

The Award-Winning DCC KNIGHTLY NEWS • January 2024

BLACK HISTORY MONTH Knightly News =





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> Registration starts November 1, 2023! Go to: danville.edu/nextsteps to get started!



EVENT SCHEDULE

The Danville Civil Rights Tour February 28, More details to come via Student/Staff e-mail

"The Movement" Documentary Screening

"The Movement" tells the story of Danville's Civil Rights struggle during the summer of 1963. Dates and Times to come via Student/Staff Email

Knights Recognition: Curators for Change

Guest Speaker: Dr. Daryl Minus SVCC VP of Enrollment Management & Student Success February 27 at 11 a.m. Shields Student Center

Celebrating the Arts: Black Cinema Screening

Join us for a selection of films celebrating Black History Shields Student Center Details to come via student/staff email.

More events to be announced!

Be sure to visit the Shields Student Center to view the **MLK - I Have a Dream Mural** and to learn more about this month's events. .

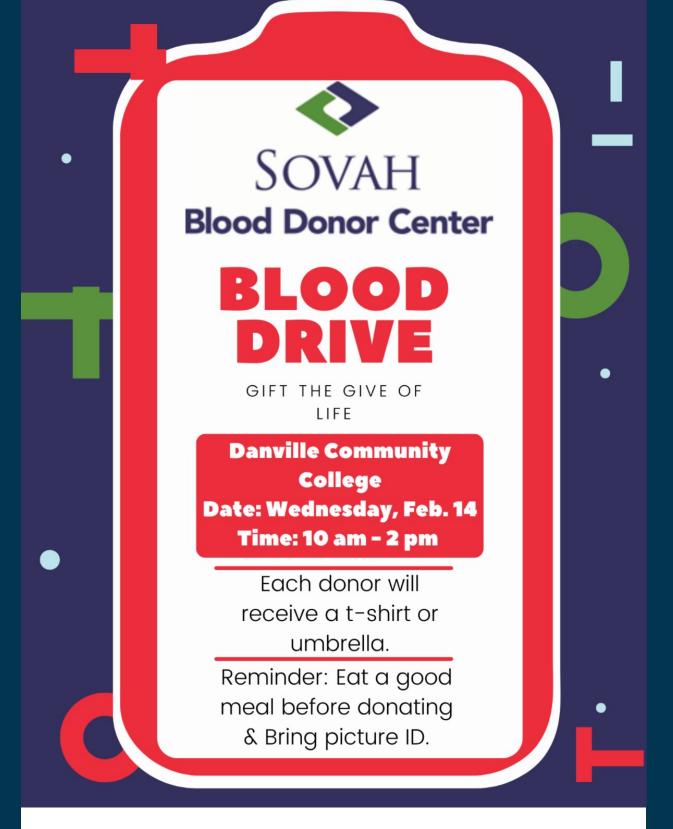
> Questions? student.activities@danville.edu





Graduation Application Deadline

It's finally time, folks! Your graduation applications are due **February 15, 2024** to the **Student's Division Office.**



SOVAH Blood Drive

Come join us on February 14 at 10 am - 2 pm for the SOVAH Blood Drive.

ALL blood types are needed to help others in your community.





March 28, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Danville Community College Oliver Hall / Temple Building 1007 Bonner Avenue Danville, VA 24541

ANNUAL Career FA & R

For more information contact us at careerservices@danville.edu





In partnership with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, DCC encourages you to drive safely this Super Bowl!



THEME: "I Belong"

Participant students are to submit three poems (one of which must be centered on the topic "I Belong") or a visual with the same theme.

Students who are enrolled in academic programs, workforce development, adult education, and dual enrollment/early college programs are eligible for the competitions.





FASFA BLITZ WORKSHOP

WHEN? THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DCCC Danville Community College WHERE? WYATT 214 DCC CAMPUS All are welcome!

Join us for a 2024-2025 FAFSA BLITZ!

On February 15, 2024, students may walk into Wyatt 214 on the DCC campus without an appointment to complete their 2024-2025 FAFSA with the support and expertise of the TRIO EOC staff. Our staff has been trained on the new, more streamlined version of the FAFSA that resulted from the FAFSA Simplification Act and we stand ready to guide you through the changes that have been made to this important application.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the TRIO EOC office at 434-797-8577.

Castle Bookstore Black History Month Contest & Raffle Winner



I HAVE A DREAM MARTIN LUTHER KING

February is Black History Month and the Castle Bookstore is inviting students to try their hand at dramatic reading in a fun, exciting contest. Can you read with feeling, meaning and enthusiasm? Why not participate in the dramatic reading contest to remember black history. You can pick your own reading source - for instance, an excerpt from Martin Luther King's famous speech, "I Have a Dream," a poem by Maya Angelou, or another of your favorite literary pieces by black authors. The date and details of the contest will be announced in an upcoming Instagram post.

Stay tuned!



Congratulations to Beverly Harville, the proud winner of a DCC Knight hoodie! Ms. Harville participated in a Bookstore raffle for those who purchased items in the year-end Holiday Sale. We would like to thank all who supported the Bookstore during the sale.



Fall 2023 Phlebotomy Training Completion Ceremony

On Friday, January 19, a completion ceremony was held for the Fall 2023 Phlebotomy training completers.

Congratulations to all who were recognized!



Did you know FEBRUARY is FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH? #FINAIDFEB

The Financial Aid Office is always available to answer your questions about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the application process. However, during the month of February, we join the nation in celebrating Financial Aid Awareness Month! In an effort to provide important information to students and families about federal, state, and institutional student aid, let's take a minute to answer some frequently asked questions about the FAFSA® process!

Q: How much does it cost to complete the FAFSA form?

A: The FAFSA form is free. The form can be accessed https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa.

Q: My family makes too much money. I won't qualify for financial aid.

A: There are no income limits and most students qualify for some type of financial aid. Financial aid includes federal and state grants, student loans, and scholarships. In many cases, the FAFSA is required for scholarship applications, so everyone should apply!

Q: What is an FSA ID? Do I need one to complete the FAFSA?

A: The FSA ID is your user account name and password. For the 2024-25 FAFSA, students and contributors (parents or spouses) are required to have a FSA ID to complete the form online. You can create an FSA ID here, Create Account | Federal Student Aid.

Q: How long does it take to complete the FAFSA?

A: Most people can complete and submit their first FAFSA form in less than an hour.

Q: How often do I need to complete the FAFSA form?

A: Students must complete a new FAFSA form every year in school to stay eligible for federal student aid. The good news is that filling out the renewal FAFSA® form takes

less time.

Q: Where can I get help with the FAFSA?

A: The Financial Aid Office, Wyatt 111, is available for assistance with the application and to answer any questions. The Financial Aid Office can be reached by calling (434) 797-8567 or emailing DCCFinaid@ danville.edu. The Trio EOC Office also takes appointments to assist students with the application and can be reached at (434) 797-8577.



FAFSA Saturday at SVHEC!

On Saturday, January 13th from 10am – 2pm, the entire TRIO EOC Team assisted high school seniors and current college students in applying for the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the Southern VA Higher Education Center in South Boston, Virginia. Students and parents successfully navigated through the "Better FAFSA" and received scholarship information from various community organizations.

For your FAFSA appointment, call 434-797-8577.

Walk-ins are welcomed!

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Introducing the DCC Advising Center



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ADVISING CENTER

Location: Wyatt 101 Email: <u>advising@danville.edu</u> Phone: 434-797-8420 Webpage: <u>danville.edu/advising-</u> <u>center</u>

Meet the Academic Advising Team!

At DCC, the primary goal of academic advising is to foster student success by helping students become effective agents for their own lifelong learning and personal development through informed planning and decision making. To accomplish this goal, we start by ensuring that each program-placed student is assigned an academic advisor. Visit our webpage for more information about DCC's Advising Model.

Never hesitate to contact an academic advisor. If you need help, reach out to us at advising@danville.edu or call (434) 797-8420.



Need a Student ID or Parking Decal?

Location: Student Center Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.





TELL US 'ONE GREAT THING'!

We're kicking off an exciting new campaign that focuses on telling our community "One Great Thing" about DCC. As a student, you are the expert who knows why DCC is a great place to learn and have fun! Please use the link below or scan the QR code to submit your "One Great Thing" about DCC using the form.

If selected, your quote and name may be used on one (or more!) of our many media channels.

Please be sure to phrase your quote beginning with, "One great thing about DCC is...." and complete the sentence with your favorite thing about our college.

Fill out the form!



Join the Student Government Association Today! Get Involved and Serve!

Do you have school spirit? Are you a passionate student? Let's carry out SGA's mission through commitment activity! Join the SGA today by completing a Commitment Application.

For questions, please contact student.activities@danville.edu or (434) 797-8490.

Location: Student Center Room 104.

Dig With **© B B** Keep Virginia Safe!



Remember to Keep Danville Safe! Dig With C.A.R.E.

If you hit a gas line while digging, smell a strong gas odor, or see/hear any unusual occurrences, you may be observing signs of a leak in a natural gas line. Signs of a gas line leak include a high-pitched whistle or hissing sound, blowing dust, dead vegetation in a normally green area, continuous bubbles in an underwater area, and ground fires.

If you suspect a gas leak, report it immediately to Danville Utilities at (434) 799-5284. Keep people clear of the area and ensure there is no risk of ignition (for instance: someone smoking, using a mobile telephone, or using electrical appliance nearby).

How much do you know about natural gas?

Danville Utilities needs your help to gather information on natural gas/gas safety by taking a brief survey. Your answers help us improve the

way we share safety information. Scan the QR code to begin.





Academic Integrity:

Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. -C. S. Lewis

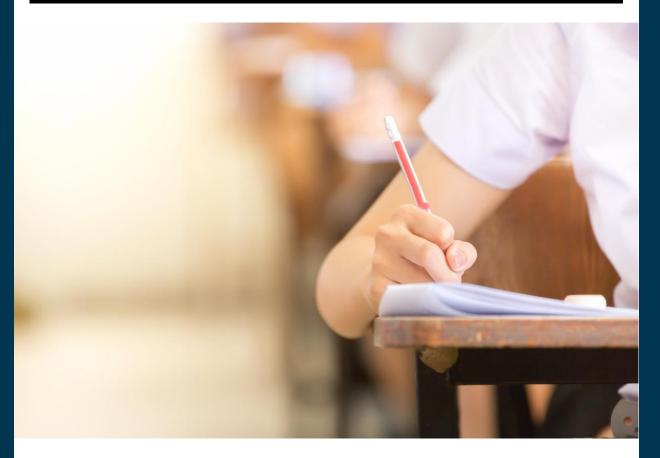
You should always have pride in the work you do and should take ownership in your own learning! We understand that with tools like Google search, it's easy to find immediate answers to your questions. However, you are responsible for understanding the difference between using the web for help and support of your learning, versus using the web to cheat. Academic dishonesty/Cheating jeopardizes your success, your integrity and has consequences.

Student Expectations:

- Be honest at all times
- Actively encourage academic integrity in your friends and classmates
- Discourage any forms of cheating or dishonesty
- Inform your teacher, counselor, administrator, or someone you trust if you have a reasonable belief and/or evidence that academic dishonesty has occurred

Some examples of academic dishonesty are, but not limited to:

- Using unauthorized materials and/or resources
- Copying work from another student, or from the web
- Using a technological/communication tool and/or resource during an assessment
- Having anyone else but you complete any part of your coursework for you
- Using online searches to find answers to your assessment questions
- Posting answers to assessment questions online



Need to take a test? Come visit the testing center!

The Testing Center is open for computer, and paper and pencil testing on the following days:

Monday – Thursday from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Friday – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Sunday – 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (see LRC Hours)

To make an appointment, use our Online Scheduler: https://danville.libcal.com/reserve/testing/seats

email: testingcenter@danville.edu or call: 434-797-8404.

or *Click this button* to register for an appointment.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society News

Phi Theta Kappa will hold **monthly** meetings on the **1st** & **3rd Thursday of each month in Temple 109.**

Phi Theta Kappa's general meetings will occur on February 1th & 15th at 11 a.m. in Temple 109.

Anyone who is interested in joining or learning more about Phi Theta Kappa is welcome to attend.



The Tutoring Center is here to help!

Make an appointment through Navigate or call the Tutoring Center at 434-797-6432.

Hours for Spring 2024 Semester Mon-Thu 8 AM to 7 PM Friday 8 AM to 12 PM

> Drop-In Times: Monday and Wednesday 8 AM-12 PM Tuesday and Thursday 12 PM - 7 PM MATH LAB Monday -Thursday 9 AM - 5 PM



SPRING 2024 SCHEDULE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

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

Holidays and Special Hours: The LRC will be closed whenever the college is closed.

- January 14 15
- March 3
 March 4 7
- March 4
 March 8
- March 31
- May 7 9
- May 10

Closed (MLK Day) Closed (before Spring Break) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Noon) Closed (Easter Sunday) 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Noon)

Looking to increase your GPA or just better understand what you are learning? The TUTORING CENTER is your answer.

Spring Semester 2024 hours: Mon-Thu 8am to 7pm, Friday 8am to 12pm

Math Lab: Mon-Thu 9am to 5pm

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.

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 <u>DCC Alert</u>. 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 <u>DCC's Facebook</u> page: www.facebook.com/dccpr



Upcoming Dates

Phi Theta Kappa Meeting | February 1

Phi Theta Kappa Meeting | February 15

Poetry & Art Submissions due | February 10

Blood Drive | February 14

Graduation Application Deadline | February 15

Winners announced for Poetry & Art Competition | February 23

Annual Career Fair | March 28

Calendar

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