

Piedmont Technical College Campus Connection

FEBRUARY 22—MARCH 4, 2016 EDITION

BLACK *HISTORY* MONTH

*In Celebration of Black History Month,
Piedmont Technical College is proud to present
its annual*



Menu catered by Ms. Carrie's Catering Service
(Baked & fried chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, dessert, rolls...)

ALL PTC students and employees are invited to attend!!!
Event hosted by Steve Coleman, Genesis Initiatives Director

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the
Poetry Reading!



News You Can Use...

- ◆ VA students: Please turn in your enrollment certification form and a copy of your schedule immediately, if you have not already done so.
- ◆ The deadline to apply for spring graduation is Friday March 4th. The graduation application is available on the student tab in Pathway. All students who are completing their program of study must apply to graduate, even if they do not plan to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- ◆ The next ICC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 12:45.
- ◆ Employers Day will occur on March 17.
- ◆ Spring Break is March 28-April 1
- ◆ Spring Activities Day will be April 21.

New!

If you are a DACA student, you're invited to attend the first meeting of a new club just for you! The PTC DACA Club will hold its first meeting on February 23, 2016, at 12:45 p.m. If you're on the Greenwood campus, the meeting will be held in 115G. This is a PEN meeting, so you can also attend at all PTC campuses. If you have questions, please contact Sheryl Maffett at 864-941-8616.

The A-term Student Evaluation of Instruction Survey are open for all A-term courses and S-term classes ending March 4th. Please encourage students enrolled in A-term and S-term (ending March 4th) courses to complete the surveys. A link to the surveys is posted in Pathway under the Student tab, survey channel near the bottom of the page. a variety of end dates depending on course end dates.

Support the Photo ARTS Club. Win the print of your choice on a 20x30 1 inch gallery mount. Tickets may be purchased from any PhotoARTS club member or in room 216-D. \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 or \$10 for 12. The drawing will be held March 1.



D2L Tips

- ◆ The **Are You D2L Ready?** widget contains resources for users who are new to D2L.
- ◆ Run a **System Check** on every computer you use to access D2L.
- ◆ Be sure to clear your browser cookies and cache often to prevent technical difficulties.
- ◆ Change your password/PIN using the **Change PIN** link in Pathway.
- ◆ Notification settings allow you to set up periodic updates by email or text message about assignments, grades, or news items.
- ◆ The D2L **Brightspace Pulse** app is available for Android or iOS mobile devices. The app allows you to access and view details on upcoming assignments, news, and grades. You can download **Brightspace Pulse** from the Apple Store or Google Play.
- ◆ Student tutorials, guides, technical support information, FAQs and more can be found in the My Home page widgets. For more in depth training, you can self-register in the D2L Self-Paced training course. Register by clicking on the Self-Registration link in the Resources menu.
- ◆ D2L will be unavailable during scheduled maintenance on the fourth Sunday of each month. Maintenance dates are always announced on the D2L Calendar on the D2L homepage.

DESIRE2LEARN STUDENT TRAINING SESSIONS & RESOURCES

All new students and students taking an online course for the first time are encouraged to participate in D2L training. PTC has several training options including live training, self-paced training, and customized training.

D2L LIVE TRAINING

Registration is required for all live training sessions. To register, visit www.ptc.edu/D2L_training. A current listing of all scheduled training sessions is listed on the registration form. Be sure to check with your campus for specific days/times.

CUSTOMIZED TRAINING

Customized training is available by appointment. To schedule an appointment contact the Distance Education Office (864)941-8682 or your county campus.

ONLINE SELF-PACED TRAINING

This training provides you with the skills necessary to successfully use PTC's online learning system D2L. The Self-Paced Training Course is designed to act as both an orientation to D2L as well as a resource you can use at any point throughout your time at PTC. Video tutorials and guides will introduce you to the different features of D2L. You will also have the ability to interact with the learning environment by completing sample activities. To take part in the online Self-Paced Training Course click on the Resources menu on the D2L home page and select Self-Registration.

D2L ASSISTANCE AT PTC'S OPEN COMPUTER LABS

GREENWOOD CAMPUS

TLC Lab/K Building

Mon-Thurs: 7:30am-9:00pm; Fri: 8:00pm-4:00pm

Information Commons/Upper Level K Building

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-8:30pm; Fri: 8:30am-4:00pm

Distance Education Office/105G

Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm

ABBEVILLE CAMPUS

Room 07AA

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-8:00pm

EDGEFIELD CAMPUS

Room 117

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am-1:30pm

LAURENS CAMPUS

Room 205

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-8:00pm

Fri: 9:00am-12:00pm

MCCORMICK CAMPUS

Room 111

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-8:00pm

NEWBERRY CAMPUS

Room 200

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-7:30pm

SALUDA CAMPUS

Room 111

Mon-Thurs: 8:00am-8:00pm

D2L Technical Support

Around the clock technical support is available through the Desire2Learn 24 hour help-line - 1-877-325-7778 or via email:

<http://www.desire2learn.com/sup/user/support>.

For technical and system information check the User Support widget on the D2L home page.



Your goals. Our mission.

More Student Clubs and Activities

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES Academic Success Workshop



Darlene Saxon, Admissions Counselor, Speaker

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 • 12:45 – 1:30 p.m.

Room 205-K, Marion P. Carnell Library/Learning Resources Center

ALL STUDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND

A Federal TRIO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Respiratory Care Club is having a soup sale! Come and enjoy some soup outside of the Student Center and H building court yard on Tuesday, February 23 between 12:30-1:30pm! Purchase includes soup, cornbread or crackers, choice of drink, and a dessert! All of this for only \$6!

Join Lambda Chi Nu, the Nursing Honor Society at Piedmont Technical College for a delicious breakfast at Fatz Cafe on Saturday, March 12. Doors open early! Breakfast served 7:00AM-10:00 AM. Help raise money to support healthy babies through the March of Dimes. Tickets are on sale now - call Gentry at 706-540-3527 or Amber at 706-498-6801 for info.

GIVE BLOOD There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 between 10am-3pm in the parking lot outside the K building. For your donation, you will receive TBC Reward Points. You will need to bring your Donor ID card or a photo ID. Please drink plenty of water and eat before you donate. Thank you for your support.



Support the Early Childhood (ECD) Club Gift Basket Fundraiser. All proceeds will be used to help sponsor the ECD Club Literacy Event. There will be a drawing on March 1st for three baskets: a Gardening Basket, a Grilling Basket and a Spa Basket. Obtain your tickets from: Tammie Mallory in 102V (941-8381), Ashley Hollingsworth in 108V (941-8787), Rhonda Pendergrass in 110V (941-8507) or any ECD Club member. Tickets will be on sale from February 15- February 29. Prices are: \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 7 tickets or \$10 for 15 tickets.

**PTC Student Support Services
2016 Community Project
to Benefit
"BAG OF BLESSINGS"
in Abbeville**

**Help a Child by Donating one or both
items below:**

1. Your Plastic Grocery Bags
2. A 12-pack of (8 oz.) mini bottled
water (less than \$2.00)



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Drop off for Plastic Grocery Bags ONLY will be
located at: 114-A, 116-A & Student Center

Attention: Please bring the Mini Bottled Water to
the Student Support Services Staff (101-A)



Drop off Dates: February 22, 2016 - March 23, 2016

**ECD Club
Gift Basket Fundraiser**

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Gardening Basket
Spa Basket
Grilling Basket

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sponsor the ECD Literacy Event

Obtain your tickets from:

Tammie Mallory 102V (941-8381), Ashley
Hollingsworth 108V (941-8787), Rhonda Pendergrass
110V (941-8507) or any ECD member.

Come try your luck at our raffle!

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Lambda Chi Nu

Piedmont Technical College Greenwood, SC

YETI COOLER RAFFLE

35 Quart YETI Cooler



\$10.00 per Ticket

For more information or for tickets, call: Gentry @ 706-540-3527 or Amber @ 706-498-6801.

**All proceeds go to benefit
March of Dimes Foundation.**

**Buy your ticket today and get ready
For summer! Drawing to be held April 21st.**

Also raffling two
30 oz. Tumblers!
\$3.00 per ticket
or \$5.00 for two

MATH ROCKS

Do you have questions about
your homework?

Do you need help reviewing for
a math quiz or test?

**PTC MATH CENTER
LOCATED IN TLC
IN THE K BUILDING**

The Math Center provides tutoring on a
drop-in basis which means all you need to
do is show up when the Math Center is in
session and an instructor will assist you
individually or in a small group.

PIEDMONT
Technical College

Spring 2016 Hours

**Monday
&
Wednesday**
See a Math Instructor

Tuesday
11:30 – 1:00
Kim Fleming

1:00 – 3:00
Tim Campbell

Thursday
11:30 – 1:00
Kim Fleming

2:00 – 4:00 PM
Barbara Frost

CONTACT INFORMATION

Joyce Hughston – M, T, & W
Barbara Frost - Thursday

Teaching & Learning Center
864-941-8433

Tutoring Center for
one-on-one tutoring:
864-941-8435

12th Annual
PIEDMONT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
TRANSFER FAIR



Talk with representatives from Clemson, USC, Lander and many more to find out what each college offers.

WHEN: March 8, 2016 • 11:00am - 1:30pm

WHERE: James Medford Family Event Center
620 N. Emerald Rd • Greenwood, SC 29646

MORE INFO:
www.ptc.edu/transferfair



TRIO STUDENT
SUPPORT
SERVICES

Veterans Program

This federally-funded program serves 60 students each academic year. It is designed to provide academic support for **veterans**, who are first generation and low-income, or **veterans** with documented disabilities who are low-income.

To apply, visit: www.ptc.edu/ssapply.

Take advantage of FREE SERVICES such as:

- Individual Case Management
- Academic/Personal Counseling and Advisement
- Additional Tutoring
- Financial Aid and Economic Literacy Training
- Transfer Assistance
- Cultural Enrichment Activities

For more information, call **(864) 941-8358** or visit the New Student Advising and Veterans Center, in **Room 149A**, on the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood.



Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship Applications Available



The Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District will be awarding two \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors or current college students from Newberry County. Each scholarship check will be written directly to the college/university the student plans to attend. Applicants must be planning to attend and be accepted by a college, university or technical college to pursue a degree in agriculture, wildlife biology, forestry, Ag education, environmental natural resources field, or any related field, to be determined by discretion of the District, in the fall of 2016.

The Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District in conjunction with the efforts from the Keep Newberry County Beautiful Program will also be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors or current college students from Newberry County. Each scholarship check will be written directly to the college/university the student plans to attend. Applicants must be involved in the community and have been accepted by a college, university or technical college to pursue a degree relating to conservation efforts in the fall of 2016.

All applications are offered as a fillable .pdf and must be mailed to or dropped off at the Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District office located at 719 Kendall Road, Newberry, SC 29108. The deadline for all applications will be Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 no later than 4:30 p.m. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline. Winners will be chosen anonymously by March 31st, 2016.

Please visit www.nswcd.com to access the application materials.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Danielle Rowe at the Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District office at (803) 276-1978 ext.101

Note: This scholarship will be available (upon reapplication every year) for up to 4 years, consecutively or non- consecutively. This will not guarantee the applicant will receive the scholarship; however, the applicant is not limited to only one scholarship winning.

D2L Brightspace Pulse

Brightspace Pulse is a D2L app that helps you stay on track with your courses. You can use it to stay up to date with course calendars, assignments, grades, and news. Real-time alerts keep you connected even during the busiest times.



Continuing Education Courses

www.ptc.edu/coned (864) 941-8400



Splash of Color Paint Party

Create your own 11x14 masterpiece! No experience necessary to attend this fun, interactive painting class. Here every person is an artist! Bring your friends along to enjoy this fun, exciting learning experience. You will turn a clean canvas into your own unique, one of a kind masterpiece. Local artist, Alice Rambo will teach a step by step process to make your own acrylic work of art. Take your painting with you when you leave. All materials and light refreshment included!

Cost: Singles: \$30

Tuesday, March 15 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Concealed Weapons Permit

This course is designed to satisfy the requirements to receive a Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP) in South Carolina. The course is 8 hours in length. PTC will provide the hearing/eye protection, training materials, fingerprints, firearm, and target. On Saturday, participants must bring one box of 22LR ammunition. The Course is presented by the College's Gunsmith Program Coordinator who is NRA Certified in Basic Pistol and Home Firearm Safety and an approved CWP instructor for the State of South Carolina.

Cost: \$75

Saturday, March 12 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm



Are you or someone you know seeking employment?

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS are available for several continuing education programs that may help! Available programs include CNA, EMT, Advanced Manufacturing, A+ Certification, and Microsoft Certifications.

Must be 18+ years old and have a HS diploma or GED. Must be able to pass BG check and drug screen.

No obligation info sessions: every Tuesday at 10:30am OR 5:30pm - PTC Continuing Education Office- 313 N Emerald Road – Greenwood Campus. Call (864) 941-8400 for dates and times of info sessions at other campuses.