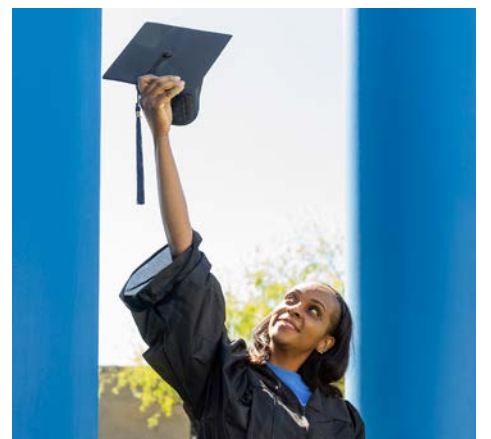




PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT | 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's my honor to share with you the 2023-24 Annual Report. This is more than a report of statistical accomplishments – it's the prideful presentation of the activities, learning experiences, collaborations and extraordinary heights that were reached this year by students, faculty and staff. It's a record of our work together, which has and will continue to elevate Paradise Valley Community College in the classroom, community and state. We're proud of this work and I know you will be as well. Take a look!

We're thrilled that we launched our bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education program and named two scholarship recipients – the first two in the District – who will both graduate in the spring of 2025. All students in this program receive instructional support including access to open educational resources (OER), which includes books at no cost to them.

To further support our students, our Office of Strategic Partnerships leads us in trailblazing collaborations that open opportunities for Community-based Organizations (CBOs) and constituencies to build skills that ultimately lead to increased workforce development. Additionally, our President's Community Advisory Council (PCAC) introduced a new model that raised participation and member giving to support our students. We also launched the Single Parent Support

DR. JANA SCHWARTZ

PRESIDENT
PARADISE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

initiative to better support single-parent families here at PVCC.

As students graduate and enter the workforce we support their new path through the Dress for Success Phoenix program, now in its second year. The program continues to bring PVCC and Dress for Success together to provide professional clothing for students during the interview process so they feel confident. Additionally, students can polish off their professional look with a free haircut from a new partnership with ClipDart hairstylists.

Our remarkable students benefit from intentionally designed wrap-around services and we are continually looking to acknowledge their needs and make efforts to support them. This comes in the form of food distributions, blood drives and our first health equity summit all aimed at leveling disparities in our community. These events and programs follow our mission to support student learning, personal growth, career development and positive social change ultimately helping our students reach their goals.

I feel proud and grateful for our collective commitment to creating a dynamic learning environment at PVCC. Our focus on promoting learning and supporting each student's individual journey truly distinguishes us.

By drawing on our diverse backgrounds, experiences and expertise, we continue to shape the future of our community and empower our students to pursue their goals. I strongly believe in the transformative power of education, and together, we are leaving a lasting impact on the world around us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jana L. Schwartz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

President
Paradise Valley Community College

OUR VISION

Paradise Valley Community College 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

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.



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.

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, post-secondary educational institutions in Arizona and other states.



PVCC played a vital role in supporting local firefighting efforts by allowing the use of its Black Mountain campus parking lots and classrooms as staging grounds for two brush fires near Carefree, Arizona. The fires required extensive resources and coordination, which PVCC was able to facilitate through its infrastructure and community spirit.

2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Paradise Valley Community College's 2023-2026 Strategic Plan is our roadmap into the future. It's a plan to ensure all students have access to an equitable, quality, affordable educational experience. A plan thoughtfully and intentionally developed by those who are committed to strengthening our

approaches to teaching and learning. A plan intended to create a culture of care and belonging. A plan that we are committed to so that our students have the opportunity to elevate their learning experience in an environment that is respectful, responsive and welcoming.

FUTURE
DIRECTION

PRIORITIES



Student Learning, Success, Equity & Excellent Experience

Goal: Meet the needs of today's diverse learners

- Create a learner-centered strategic schedule of classes in a variety of modalities, course lengths and times
- Provide research-based support services, teaching and learning strategies
- Develop academic and success programs to address the needs of undeserved, underrepresented populations



Continued Access to an Affordable, Quality Education

Goal: Ensure affordable, quality education where learners feel welcome

- Increase enrollment by expanding recruitment to working adults and those with prior credits but no credentials
- Optimize use of public resource and secure external funding to support student success and program development



Care, Respect, Value & Belonging for All Individuals

Goal: Create a culture of care and belonging for employees, students and the community

- Develop a culture of care through process changes and professional development
- Create wellness access and programming development



Engagement Responsiveness to Community

Goal: Drive economic development in the region by serving as a hub for workforce development and training in high-impact areas

- Develop in-demand baccalaureate degree programs
- Develop or expand academic and CTE (degree/certificate) programs that meet industry/university transfer needs
- Increase strategic partnerships with K-12, industry and community
- Develop a robust infrastructure for offering student internships, co-ops, and work-based experience

OUR DEMOGRAPHICS

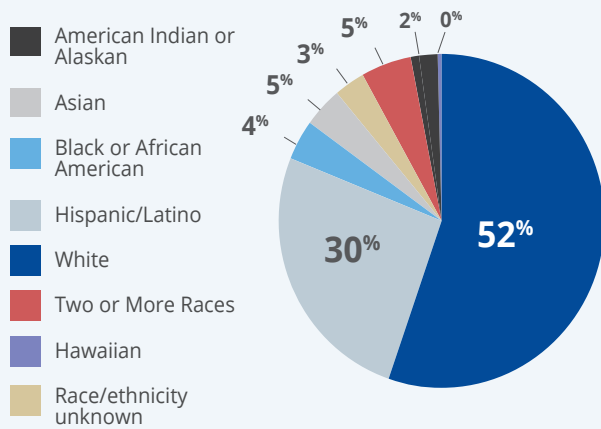
FALL '23 & SPRING '24



FAST FACTS

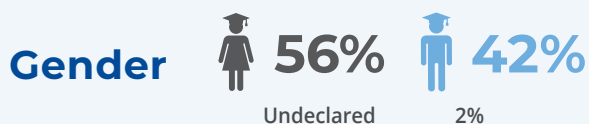
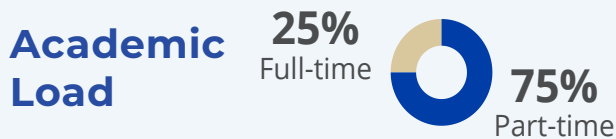
Total number of credit students **5,577**

Ethnicity



Student Intent

- 46%** Transfer to University
- 20%** Enter/Advance in Job Market
- 11%** Personal Interest
- 11%** High School Student
- 6%** Undeclared
- 4%** University Student
- 1%** Bachelor's Degree



\$97 per lower-division credit current situation

Over **\$720,000** in scholarships awarded to students in spring 2024

95% of students would recommend their college to family or friends (2023 CCSSE)

Awards Conferred

- Transfer Degrees **356**
- Transfer Certificates **198**
- Occupational Awards **399**
- Total Awards 953**
- Awards from IPEDS Year 2022-23

First Generation

43% First Generation
27% Not First Gen

6

Number of biennial distinctions the college has been named by the Aspen Institute as one of the nation's "top 150" community colleges across the country

97%

Pass rate for PVCC nursing students taking the NCLEX licensing exam

Averages

Age **27** Credit Hours **27** Class Size **15.8**

Prior Education

- 42%** No College or University
- 27%** Some College or Univ., No Degree
- 8%** Undeclared
- 8%** Bachelor's Degree
- 7%** Some College While in High School
- 5%** Associate's Degree
- 4%** Master's Degree or Higher

Residency

- 89%** Maricopa County Resident
- 3%** Out-of-Country
- 7%** Out-of-State

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. The student journey consists of the following elements:

- Identify an FOI to define educational goals.
- Attend mandatory Puma Power-up and FOI-specific New Student Orientation.
- Participate in First Year Experience (FYE) with faculty and staff support.
- Receive ongoing support and personalized guidance from FOI Care Teams.
- Encourage students to join PVCC Alumni Association upon graduation.



Students receive an FOI t-shirt at orientation as a symbolic gesture not only unifying the student body but also reinforces the commitment to their chosen FOI.

Once a student determines their field of interest, they begin to foster a connection and are exposed to invaluable resources to help guide them through their academic journey.

New This Year

During academic year 2023-2024, we fine-tuned our collaborative FOI co-curricular efforts to further develop the academic and career interests of our students. For example:

- Immediately following orientation, FOI analysts and peer leaders send regular messaging to FOI students related to academic deadlines, co-curricular opportunities, internships and support available.
- Students receive FOI-specific campus tours, resource discussions, and ongoing invitations to FOI-related events.
- Students have the opportunity to meet with their FOI analyst, who assists them in understanding their field of interest and how it relates to their career aspirations.
- Students engage with their FOI faculty lead, who offers academic mentorship and expertise in their specific area of study.

PVCC is distinguished within the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) as the only campus that mandates in-person student orientation, with exceptions made for specific issues. This unique requirement underscores PVCC's

commitment to ensuring that students are thoroughly prepared and integrated into the college environment, thereby enhancing their potential for success.

Career Services

PVCC's Career Center supervisor has led the way for PVCC and the District with proactive FOI-specific career exploration events and FYE course career exploration opportunities connected to FOIs. The PVCC Career Center, Advising and Counseling Department are conveniently located on the first floor of the KSC building on PVCC's Union Hills Campus to allow for easy access for students visiting with their FOI analysts or FYE instructor to connect with the Career Center team for additional support and guidance.

Additional Program Highlights

- University Partnerships: lower tuition, small classes, transferable credits.
- Mandatory In-person Orientation: unique to PVCC, emphasizing student preparedness.
- Career Center Integration: co-located with Advising and Counseling for easy access.
- FOI-specific Career Exploration: proactive initiatives led by Career Center.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

PVCC is proud of our university partnerships for those students wanting to transfer to a four-year program to complete their bachelor's degree. By beginning their academic career at PVCC, they will experience lower tuition, small class sizes and university credits that can be applied when they're ready to transfer.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

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 who 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.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Community Relations

1. Community-based Organization (CBO) alliances that encourage CBO constituents to explore the many certificate programs PVCC has to offer that will enable them to enter the workforce with skills in demand.
 - A. Jobs for Arizona's Graduates (JAG)
 - B. Arizona Center for African American Resources (AZCAAR)
 - C. Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)
 - D. Scottsdale Arts
 - E. Arouet
2. The President's Community Advisory Council (PCAC) launched a new model with increased participation and member highlights: which increased member giving by 22 percent.
3. The Single-parent Support initiative was launched in collaboration

Corporate Alliances



TOP DONORS

Michael Kranitz

Dr. Casey Durandet

Carolyn Szatkowski

Robert A. Soza

Robert Bendotti

Barbara Morris

Phyllis Shaw

The Benevity Community Impact Fund

American Medical Response

Walmart






ALUMNI

Alumni Executive Council (AEC)

The Alumni Executive Council continued the 'Puma for Life' tradition by engaging alumni in a variety of ways. Key highlights from the year include:

- Volunteering at the Palomino Easter Festival
- Invitations to two VIP receptions at the PVCC Center for Performing Arts
- Networking mixer
- An Alumni Challenge during PVCC's Be A Student's Hero Giving campaign

2023/2024 Alumni Career Panels

-  Education
-  STEM
-  Health Sciences
-  CIT
-  EMT/Fire Science & Paramedics.



Distinguished Alumni of the Year

Reconnecting with PVCC this past year, Darrin Hood has given his time and talent to PVCC in multiple ways including participating in the community project Ben's Bells 'Be Kind' mural, volunteering as an alumni panelist for the Business, Entrepreneurialism and Management career panel, and serving hundreds of families at the Palomino Easter Festival. Hood is a retired Phoenix police sergeant and is currently a financial advisor with Principal Financial Group.

FUNDRAISING

Our Puma community demonstrates a tremendous spirit of generosity. Together, we achieved the highest fundraising initiatives in years.

1. PVCC awarded 318 scholarships for a total of \$228,858 (FY 23-24). Scholarships help with enrollment, retention and completion.
2. We raised \$160,289 total donations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year through fundraising events and individual donor meetings, an increase of 15 percent in revenue over the prior fiscal year (\$137,813).
3. PVCC placed first in the District-wide United Way Campaign, winning the Chancellor's Cup for the first time. We raised employee participation by 91% and raised \$6,013.08, which was double the amount of the previous fiscal year.
4. During the Be A Student Hero/Employee Giving Campaign in May, PVCC placed second in the district to support PVCC student scholarships (raised \$19,000). We set a new college record with the number of donors and funds raised through the campaign.
5. The first Dreamer Scholarship Fund was created at the college. Funds will support DACA students who are not eligible for financial aid and those who are considered out-of-state.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE STUDIES & FORENSIC SCIENCE

- In its first year, the **Vinny Gravelli Memorial Scholarship** was presented by the law enforcement non-profit Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach & Support to two PVCC AJS students. This scholarship honors the memory of retired NYPD sergeant and 9-11 hero, Vinny Gravelli. Additionally, AZ LEOS

engages in many charitable community events, including a Shop with a Cop event for kids and teens, a holiday gift excursion for children to pick out a present at a local store, and a back-to-school drive at which kids receive a backpack full of school supplies.

- The **Second Annual CSI Day** successfully attracted student participants as well as community members. The event included demonstrations from the Arizona Department of Public Safety police K9 and handler, a presentation of ALLECA (a two-week summer law enforcement camp for teens), and hands-on opportunities to partake in CSI-for-a-Day in PVCC's Forensic Science Lab. Participants learned to take and examine fingerprints and discovered the life cycle of insects, which can provide information about time of death.

PVCC hosted the Region 2 competition for SkillsUSA in a variety of disciplines. All 12 AJS and Forensic students who participated medaled in the police and CSI competitions at the community college level.





NEW OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

PVCC's Business/IT Division launched a new occupational program in clinical research, adding two certificates. The Clinical Research Program offers two specialized Certificates of Completion: **Clinical Data Coordination** and **Clinical Research Coordination**. Students will gain the skills necessary to take charge of the collection, cleaning and management of data in clinical trials in the Clinical Data Coordination program, while the Clinical Research Coordination program will

prepare students to actively support, facilitate and coordinate daily activities within clinical trials, which includes managing recruitment processes, monitoring and communicating with participants, collaborating with investigators and preparing essential documentation. **PVCC has partnered with Mayo Clinic and other industry leaders in Clinical Research to deliver real-world curriculum that includes practical experience on site in clinical research labs.**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



BACHELOR'S DEGREE ELEMENTARY / SPECIAL EDUCATION

- The Bachelor's of Arts in Elementary and Special Education had its accreditation established by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC is one of six regional accreditors recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to provide accreditation to degree-granting, post-secondary educational institutions.
- In its inaugural year, PVCC's bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education program has named its first two scholarship recipients, both of whom are set to graduate in the spring of 2025. The students are the first in the Maricopa County Community College District to be awarded a scholarship in the bachelor's program.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION



- PVCC students had a wonderful opportunity to attend Diwali: The Festival of lights event, organized by Dr. Vaswati Ghosh and the DEI office, that fulfilled our strategic goal of diversity and inclusion as well as contributed toward building resources for faculty, students and staff who want to study and learn about India at PVCC. This ethnic cultural event allowed students to learn about Indian culture, history, heritage and food, enhance global awareness, intercultural communication, international exposure and diversity outside the classroom.



- PVCC's co-curricular DEI programming emphasizes Asian culture during the Lunar New Year and Hispanic culture around the Day of the Dead. More than 600 students came out for these events. Additionally, a sugar skull and altar workshop was held focusing on Día de los Muertos during Hispanic Heritage Month.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

1. A Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC)

PVCC is scaling the use of open educational resources (OER) which are textbooks, library subscription sources and high-quality open-access materials that are free to students. The "Zero Cost" team at PVCC supports faculty transitioning to Zero-Textbook-Cost courses, and to date, has helped students save more than \$400,000 in textbook costs and supported the development of Zero-Cost courses in Psychology, English, Communications, Theater, Mathematics, Nutritional Science, Art History, and most recently, PVCC's Education BA program.

2. Library spaces, alternative checkouts and college collaborations

Our Facilities team helped us to renovate our space with new lighting, carpet and paint. We studied student usage patterns of the space and shifted all our furniture and shelving to create study nooks. We worked with our partners in Student Affairs to create "Studying

with Littles," a single-parent study space. We supplemented our children's collection with board books, costumes and educational toys. In this way, students can serve as reading and educational role models with their children. We also added a variety of alternative checkouts, such as culture passes, puzzles, games, noise-canceling headphones, chargers and seeds to demonstrate that we are a library that is not just for students but also our community.





HONORS PROGRAM

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The Honors Program pushes students to further develop critical thinking, communication and leadership skills, spawning opportunities through scholarships, field trips and a full faculty immersion.



642
students served



\$685,510
in scholarships
awarded to nearly



531
students

The Honors Program hosted their biannual Honors Debate & Showcase event where



169
students participated

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAMS

The Puma Early College program is designed for motivated high school students, who possess the readiness for and commitment to rigorous college coursework. While still in high school, students will make progress toward earning their AGEC Certificate or associate's degree, typically enrolling in 6-9 credits per semester.

(NOTE: Dual Enrollment is only offered at our Black Mountain Campus).

General

**65**

Students completed the early college programs

**22**

Students continued at PVCC after graduating from the early college programs

Degrees

**26**

Students earned their associate's degree

**18**

Students completed their AGEC-A

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



PUMA EMPOWERMENT CENTER, DRESS FOR SUCCESS PHOENIX

Located on the PVCC campus, the Puma Empowerment Center powered by Dress for Success Phoenix and the Puma Food Pantry completed its second full year of operations, providing life changing services and programs. The Center's mission is to provide meaningful ways to support students to help them keep their focus and energy on education. The partnership is the first of its kind for PVCC, Dress for Success Phoenix and the Maricopa County Community College District.

PVCC's Career Services, the Intercultural Center, Student Life and the Office of the Dean of Students hosted various outreach events at the center integrating an exciting new resource PVCC introduced to students in partnership with ClipDart.

With this partnership, PVCC students received three opportunities for free style or haircut sessions paired with graduation, career fairs and/or food distribution events.





VITALANT BLOOD DRIVES

Partnering with Vitalant and the Greater Phoenix Urban League Young Professionals, PVCC held the Relay 4 Sickle Cell along with a powerful event aimed at raising awareness about Sickle Cell Disease and the health disparities within the Black and Latinx communities.

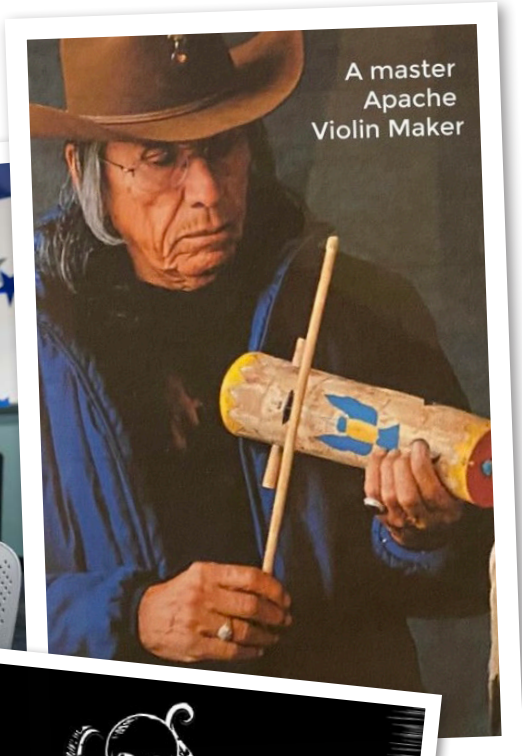
HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT

PVCC's hosted its first Health Equity Summit aimed at opening an important dialogue amongst students, staff and the community about achieving health equity for communities of color. The event included a free screening of *The Color of Care*, a documentary produced by Oprah Winfrey and Harpo Productions, as well as a panel discussion.

Festival of Tales

Festival of Tales is one of PVCC's largest and most popular events held bi-annually for the past 13 years. Families are invited to enjoy a full day of storytelling and cultural activities that brings reading to life to learners of all ages. Children receive free books and can participate in various activities including demonstrations, vendors, arts and crafts, games, face painting, live music and food trucks. More than 3,000 students, faculty, staff and community members step out to support this magical free community literacy event.





COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

BUILDING BRIDGES AND FOSTERING CONNECTIONS

1. Celebrating the Lunar Year, PVCC hosted a three-day event with presentations and workshops celebrating Asian culture.
2. PVCC welcomed more than 16,000 community members for various events on campus including the 32nd Street Market, the monthly Thieves Market, Honeybee Festival, Festival of Tales and served as a general election voting location.
3. Celebrating Native American Heritage Month included a performance by the Indigenous Enterprise group and Indigenous artist Terrill Goseyun, a master Apache violin maker.
4. PVCC won the MVET Challenge amongst MCCCC colleges in support of military veterans, collecting more than a pallet of food and hygiene products to be donated to the MANA House, a peer-supported organization of homeless and formerly homeless vets.
5. PVCC hosted the Fall Mental Health Awareness and Wellness Information Fair bringing attention to resources for various students' needs including food insecurity, housing concern, employment and more.
6. During Poverty Awareness Month, PVCC featured documentary screenings and Q&As.
7. In conjunction with St. Mary's Food Bank, PVCC holds monthly farmer's markets offering fresh, free food to students, staff and the community at large.
8. Black History Month kicked off on campus with a Black Voices panel discussion, followed by various presentations. The Center for Performing Arts also presented the talented musicians Calumet by Funk & Soul band.

PVCC ADVISORY COUNCIL

PVCC's Advisory Council advances the college and its mission; members understand and advocate the role of PVCC to prospective students, community members and donors. Here is a list of our council members.

Troy Bales | Superintendent | [PVUSD](#)

Allison Barnett | Managing Partner+Ambassador | [North 32nd, Inc](#)

Tracey Beal | CEO | [School Connect](#)

Charles Berry | [Rotary of Paradise Valley/Clark Hill](#)

Stuart Brackney | President | [Phoenix Astronomical Society](#)

Sandra Carrier | Executive Director | [Kiwanis Club of Carefree](#)

John Crane | Mayor of Carefree | [Town of Carefree](#)

Marjorie DeRubeis | President | [Job's for Arizona's Graduates \(JAG\)](#)

Bill Dolezal | Superintendent | [Cave Creek School District](#)

Marjaneh Gilpatrick | Interim Associate Vice Provost | [NAU, Online & Innovative Educational Initiatives](#)

Will Gonzalez | Executive Court Administrator | [Phoenix Municipal Court](#)

David Hamerski | Senior Vice President | [HBW Insurance Group, Inc.](#)

Alan Havir | [Rotary of Paradise Valley](#)

Vicki Hochstetler | Operations Manager, Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences and Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Science | [Mayo Clinic](#)

Steve Kaiser | Founder | [Arizona Prosperity Project](#)

Beth Koehnemann | PVCC Founder | [Community Member](#)

Christine MacKay | Director of Economic Development | [City of Phoenix/Phoenix City Hall](#)

Tamala McBath | CEO | [Dress for Success Phoenix](#)

Sherry Mischel | President | [Rotary of Paradise Valley](#)

Mary Mitchell | Co-CEO | [Girl Scouts of Arizona](#)

Wilson Okwuobu | Owner | [Legacy Healthcare](#)

Les Peterson | Former Mayor of Carefree | [PVCC Adjunct Faculty](#)

Annique Petit, MA | Director, Trusted Learning Partnerships | [ASU Rep](#)

John Ramirez | Board Member | [Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce](#)

Heather Rausch | Owner | [Fox Fire Events \(PVCC Alum\)](#)

Connie Robinson | Executive Board | [AZCAAR \(Arizona Center for African American Resources\)](#)

Lisa Scarpinato | CEO & Co-founder | [Kitchen on the Street](#)

Judy Schwiebert | Representative | [Arizona House of Representatives](#)

Terrance Smith | Community General Manager | [Desert Ridge Community Association](#)

Adam Wong | Founder and President | [Rock Star Workforce \(PVCC Alum\)](#)

GRANTS

Under the leadership of Dr. Emmanuel Ojameruaye and Dr. Huu Huang, PVCC has surpassed the FY2024 Grant Development Goals, more than double the grant awarded amount, by securing over \$5.5 million in new grants in FY2024.

HIGHLIGHTS

\$2.17 million from the U.S. Department of Education for Title III Strengthening Institutions and the Child Care Access Means Parents in School programs (CCAMPIS).

More than \$1.1 million from the Arizona Department of Health Services for PVCC's Nurse Education Investment pilot program.

More than \$2.2 million supporting PVCC's Early Care and Education Workforce Development program, Bachelor in Elementary and Special Education degree program, and Enhancing Cybersecurity Programming Workforce Development program.

\$25,000 for the Ellucian Foundation PATH Scholarship program, benefiting 32 students facing financial hardships.

\$15,000 for The Alliance of Persons with Disability and Intersectionality for Inclusion, Networking, and Transition Opportunity in STEM program from a National Science Foundation Subaward.

\$29,000 for the PVCC Food Forest pilot from the AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management and Second Nature.

\$7,019 for the PVCC Saturday Arts Academy from the AZ Commission on the Arts.





EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

- PVCC Faculty Dr. John Douglass, led a group of Honors students on a three-day expedition through the Grand Canyon in the spring of 2024 to delve deep into the canyon's geological and paleoclimatic history and unravel the mysteries of its formation and evolution. The excursion included curated hikes, insightful mini-lectures, and hands-on opportunities for students to gather, process and categorize geological samples.
- PVCC Social Work Adjunct Faculty Stacy Moreno published an article earlier this year in the Council of International Fellowship (CIF) World News, an annual collaboration among social work professionals engaged in professional exchange through the larger CIF network. The article, titled Global Peer Partners: How We Brought the World Together Through Virtual Exchange in the Social Work Classroom, highlights the transformative impact of international exchange programs on social work education, particularly for social work students.
- Created by Sam Fraulino, PVCC's Senior Software Developer, the podcast TOASTEDU was recognized as one of the top 40 educational podcasts in Arizona with a blend of practical tips, insightful conversations and a collaborative spirit – all designed to ignite creativity and empower listeners.
- PVCC Art Faculty Saskia Jordá represented Arizona in the New Worlds: Women to Watch 2024 Exhibition at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C. The exhibition, which features 28 artists every three years, serves as a platform to explore ideas from perspectives that shift across geographies, cultural viewpoints and time.
- Student Services Manager Ivette Quintero was selected for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Enlace Mid-level Leadership Program. The six-month leadership development program is for mid-level college and university professionals and aims to increase the number, variety and quality of Latino/a talent in leadership positions at Hispanic-serving institutions and in higher education overall.



BIG PITCH COMPETITION

In its sixth year, PVCC's Entrepreneurship Education Center (EEC) crowned Jarod McGuire and his company Broadcast.GG as the Spring 2024 Innovation Challenge winner. His winning entry was a talent hub, job board and esports resource for tournament organizers and broadcast talent.

DECA/BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Eight students from PVCC's DECA chapter and Business and Technology Club, competed at the Arizona Career Development Conference (ACDC) competition in Gilbert, AZ; three of which won awards.

19
Events held

30
faculty/staff/student speakers

509
Participants

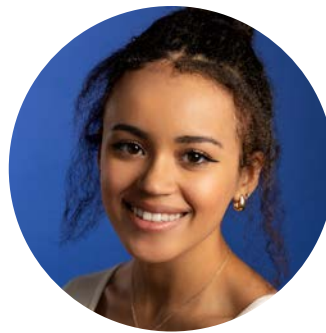
19
speakers from off-campus organizations

ALL-USA SCHOLAR

Our 2023-2024 All-USA scholar recipients were Christine Collado-Frost and Halle Goral, both of which demonstrated academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.



**Christine
Collado-Frost**



Halle Goral

ALPHA OMICRON CHI

PVCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter, the official honor society of American's two-year colleges, earned a five-star designation for the first time since 2019. Five stars is the highest designation.



Kevin Taussig

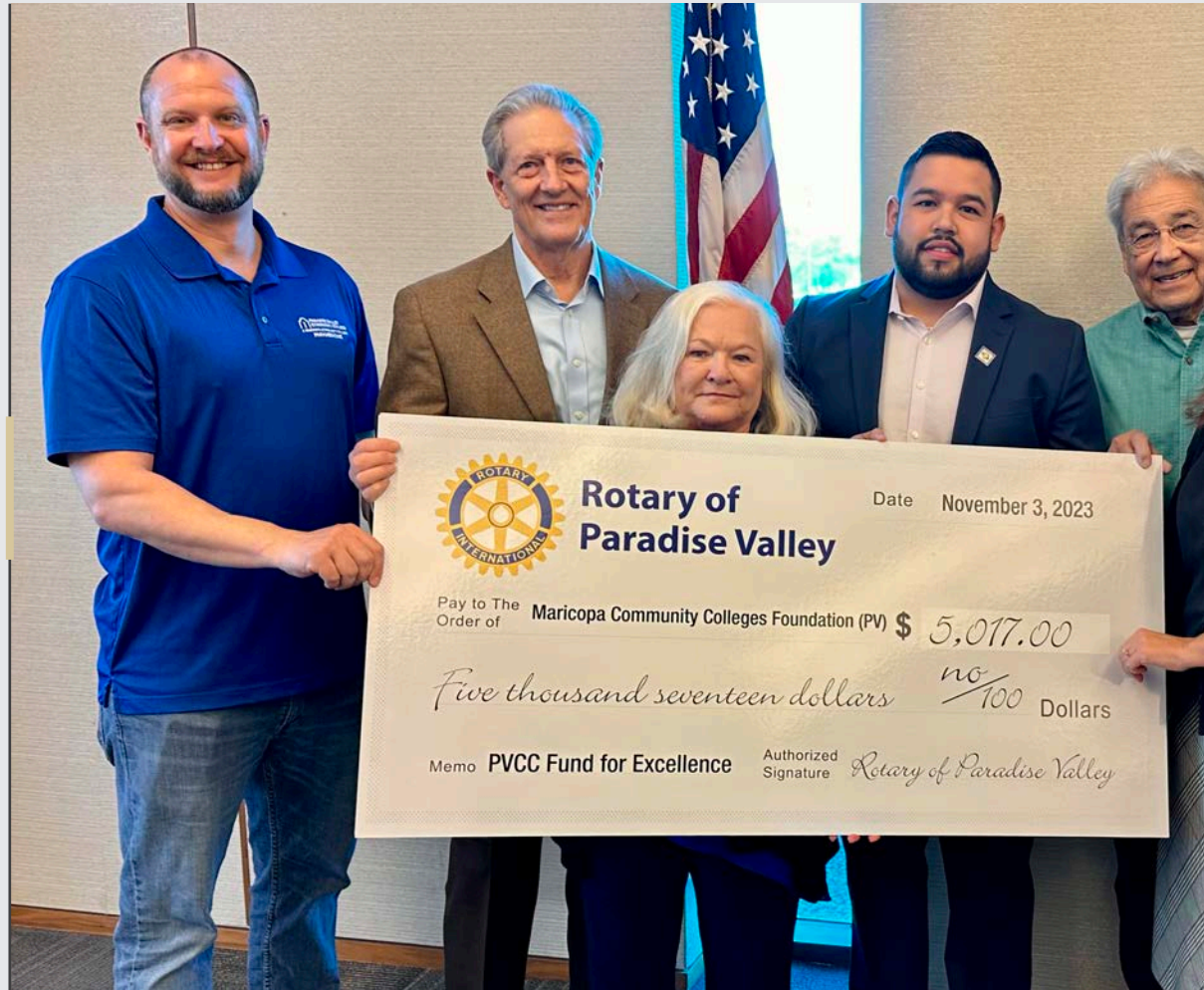
NISOD AWARDS

PVCC faculty Kevin Taussig and Ryan Wentzel were recipients of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Award.



Ryan Wentzel

STRATEGIC HIGHLIGHTS





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

- Student Government (STUGO) returned to campus for the first time since 2020, prioritizing issues and concerns to bring to PVCC administrators. STUGO also serves as an open forum for sharing other developments in PVCC's various clubs and organizations.
- PVCC made its Puma Pantry available year-round, providing essential food and basic needs items to students.
- The 2023-2024 cohort of Nina Mason Pulliam Legacy Scholars included four Pumas from disadvantaged backgrounds to obtain the resources and financial assistance needed to successfully complete their college education.
- PVCC was selected as a 2023 Progress, Accomplishment, Thriving, Hope (PATH) Scholarship recipient through the Ellucian Foundation. The PATH Scholarship program provides grants to two-year public institutions in 2023 with a focus on supporting students facing economic hardship.
- The Rotary Club of Paradise Valley teamed up with PVCC on several initiatives to serve the community and help fund various vocational programs. In light of our recent partnership, the Club presented a donation of \$5,017 to PVCC's President Community Advisory Committee (PCAC) to support scholarships for PVCC students in EMT, Paramedics and Fire Science programs this coming spring semester. These students will work in critical fields that aid and protect our community.





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02. Strengthen our local economic and positive social change impact.

- Captivating music and art lovers throughout the community, PVCC's Summer Flute Choir celebrated 30 years of performing every summer at the college's Center for the Performing Arts since 1994.
- The Student Nurses Association (SNA) provided flu vaccinations at the Legacy House of Avondale, a residential senior living community. The group of nursing students, along with PVCC Professors Tina Barney, MNSN-Ed, RN, CCRN, CHS, and Julie Robertson, MSN-ED, Ms-MHW, RN-C, held a four-hour flu shot clinic, administering vaccines to more than 70 residents.
- Awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Maricopa County Community College District Sustainability Office, PVCC's facilities and sustainability departments are planning to develop a food forest on the 4.4-acre parcel of undeveloped land at the southeast corner of the Union Hills campus.
- First-generation students, staff and faculty gathered for the annual celebratory dinner in observance of National First-generation Day, which was created in honor of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
- PVCC is one of a handful of institutions in Arizona approved to facilitate K-5 Literacy Endorsement by 2028. It has initiated a collaboration with local school districts to provide the three-credit courses, making them accessible both off-site and on-site.



03. Build a great place to work through organizational and operational effectiveness.

- Pumas came out on top for the second year in a row in the Maricopa County Community College District's fourth annual MVET Challenge, a friendly competition amongst sister colleges in support of veterans. Paradise Valley Community College collected two full pallets of food and hygiene supplies that will be donated to MANA (Marines, Army, Navy, Airforce) House, a peer-support organization of homeless and formerly homeless veterans.
- PVCC was crowned champion of the 2023 MCCCCD United Way Competition. In partnership with Valley of the Sun United Way, MCCCCD's annual friendly competition raises money that directly impacts various college initiatives. Pumas claimed victory, bringing home the Chancellor's Cup after increasing its donor base this year by a whopping 91 percent.
- PVCC unveiled its mobile billboard – a promotional-wrapped ambulance spotlighting the college's nationally recognized emergency medical technology (EMT) and paramedicine programs. Both state and nationally accredited programs give students an upper advantage in entering their chosen career paths, with high-level classes and training necessary for working in emergency medical services.
- The Center for Performing Arts hosted the MCCCCD Artist of Promise Art, Dance and Music Gala, showcasing the immense talent of our community. More than 60 pieces of original art adorned the gallery, while six dance performances and 16 musical acts commanded the stage. The evening celebrated artistic expression across disciplines, from classical and opera to jazz and country rock.
- The 2024 Be a Student's Hero giving campaign once again brought all the Maricopa Colleges together to raise funds for critical basic needs, student scholarships and more. PVCC came in second place among the 10 colleges, setting a new college record of \$19,000 – well above this year's PVCC Puma Goal of \$15,000.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS



Dance

- **PVCC High School Dance Day** hosted more than 100 high school students from Paradise Valley Unified School District, yielding two high schools to pursue dual enrollment with the PVCC Dance Program and a partnership with the North Valley Arts Academy.
- Dance student, Victoria Morena Olmos-Tsosie, received Honorable Mention in Performance for her choreography “Nabbaahi Woman” at the Artist of **Promise Choreography Competition**.
- Dance students attended the **2024 American College Dance Festival**, a national competition and conference where students presented their choreographic work and participated in dance classes and workshops. PVCC dance students were also selected to perform with the Ririe Woodbury Dance Company.
- PVCC dance students Charise Dickerson, Nylaya Holden and Victoria Olmos-Tsosie taught three dance activities during the **PUMA Explorer event** for the students who attended the event. PVCC students were provided with a work-based experience to hone their teaching skills in dance.
- **The Spring 2024 Dance Collection** “The Power of Movement” garnered more than 300 attendees. Guest performances included the North Valley Arts Academy and Alice Cooper Teen Center.



Theatre

- Successful **season of shows** with *Shakespeare in Love*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *Escape the Simulation*, and *True Nature: Student Directed Stories*.
- The **Theatre for Youth** show – *The Siblings and the Traveling Stone* – booked 15 performances to local elementary schools and Festival of Tales (student written, designed and performed).
- **Stage Combat** classes hosted fight masters – Dale Girard and Brian Byrnes – for student certification. All students passed and many received recommended status.
- During the fall semester the Arizona Opera helped to host an SAFD firearms safety course that many PVCC stage combat students took with our fight master Dale Girard.
- The second annual **Theatre Day** attracted close to 150 high school theatre students for the workshops.
- Eleven students traveled with Theatre Director Andrea Robertson and Technical Director/Adjunct Instructor Ryan Wentzel to Glendale, CA for the **Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival Region 8**. All of the students took part in rehearsals, competitions, workshops and attending theatre performances, and a few were selected for casting, directing and design.

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Music

- MIS and Theatre student Monét Emrey used her recording of *Millennia* to win the **Maricopa Artist of Promise competition** in the songwriting category. The piece was created as part of the collaboration between the recording and songwriting classes.
- MIS continues its partnership with the **Nashville Songwriters Association International** hosting their monthly meetings and bringing their community of songwriters to our campus.
- MIS student **Brandon Berg showcased his final capstone project** in Studio Recording III, by highlighting his collaborative skills to bring together PVCC and ASU faculty and students to complete a large film-scoring project.
- MIS student Bradford Knights graduated and became an adjunct instructor, bringing his talents to our team.



Art History

- PVCC faculty Tomi Johnston and David Bradley led a **Study Abroad program to Florence, Italy** with 10 students for one month.
- PVCC Ceramics department adjunct faculty, Frank Krevens brought two Native American artists to PVCC to give **demonstrations of basket weaving** using local natural materials, and pottery making by Ron Carlos, using local clay.
- Visiting artist Kristine Kollasch led students and faculty in the design and creation of a **large ceramic mosaic mural on the theme of Wellness** for the exterior of the E building on its southeast corner.
- The **PVCC Clay Club** had a very visible presence at the monthly Thieves Market held in the north parking lot from October - April. Students and faculty sold student made ceramics to the public.



Esports

- PVCC Esports took on a leadership role in the Maricopa Community College Esports League, **rebranding to the Maricopa Collegiate Esports League.**
- **12 new members** joined the program, fielding four teams during the 2024 regular season - Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Rocket League, League of Legends and Overwatch2.
- **Four new schools** were recruited to the league participating in various tournaments including the 2023 NASCAR Collegiate Rocket League Tournament, Easter Seals College Rocket League Tournament, the 2024 Arizona Interscholastic Association Esports State Championship and Sundown, which has experienced tremendous growth.
- PVCC Esports participated in developing a relationship with **West Mec to offer a one-year Esports certificate** to West Mec students.

Video Game Production

- VGP established industry connections and an **escape room internship** for our students through Time Bandit Entertainment (Tom Heme way), which will begin fall 2024.
- The Video Game Production Program **graduated 14 students.**
- PVCC initiated curricular revisions to the VGP capstone course.
- The VGP program partnered with PVCC's Theater department to design, develop and produce the **Escape Room experience 'Escape the Simulation'.**
- The escape room will remain as a centerpiece for the VGP program and may evolve into a capstone project with each new cohort putting their own unique stamp on the experience.

ATHLETICS



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2023-24 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS (NACDA) ATHLETICS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Athletic Excellence

- Men's Cross County 2023 NJCAA Region I Division II Champions
- Women's Cross County 2023 NJCAA Region I Division II Champions
- One Men's Cross Country NJCAA Division II NATIONAL CHAMPION (Nathan Pestka)
- Women's Cross Country team places third at NJCAA Division II National Championship
- Men's Cross Country Team places fourth at NJCAA Division II National Championship
- Women's Indoor Track & Field tied for 29th at NJCAA National Championship
- Men's Tennis 2024 NJCAA Region I Champions
- Baseball advances to NJCAA Region I Tournament
- Men's Tennis qualifies for NJCAA National Tournament
- One Men's Golfer qualifies for NJCAA Division II National Tournament (Quincy Robert)
- Men's Outdoor Track & Field places 28th at NJCAA National Championship
- Women's Outdoor Track & Field places 23rd at National Championship



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In addition to hard training and competition, student-athletes are committed to serving others.

160 Puma student-athletes participated in a total of 700 hours to serve our community.

Home Event Management - Puma Athletics hosts approximately 150 home events annually, attended by an average of 6,900 spectators.

Donors - An average of 250 community donors give to PVCC Athletics.



NJCAA All-American Honors

- Two NJCAA Division II Women's Cross Country All-American (Keira Damron, Jazmin Estrada)
- One NJCAA Division II Men's Cross Country All-American (Nathan Pestka)
- One Women's NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field All-American (Jazmin Estrada, 3,000m Steeplechase)

Academic Excellence

- 45 student-athletes attained NJCAA Academic Achievement Honoree status (minimum 24 credits and 3.60 GPA)
- 10 teams attained NJCAA Academic Achievement Honoree status (minimum 3.00 cumulative team GPA)





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