

The Award-Winning DCC KNIGHTLY NEWS • September 2024





DCC Knights,

I am thrilled to welcome you all back to campus for another exciting academic year at Danville Community College. Whether you are returning to continue your studies or joining us for the first time, I want you to know how proud we are to have you as part of our vibrant community.

As we embark on this new semester, I encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities available to you here at DCC. Our faculty and staff are committed to providing you with the support and resources you

need to succeed, both academically and personally. We are here to help you achieve your goals, and we believe in your potential to make a positive impact on our campus and beyond.

This year, we are introducing several new initiatives and programs designed to enhance your learning experience and prepare you for the challenges of tomorrow. I urge you to get involved, explore your interests, and connect with your peers. The friendships and networks you build here will last a lifetime and will be invaluable as you move forward in your careers and lives.

I also want to remind you of the importance of balance. While your studies are crucial, remember to take care of your physical and mental well-being. Participate in campus events, join a club or organization, get involved in Student Government, or simply take a moment to enjoy the beautiful surroundings of our campus. A well-rounded college experience is key to your success and happiness.

Let us make this academic year one of growth, discovery, and achievement. I am confident that with your dedication and enthusiasm, we will continue to shape and grow a vibrant and inclusive campus where everyone can thrive.

Welcome back, and let's make this year the best one yet!

Warm regards,

Dr. Jerry Wallace *President* Danville Community College

DCC Student Government Association Meeting





Time: 11:00 a.m. -12 Noon

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Location: Shields Student Center



Attention SGA Members!

Join us for our first meeting of the academic year to discuss our goals and focus areas.

Your input is essential in shaping the direction of SGA, so don't miss out! See you there!

Join us and Celebrate

Hispanic Heritage Month!

Guest Speaker Dr. Paula Pando, President of Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia, will share her story of perseverance, accomplishment,and leadership as a Chilean American.



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When: September 23, 2024 Where: Shields Student Center - OR -Virtually by Zoom (link to come) What Time: 10 a.m.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Coco – Wednesday, Sept. 4 – 11:00 AM (Spanish w/English Subtitles) Coco – Thursday, Sept. 5 – 1:00 PM (English w/Spanish Subtitles) A Million Miles Away – Thursday, Sept. 12 – 11 AM In the Heights – Monday, Sept. 16 – 11 AM (English w/Spanish Subtitles) In the Heights – Thursday, Sept. 19 – 1 PM (Spanish w/English Subtitles) Encanto – Thursday, Sept. 26 – 11 AM (English w/Spanish Subtitles)

STUDENT CENTER



The need is constant. The gratification is instant.

Give blood.





DCC Blood Drive

Shields Student Center

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: dcc to schedule an appointment. (Scroll down to find us!)

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your predonation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

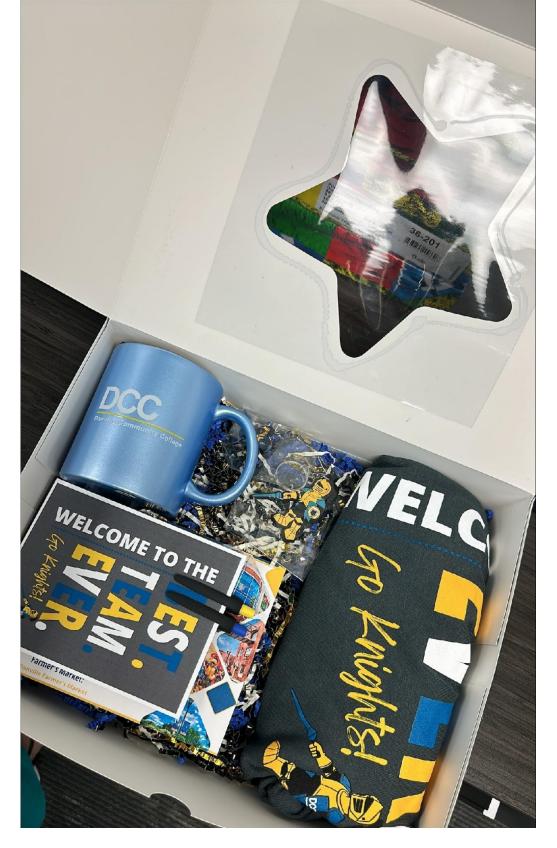
Help DCC and the Red Cross address the severe blood donation shortage across our region! Schedule your donation appointment at RedCrossBlood.org for our blood drive on **Tuesday, Sep. 24** from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM** in the **Shields Student Center**.



Halifax County National Night Out

DCC is proud to recognize some of our awesome nursing students who volunteered at the Halifax County National Night Out community event on August 6th, 2024. The event was held at the Halifax County Fair Grounds and was sponsored by Southside Behavioral Health, Southside Wellness Coalition, and by the Halifax County Sheriff's Office. The event is a night of communities, nationwide, standing together to promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity.

Pictured here are Senior Nursing Students Wanda Johnson, Brooke Duffey, Shunda Plunkett, Madyson Wilkerson, Ollie Gosier, and Alyson Martin.



Introducing: The Welcome Committee 'Welcome Boxes'

A special welcome to all new Faculty and Staff! Each new DCC Faculty or Staff member will receive a 'Best Team Ever' welcome box, complete with DCC goodies and information.

Welcome to the Team!



Do you want a chance to model for the DCC Castle Bookstore for '24-'25?

The Bookstore is looking for fresh faces to join our modeling team this school year. Enjoy modeling new Bookstore apparel and accessories, electronics and more. You may be featured on the Bookstore website, in the store on posters, as well as on campus - and even city billboards!

Interested students (staff and faculty too!), email two photos (selfies are fine but no filters please) to andrea.nichols@danville.edu by September 30, 2024. Those selected will be featured in a future edition of the Knightly News. A new adventure awaits!



Workforce Services Updates & Successes:

The Workforce Services Division has been busy re-engaging with businesses and industries in our community and celebrating student success with exciting Cybersecurity and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CMA) Completion Ceremonies.

Congratulations to our Cybersecurity and CMA Completers!



🕴 DENTAL EXAMS

🔰 ORAL CANCER SCREENINGS

CLEANINGS / SCALING

🗍 RADIOGRAPHS

BLOOD PRESSURE AND VITAL SIGNS

PATIENT EDUCATION





DANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION HALL 1001 NEATHERY LANE

Looking to get your teeth cleaned or examined? Look no further! DCC's Dental Hygiene Students have you covered!

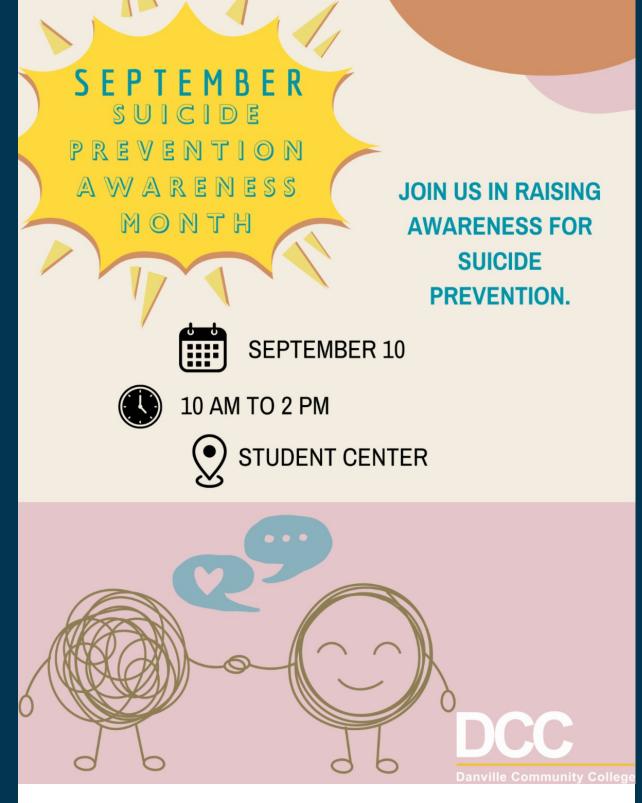
Danville Community College (DCC) dental hygiene students are searching for patients. Under the supervision of registered dental hygienists, students provide free dental exams, X-rays, and cleanings for patients in the dental hygiene clinic. Patients also receive education on ways to improve and maintain good oral and overall health.

Students are currently looking for volunteers to participate and receive these complementary services. All patients are screened for health conditions before appointments are scheduled to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Completion of

care usually consists of three to six appointments.

DCC is equipped with a state-of-the-art dental clinic that looks and functions much like a dental office. Located on the corner of South Main Street and Kemper Road in Foundation Hall on the DCC Campus, the dental clinic allows dental hygiene students to practice their skills in a hands-on setting.

Individuals who are interested may call the clinic at 434.797.8424 and leave a message. A student will return the call to schedule an appointment.



World Suicide Prevention Day

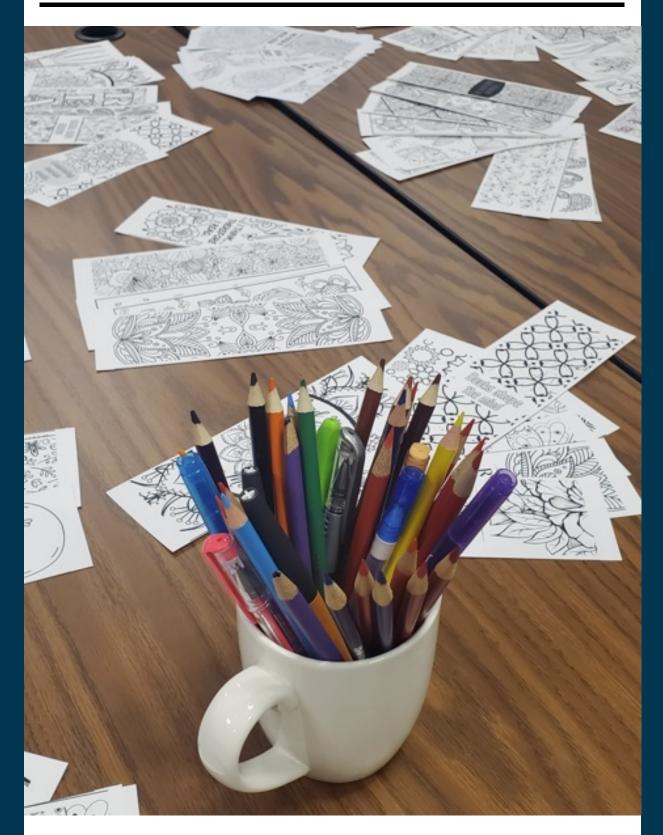
Suicide is a major public health challenge, with more than 700 000 deaths each year globally. Each suicide has far-reaching social, emotional, and economic consequences, and deeply affects individuals and communities worldwide.

On **September 10th**, between **10:00 am** and **2:00 pm**, join us in the **Student Center** for a day dedicated to raising awareness and fostering prevention of suicide. This important event will highlight valuable resources including mental health support. Come learn, connect, and support one another as we work together to build a stronger, more informed community. Every conversation, no matter how small, can

make a difference.

Let's stand together for suicide prevention!

See you there!



Relax and Get Creative at the Library!

Take a break between classes and relax with our new coloring bookmarks available in the Library! These creative bookmarks are designed to provide a calming and enjoyable activity during your downtime. Grab one from our display, find a cozy spot

in the Library, and let your creativity take over. Coloring can be a great way to destress and refresh your mind. Once you're done, use your beautifully decorated bookmark to keep track of your reading. Visit the Library today to pick up a coloring bookmark and enjoy a moment of relaxation!

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DCC Advising Center



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ADVISING CENTER

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

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

Monday - Thursday **11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Other times are available by appointment.

Email ashley.yancey@danville.edu





Need Canvas Assistance?

For support with Canvas, including troubleshooting and technical issues, reach out to the Canvas Help Desk at **canvas@danville.edu**.

Our team is here to assist you with any questions or problems you may encounter while using the platform.

We're committed to ensuring your online learning experience is smooth and productive.

Don't hesitate to get in touch for help!

FALL 2024 SCHEDULE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

Mon – Thu Friday Saturday Sunday

8:00 am – 8:00 pm 8:00 am - Noon CLOSED 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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

Other special hours will be posted as needed.

- September 2
- November 5
- November 27
- Nov 26 Dec 1
- Dec 24 Jan 1

Closed (Labor Day) 8am – 5pm 8am – Noon Closed (Thanksgiving) Closed (Christmas Break)



Testing Center Frequently Asked Questions

Where Is The Testing Center Located?

The Clement Learning Resources Building, in the rear of the Library.

Do I Need An Appointment?

Yes. Make an appointment using our Online Appointment Scheduler, email: testingcenter@danville.edu or call 434-797-8404.

What Do I Need To Bring?

A valid (unexpired), original picture ID (not a photocopy or digital). Such as a:

- Government-issued driver's license or non-driver ID card
- Official school-produced student ID card from the school you currently attend
- Government-issued military or national identification card
- Government-issued passport
- Your Canvas username, password, and phone for Multifactor Identification for online testing.

All testers are required to turn the phone off and store it in a locker or book-bag. Note: We also offer paper and pencil tests.

Music helps me concentrate, can I use my earbuds in the testing center?

No, you cannot wear earbuds, headphones, etc. unless you have a documented accommodation.

Is there anything else I need to know?

- All belongings must be placed a locker, on top or below the lockers. Note: It is strongly recommended that you lock all of your belongings in your vehicle prior to testing.
- Food and drink are not allowed in the testing center.
- You may not have any electronic or recording devices at your desk, in your pockets, (or anywhere you can reach them during testing, even if they are turned off or you do not use them.
- All outside garments (i.e. coats/jackets, hats, scarves) and weather apparel (sunglasses, gloves) must be removed and placed in the area designated by the proctor, however, provisions can be made for specific religious/cultural apparel
- You may not leave the room during your test session. [Proctor must be notified, or test will be closed.]
- Monitoring software is in use.
- A snapshot can be taken of your computer screen for incident reporting.

On rare occasions, power outages, server outages, or weather problems can and do close us without warning when we least expect it. We recommend that you plan to take you tests well in advance before you need them.

If you have any additional questions, contact : testingcenter@danville.edu or call 434-797-8404



Download Microsoft Office 365 Today

Enhance your productivity with Microsoft Office 365, available for free to all Danville Community College students! To download, visit office.vccs.edu. Be sure to have your MyDCC login credentials handy for a seamless setup. With Office 365, you'll have access to powerful tools like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more to support your academic journey.

Don't miss out—get your free copy today and start making the most of your coursework!



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

Don't "Fall" Behind in Your Classes!

Free tutoring is available for appointments and drop-in times in the Tutoring Center and Math Lab. Sign up or come by today and get ahead of the game!

Tutoring Center Hours Monday – Thursday

8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Fridays 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.

(Drop-in Times):

Monday and Wednesday

Math Lab Hours

No appointment needed!

Monday – Thursday 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Fridays Closed

8 A.M. to 12 P.M. Tuesday and Thursday 12 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Discover the Tutoring Center and Math Lab!

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DCC's Testing Center Welcomes New and Returning Students:

A few things to think about:

- Don't let failure get you down for more than a day.
- Don't allow yourself to build an inflated ego after a success.
- Maintain a sense of humility and gratitude for each success and failure you experience.
- If your grades are not where you want, email tutoring@danville.com

We are open for computer and paper and pencil testing:

Monday–Thursday 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

We are located in the Clement Learning Resources Building, in the rear of the Library.

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.

Executive meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month.

General meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

PTK will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 9/19/2024, at 11:00 AM. Our meeting will be held in Temple 109 (Middle room of Oliver Hall)

Our meeting is open to all. Feel free to drop by and learn more about PTK.



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



WORK STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS



Would you like to get paid for working on the DCC Campus for 10-15 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

Suicide Awareness Event | Sept 10

Patriot's Day, 9/11 Memorial Museum Virtual Tour, Student Cente r | Sept 11

SGA Meeting | Sept 17

Constitution Day | Sept 17

First Phi Theta Kappa Meeting | Sept 19

Hispanic Heritage Month Speaker | Sept. 23

DCC Blood Drive | Sept 24

National Women's Health and Fitness Day | Sept 25

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