle schoolers took place exposing them to a variety of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) areas, including artificial intelligence, augmented reality, robotics, design thinking, and leadership development.

- Arizona Sheriff Paul Penzone spoke at a PVCC community event about the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office's work with foster youth, human trafficking, hiring and training, and other issues facing Maricopa communities.
- PVCC collaborated with Achieving My Purpose - a free eight-week wellness-driven program that provides programming, resources, and experience that empower women ages 18-30 to embrace and achieve their purpose.

03.

Build a great workplace through organizational and operational effectiveness.

- After nearly two years of anticipation, PVCC opened the 6,900-square-foot Health Science building to house its expanding nursing program and paramedicine program.
- The American Association of Colleges and Universities invited a team from PVCC to participate in its annual Institute of ePortfolios program, which brings together educators from across the country to reflect on the evolving challenges that higher ed professionals encounter, learning new and innovative approaches to teaching.
- PVCC was named one of 14 community colleges nationwide to participate in the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Cyber Skills for All: Community Colleges Lead the Way initiative. Funding was provided by the Microsoft Foundation.
- PVCC's Office of Strategic Partnerships expanded its partnership with Fresh Start Women's Foundation alliance, featuring additional programs at the college in the areas of Business, Entrepreneurialism and Management, Computer Information Technology, and Health Sciences.

02.

Strengthen our local economic and positive social change impact.

- PVCC attracted more than 400 in-person and virtual students to its third Entrepreneurship and Innovation Week.

Fields of Interest (FOI)

Designated Fields of Interest (FOIs) organize degrees and certificates into categories that share similar areas of study, allowing students to identify skills and interests geared toward specific careers best for them.



VALA ZUPKO

JOVANA VINCIC

Our **2021-2022 All-USA Scholar recipients** were Jovana Vincic and Vala Zupko, who both demonstrated academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. PVCC's Honors Program pushes students to further develop critical thinking, communication and leadership skills, spawning opportunities through scholarships, field trips and full faculty immersion.

Student Life and Leadership Find Your People

Clubs:

-  Indigenous Club
-  Technical Theatre Club
-  Outdoor Adventure Club
-  CAST Club
College Artists Society of Theatre
-  UNoS - United Nations of Students
-  SNA - Student Nursing Association
-  Student Christian Association
-  Democracy Matters Club
-  Skateboard Club
-  M.E.N.
Male Empowerment Network
-  Business and Technology Club
-  Women Rising
-  Zeitgeist
-  Club Ed
-  Creative Writing Club
-  Game Development Club
-  Pride Club
-  PTK
Phi Theta Kappa
-  Student Leadership Council
-  HSA
Hispanic Student Association
-  Computer Club
-  Anime Club
-  Desperado Film Club
-  STEAM Club
-  Esports Club
-  Psychology/Psi Beta

Alumni of the Year

PVCC recognized the many accomplishments for our 2022 Outstanding Alumni Honoree Jacob Przybylski, committed to supporting the students who follow in his footsteps pursuing careers in STEM. Jacob developed an interest in aviation during his time at PVCC and went on to complete ground school and earn his wings. He wanted to share his passion of flying with others, so he trained and became certified as a flight instructor.



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Certificate of Completions

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Associate Degrees

Highlights

- The **Enrolled Agent Certificate of Completion** prepares students to take the EA examination incorporating the use of current technologies, learning the basic rules of financial accounting, the legal, ethical, and social implications of business decisions, and the appropriate procedures to prepare taxes.
- The eight-week **Amazon Web Services (AWS) program** provides a detailed overview of cloud concepts, AWS core services, security, architecture, pricing, and support to help prepare students for the AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner exam.
- Partnering with Fresh Start Women's Foundation, PVCC is now offering a **Small Business Start-Up Certification** to meet the needs of women who wish to become entrepreneurs and start their own businesses.
- PVCC's **Nursing program** is well above the national average (86.53%) in passing score (Arizona state average,

89.2%). Approved by the Arizona State Board of Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the program continues to prepare students with the fundamental skills necessary to be successful as a nurse assistant, licensed practical nurse (LPN), or as a registered nurse (RN) in a variety of acute, long-term, and community-based healthcare settings.

- **Healthcare Technology Systems (HTS)** is one of the fastest growing and in-demand career paths. PVCC's two-year Associate of Applied Science degree enables students to jump into this growing industry quickly.
- Faculty Dr. Kishore Dash hosted The Innovation Challenge through the **Entrepreneurship Education Center (EEC)**, providing guidance on creating a business pitch and the opportunity to present it. Participants learn how to take an idea from the drawing board to the board room.

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STUDENTS

Early College

In partnership with the Arizona Agribusiness and Equine Center, 18 students were **awarded a total of 22 AA/AS degrees** prior to high school graduation.

University Partnerships

PVCC's partnership with the state's four-year universities continued to offer students a seamless transition to attaining their bachelor's degree.





PUMA Athletics

PVCC Athletics hosted approximately 150 home events this year, attended by an average of 7,000 spectators. We are proud of the nearly 250 community donors who have given back to our program.

Highlights

- Student-athletes Noelani Lui and Natalie Esparza took home top prize in doubles at the 2022 NJCAA Region 1 Tennis Tournament. Lui also took home the singles' championship.
- PVCC student-athlete Amy Bockerstette was honored by 48Women.org as one of Arizona's Most Intriguing Women. Bockerstette was on the Puma Women's Golf team and was the first student-athlete with

Down syndrome to compete at the NJCAA National Championship Tournament in 2021.

- Both the men's and women's cross country teams advanced to the NJCAA National Championship in the fall 2021.
- Men's Outdoor Track & Field placed 12th at NJCAA National Championship, Women's Outdoor Track & Field placed 23rd.

NJCAA All-American honors

- ★ Manny Zombrano, Men's Soccer
- ★ Ryan Heiliger, Women's Cross Country
- ★ Nathan Pavelchik, Gilbert Olivas, Pierce Vittone, and Tyler Carreon - 4x800m Track & Field relay team
- ★ Jesse Avina, Track & Field, Javelin
- ★ Audrey Armstrong, Track & Field, Hammer Throw

Puma Student-athletes Serve

Each athletics team is responsible for performing two community service projects per year. COVID stalled involvement, however some opportunities were still available including impactful philanthropic efforts with:

- St. Mary's Food Bank
- City of Phoenix Adopt-a-Street
- Reading to students at Hearn Academy



Academic Excellence

- 41 student-athletes attained NJCAA Academic Achievement Honoree status (minimum 24 credits and 3.60 gpa).
- Eight teams attained NJCAA Academic Achievement Honoree status (minimum 3.00 cumulative team gpa)
- Approximately 30 student-athletes transferred to four-year institutions to further pursue their academic and/or athletic endeavors.

Fine & Performing Arts



As an inclusive arts community, PVCC provides courses, workshops, and special events, as well as an “artists’ community” for students at all levels who are planning avocations and/or vocations in the artistic fields of Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts. PVCC is a place where the creative process and the creative product, as well as the student’s individual creative voice, is of true value.

Genres include:

Art History - Creative Writing - Dance - Digital Art - Music - Music Industry Studies
Theatre - Video Game Production - Visual Art



Highlights



Dance

- PVCC’s talented students visited two local high schools to teach dance classes, as well as an elementary school where more than 100 sixth graders were taught Salsa steps.
- Presented “Personal Stories in Motion” in the spring dance collection featuring faculty, students, and guest dancers from Desert Dance Theatre.
- A \$6,444 Horizon Grant helped provide funds to bring in guest artists for PVCC students. The grant also enabled us to offer two free screen dance workshops for the surrounding community.

Music

- PVCC Music Industry Studies Graduate Sam Grundermann released her debut album Staytus – Disease of the Mind, drawing heavily on her degrees in audio production, visual art, and sound design.
- Alice Cooper’s Proof of the Pudding Music Competition was hosted by PVCC and featured several acts from PVCC’s Music Industry Studies’ program.



- PVCC’s Science of Musical Instruments students learned from renowned pencil artist and Apache Violin maker Terril Goseyun the lost art of how to build an Apache Violin, which is made from the stalk of an agave plant. Students learned how to string their violins with horsehair.

Theatre

- Stage Combat is now a CCL offering, with nearly a dozen students in the midst of completing their certification. Students tested once virtually over zoom with Society of

American Fight Directors’ Fight Master Brian Byrnes and twice in person with Fight Masters Geoff Kent. All the students passed their skills proficiency tests and many gained recommended status (a gold star for excellence).

- The Center for Performing Arts packed the house with six fully mounted live productions, including one on the campus’ outside amphitheater.
- Theatre once again traveled to local elementary schools to perform a play, *Twisted Tales*, created by the Theatre for Youth class, performing at eight elementary schools, as well as PVCC’s Festival of Tales.
- Our theatre group was nominated for six AriZoni awards: Best Overall Production, Best Actress in a Major Role, Best Actor in a Major Role, Best Director of a Musical, Best Costume Design, and Best Media Design. We won an AriZoni award- Specialized Choreography Andrea Robertson for *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*.
- The Tech Theatre Club initiated its growth this year under the guidance of Ryan Wentzel, PVCC technical director, who has helped to garner interest in the technical side of theatre, as well as help build their resumes as they prepare to go out into the industry.



Art

- Local artists, Dustin Lopez and Kaily Toney, designed and helped fabricate the “Water for Life” 108’ long ceramic mosaic mural, which debuted in the PVCC amphitheater.
- PVCC student Valerie Frederick’s artwork was selected for the MCCCCD Artists of Promise District Art competition.
- PVCC Adjunct Photography Faculty George “Kip” Sudduth exhibited his paintings in the Union Hills’ KSC hallway.
- The Ceramics Club hosted two charity events raising \$1,600 for the Puma Pantry.

The Heart of Our Community

PVCC strives to be an asset to the communities we live and work in, creating strong allegiances that stretch far beyond our campus borders, nurturing community relationships and impacting our neighbors.



Highlights

- Festival of Tales made its return to campus for the first time since the pandemic. PVCC students, faculty and staff joined together with community members to host storytelling, arts and crafts, live music, dance and theater performances, games, book giveaways, food trucks, and much more.
- The International Film Festival made its return to in-person viewing, celebrating filmmaking on a global level.
- Since 2018, PVCC has been home to St. Mary's Food Bank's monthly food distribution drives for students and the surrounding community, which became even more essential throughout the pandemic.
- PVCC continues to partner with Jackson Hewitt for free tax preparation and guidance for both the elderly community (AARP), as well as low-income citizens (VITA).
- PVCC's Office of the President partnered with Arizona's Department of Child Services for its annual Holiday Giving Tree, successfully sponsoring three dozen children in foster care.

Giving Back

PVCC's Office of Strategic Partnerships (OSP) oversees corporate and community partnerships, alumni engagement programs, fundraising, and government relations to form strategic win-win partnerships that benefit our students and the community.

Our corporate, community, and governmental partners recognize that PVCC boasts impressive academic programs and that our students are top-tier talent and are essential for fueling the local economy. Our alumni represent a diverse group of talented individuals thriving in the labor market and driving positive change throughout the Valley.

Highlights

- The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement (DEIE) Committee coordinated a donation drive supporting The Sojourner Center, collecting much needed items to support the domestic violence shelter including diapers, bedding, and hygiene items.
- Named after PVCC Founding President Gina Kranitz, 15 PVCC students received scholarship awards.
- PVCC secured a Child Care Access Means Parents in School program (CCAMPIS) grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The four-year grant provides child care subsidy vouchers to eligible low-income, PVCC single-parent students, covering up to 75 percent of child care paid by students in regulated off-campus, partner, child care facilities.
- Available around campus to help combat food insecurity, students can find Free Little Pantries containing various snack options. The program continues to expand and future plans include incorporating bagged groceries and recipes, encouraging students to take the items home and cook.



Alumni Career Panels

PVCC continues its lauded and popular Alumni Career Panel discussions, providing invaluable and insightful knowledge to our present students from past students who have stood in their shoes.

Topics this year included:

- STEM - Education - Culture & Society - Health Sciences**
- Computer IT - Business - Entrepreneurialism & Management**
- Behavioral Science & Human Services - Visual & Performing Arts**



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