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The *Award-Winning* DCC KNIGHTLY NEWS • MAY 2023



## From Dr. Jerry Wallace President, Danville Community College

I congratulate each of you for your perseverance in continuing your education and completing degrees, certifications and workforce training. Some of you will walk across the graduation stage this May and we look forward to celebrating your accomplishments! Student success is the mission of our institution and we strive to support each of you to meet your goals. Congratulations on completing the semester!  
**Go KNIGHTS!**

*Who do you want be tomorrow?*

**DCC**

Danville Community College

Take the next  
step in your  
education

**ENROLL FOR**  
*Summer & Fall*  
**CLASSES AT DCC!**

APPLY  
TODAY!

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Registration Opens  
April 1, 2023!

Go to: [danville.edu/nextsteps](https://danville.edu/nextsteps) to get started!

**Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2023 OPEN NOW!**

Schedule an appointment with your advisor or **contact [advising@danville.edu](mailto:advising@danville.edu)** and make progress toward your degree in 2023!

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# STUDY JAM SPRING/2023

## STRESSED OVER TESTS? PLAN, DON'T CRAM!



### WHERE? TUTORING CENTER IN THE LRC MONDAY 5/1/23, 8AM-7PM (SNACKS PROVIDED)

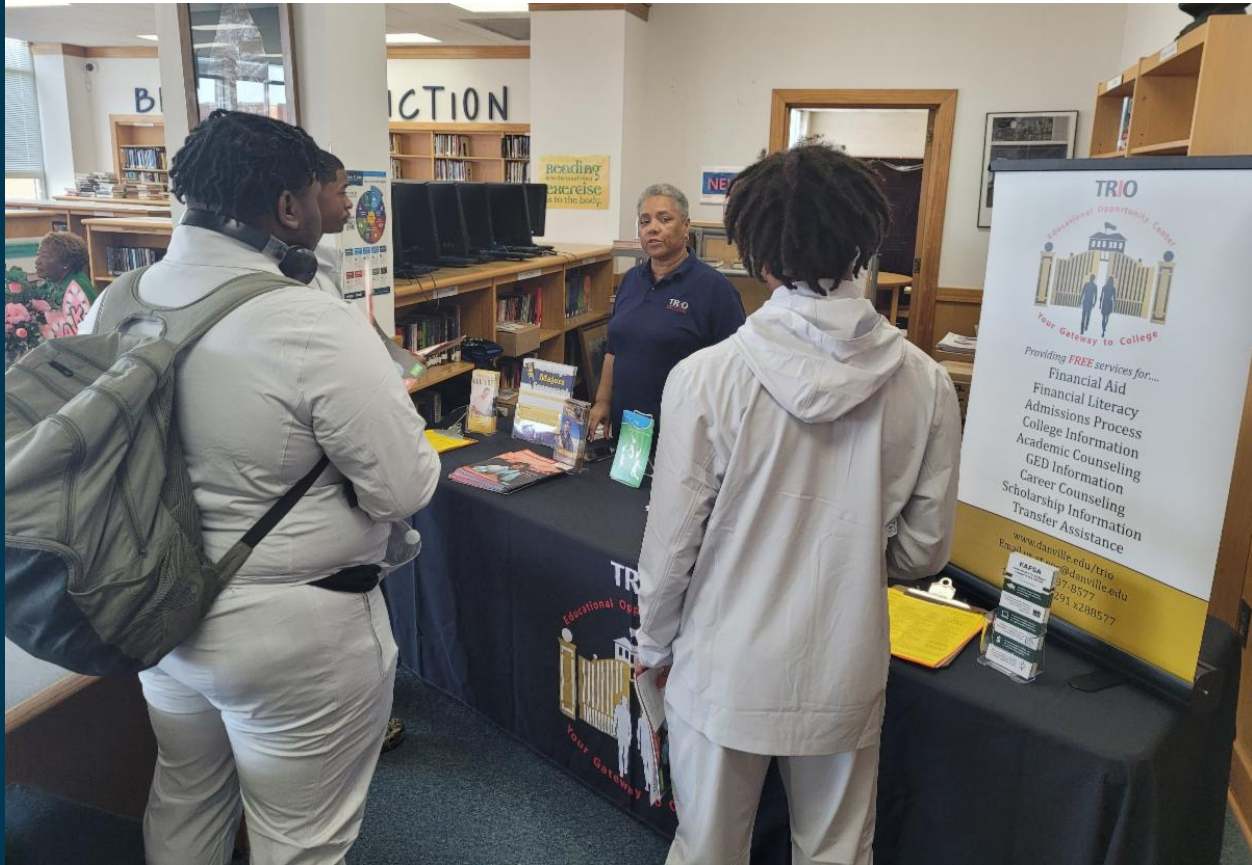


## Early Childhood Students Give Back!

Early Childhood students completed service-learning projects with support from the Center for Community Engagement & Career Competitiveness (CCECC). Projects focused on

literacy development in partnership with Center for Early Success and Head Start, and on math, science, and social studies activities in partnership with Danville Science Center. Students were able to create activities to support the children's learning and development and provide these resources to the partners for their programs.

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## TRIO EOC at GWHS's HBCU Expo

TRIO EOC Education Specialist, Doreen Coleman, participated in the HBCU Expo at George Washington High School on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Juniors and Seniors had an opportunity to engage with college admissions counselors and college access professionals about continuing their education after high school. Contact the TRIO EOC at 434-797-8577 to get started.

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## The Knight's Pantry Has Moved!

The Knights Pantry recently relocated in an effort to better serve our students. The pantry is

now located in Wyatt 108 and is now open five days a week. Drop-in Monday through Friday 8:00-5:00.



## What's Next After High School?

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, Halifax County High School provided students with the opportunity to learn more about the career pathways, educational opportunities, and support available to them upon graduating with a Career Expo & Transition Fair. Camille Younger, TRIO EOC Education Specialist, engaged with students and offered FREE college access literature. One on one college access appointments are available by calling 434-572-5479 (SVHEC) or 434-797-8577.



## Week of the Young Child

Early Childhood students participated in Week of the Young Child activities April 3-7, 2023! Students celebrated with theme-based activities for children in their workplaces during this nationally recognized week.

Students from the Early Childhood program and Pittsylvania County School's Teachers for Tomorrow program joined in "Artsy Thursday" on the playground at Helping Hands Child Development Center on DCC's campus.

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## Tips for Taking Tests

**You've reviewed the material for a test and feel confident that you will do well. You have brought your test anxiety into control. What else can you do to ensure success on a test? Learn and apply these top ten test-taking strategies:**

1. Learn as much as you can about the test. What has the instructor told you about the test? Will it be open book? What types of questions will be on it? Are there parts of the test that will be worth more points than others? Will it be cumulative or just cover the most recent material? Will you have choices about which questions to answer?
2. Try to foresee the questions likely to be on the test. What kinds of questions would you include if you were the instructor? Brainstorm possible questions with your study group. Look for possible questions in your notes. Review past quizzes and tests to see what kinds of questions the instructor likes to ask. Above all, take it seriously whenever your instructor warns, "This will be on the test."
3. Don't be tempted to stay up late cramming. Get some exercise and watch what you eat. Cramming is not a substitute for doing your assignments and studying consistently over time. It is far more important to get a good night's sleep and face your test fresh and well rested. A good workout the day before an exam will help you be fresh and stay focused during the exam (provided you already like to work out; if not, find time to take a long walk). A healthy diet the night before and the day of the exam will give you energy and concentration to do well on the exam. Include "brain foods," such as those rich in omega-3 oils, and avoid "heavy" foods that are rich in fat and sugar. (After the exam, you can celebrate with a cheeseburger, fries, and milkshake—but not before the exam!)
4. Get to the test site early. Take out all your allowable tools (pencils, pens, calculator, etc.). Turn off your cell phone (yes, all the way off, not on vibrate) as a way of disconnecting from your everyday world. Do some of the relaxation exercises described earlier for controlling test anxiety.
5. Create a test plan. Listen carefully to the directions given by the instructor. When you receive your test, scan the entire test first. Evaluate the importance of each section. Then create a time allocation plan. Decide how much time you should dedicate to each section. You don't want to spend 80 percent of your time on a question worth 10 percent of the grade.

6. Write it down. Take a couple minutes to write down key facts, dates, principles, statistics, and formulas on a piece of scratch paper or in the margin of the exam paper. Do this while you are still fresh and aren't yet feeling time pressure (when it will be harder to remember them). Then you can refer to these notes as you take the exam.

7. Read the directions carefully. Then reread them. Do you understand what is expected of you? If not, ask the instructor to be sure you are clear. Too many students lose points simply by not following directions completely!

8. Do the easy questions first. By getting the easy questions out of the way, you'll feel more confident about the test and have more time to think about the tougher questions. Start with the objective sections of the exam first (multiple choice, true or false, and matching columns). As you answer these questions, keep an eye out for facts or concepts you may want to use later in an essay question.

9. Keep an eye on the time. Keep as close to your plan as possible. If you see that you are running out of time, don't panic. Move to those questions you think you can still answer accurately within the remaining time.

10. Check your work. This doesn't mean going through all your calculations again. Start by ensuring that you have complete answers according to the directions. Then look for other common mistakes, such as a misplaced decimal point, dropped words (especially those that can modify the answer, like "not"), and any incomplete or incomprehensible phrases.

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## **DCC TARE OFFICE RECEIVES NEW SCALE-UP 2 GRANT**

The goal of Employment and Training for TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and Income Eligible Participants (SCALE UP 2) is to move income eligible individuals out of poverty by providing resources to expand and enhance existing service delivery efforts that address more fully the needs of the target population prior to their entry into work and during employment. Proposed services will emphasize and measure a reduction in poverty and assist in reducing the dependency on public assistance.

Employment and Training for TANF and Income Eligible Participants is committed to providing a wide array of proven service approaches and strategies that help eligible



participants prepare to obtain employment through Pre-Employment Skill Building, retain employment with soft-skills training and short-term career training leading to movement toward a living wage and career pathway. The program's design specializes in pre-employment and employment services to better service the target population and support job entry with health benefits, retention, wage advancement and career pathways.

"Supporting our citizens who want to provide a better life for their families, but feel that they cannot afford to go to college is the goal of our program. The funds and partnerships provided by this grant, will go a long ways to break the cycle of poverty and allow citizens throughout the region to be competitive in the many career opportunities coming to this area, said Paul Farrar, director of the TARE program at Danville Community College. Program Services include, but not limited to:

- Workplace Readiness Training in reading, math, writing, digital literacy, GED services and Individualized tutoring as needed
- Interest & Career Profilers
- Enhanced services provided in Interpersonal Skill-building, Family Nutrition, Career/Employment Advisement, Training Activities in Mock Interviewing & Resume Writing
- National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC) – Nationally recognized credential attainment
- Access to Community Resource representatives
- Supportive services such as tuition, books, supplies, etc. as needed for short-term training programs
- Transportation Assistance
- Various Incentives to assist in barriers to training

To determine Eligibility an individual must:

- Reside in the service regions of Virginia: Danville City, Pittsylvania & Halifax Counties & South Boston
- Individual or couple with child(ren) aged 19 or younger in school- birth certificate or documentation must be provided
- Non-custodial parent with child(ren) aged 19 or younger in school - birth certificate or documentation must be provided
- Income Eligible – 200% below federal poverty level – documentation of income required
- Must attend – 3 week Workplace Readiness Training Cohort

**Enrolled Participants have the potential to earn up to \$825.00 in Incentives with program completion!**

First cohort set to begin May 2023! For more information, call 434-797-8539 or email [paul.farrar@danville.edu](mailto:paul.farrar@danville.edu).

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## **DCC TARE Office host Family Reunification Workshop on March 22**

Danville Community College's TARE office in partnership with Virginia Probation and Parole hosted a Reunification Workshop on March 22, 2023. The workshop provided a forum for agencies located throughout the Danville/Pittsylvania County region to assist and provide valuable information, such as employment, educational services, health benefits, and other resources to returning citizens and their families making the transition between incarceration and living a productive life in our communities.

According to Barry Mayo, recruiter for the TARE Program, "Research has shown that probationers/parolees will be more successful while on probation if they have family, friends and loved ones involved in the process of their supervision. This workshop was an essential piece of this involvement allowing families, loved ones, and those returning to learn of all the resources available to them."

Paul Farrar, Director of the TARE Program at DCC said "The purpose of the TARE program is to break barriers to education for those in our community who are marginalized and feel education is not a viable option to them."

The event featured a presentation by Angie Lanier from Virginia Probation and Parole about how families can assist their loved ones with their transition between incarceration and life outside of prison. Additionally, Keynote Speaker Rodney White, a former inmate and now with the Virginia Department of Corrections told his story of success after his incarceration.

After all of the presentations, attendees had a chance to meet with local resource providers and learn more about what is available in our community to help families make the transition between incarceration and normal life easier for their loved ones.

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## **WORK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS**



**Would you like to get paid for working on the DCC Campus for 12-15 hours a week?**

**If you are currently receiving the Federal Pell Grant and are enrolled in at least 6 credits that are eligible for financial aid, we may have a job for you!**

**Stop by the Financial Aid Office (Wyatt 111) to complete an application. Please bring a current resume if available.**

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# Need to take a test in the Testing Center?

Exam Appointments Are Filling Up...  
SCHEDULE NOW ...

Email: [testingcenter@danville.edu](mailto:testingcenter@danville.edu) or call 434.797.8404

Bring A Picture Id

- A driver's license, non-operating identification license or Learners Permit
- College ID
- A United States Military ID card (active duty, reserve, and retired)
- A United States passport

Taking An Exam On A Computer

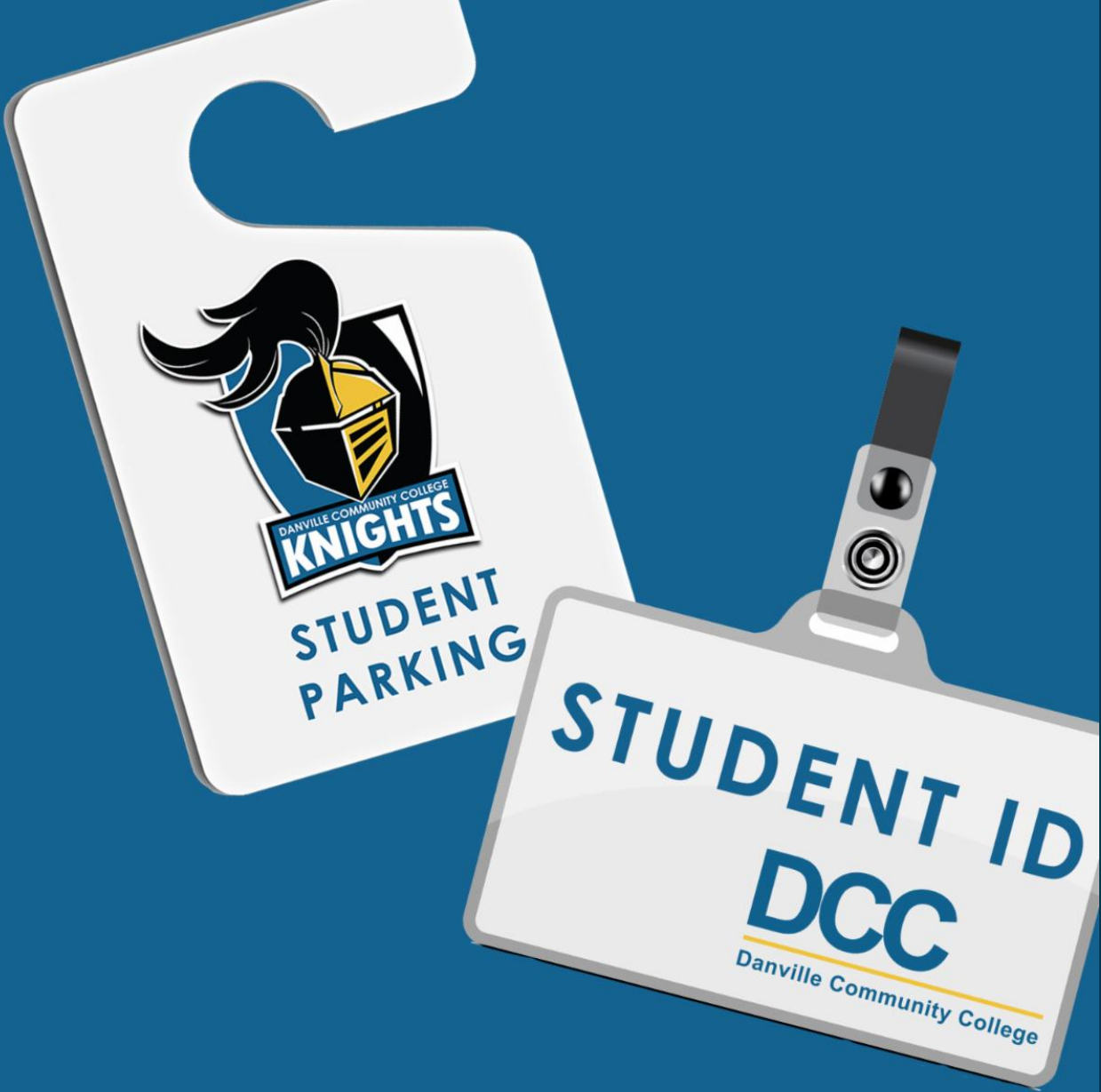
- Schedule your exam
- Bring Your Username and Password (including those stored on your laptop and phone)
- Be prepared to reset your password if necessary

Schedule Your Paper And Pencil Exam

Put Exam Appointment(s) On Your Calendar

Notify Testing Center Staff Of Documented Testing Accommodations You Have Discussed With Your Instructor

If You Have Not Started To Study – Start Studying and Get A Tutor ASAP



## Need a Student ID or Parking Decal?

**Location: Student Center**

**Monday – Friday**

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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# SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

Mon – Thu	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 12:00 noon
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## Holidays and Special Hours:

The LRC will be closed whenever the college is closed.

- January 15 - 16 Closed (MLK Day)
- March 5 Closed (before Spring Break)
- March 6 - 9 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- March 10 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Noon)
- April 9 Closed (Easter Sunday)
- May 9 – 11 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- May 12 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Noon)



## 2023-2024 FAFSA is OPEN NOW!

The 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is OPEN NOW! Don't wait! Submit your FAFSA today!

[Complete the FAFSA Now!](#)

[I Need Help!](#)

## Sign Up for DCC Alert

The safety of our students is at the forefront of our minds as we strive to give you the best experience possible during your time at the college.

To that end, the college would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our policies regarding on-campus emergencies and weather-related closures or delays.

In order to ensure you have the most up-to-date information available, please take a moment to sign up for **DCC Alert**. This is the college's first line of communication to let you know when something has happened that affects you such as a closing due to a weather event.

You can also keep up with information about the college on **DCC's Facebook page**: [www.facebook.com/dccpr](http://www.facebook.com/dccpr)



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## Upcoming Dates

Study Jam | **May 1**

Castle Bookstore Book Buyback | **May 3-5**

Commencement | **May 13**

[Calendar](#)

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