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Wednesday, October 27, 2010

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
201 Waterfront Street
National Harbor, MD 20745
6:00 p.m.

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A Message from the President

You will notice significant changes—physical and active—at Prince George's Community College that took place over the last few months. Our physical landscape was transformed as we demolished several structures that housed some of our academic programs to break ground for the new Center for Health Studies, the way we operate will change as we prepare to position the college through a newly adopted strategic plan and our actions became more focused as we worked to strengthen the success of our diverse male student population.

We are leading the way in preparing students for high-demand, health-related fields. The Center for Health Studies, a state-of-the-art facility, will enable us to meet a growing need for health care practitioners in the state of Maryland. Through the new facility, we will offer education and training programs for five of the top 10 high-demand health care occupations in Maryland and the surrounding region, including registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, pharmacy technician, radiology technologist, and medical records and health information technicians. We are uniquely qualified to provide programs in health studies as our graduates have a first-time licensure pass rate of nearly 90 percent, which is among the highest in the state and exceeds state and national accreditation standards.

Our future direction is determined by the college’s new strategic plan for fiscal years 2011 to 2013. During the past year, we have worked closely with a number of internal and external stakeholders to take a hard look at the college to examine where we’ve been, where we are now and where we need to be to guarantee the future success of the institution, our students and meeting community needs. We have identified crucial trends impacting the college which serve as a framework upon which to strengthen our vision, mission and goals.

Through the Diverse Male Student Academy at Prince George's Community College, we are combining diversity with excellence while creating a culture of success for the male segment of our student population. Study after study shows a widening achievement gap between African-American and Latino male students and their counterparts. Males are a vital part of our future workforce, and our commitment to this program along with their perseverance will ensure that our male students can become leaders of tomorrow.

Finally, I must conclude by sharing the latest news regarding the overall success of the college and our students. In May, we celebrated another milestone with the graduation of more than 900 students during the college’s 51st Commencement. Not only did we identify another Distinguished Alumnus, Reginald Dwayne Betts, but we also highlighted nearly 200 students for academic honors. Also, on June 8, 2010, the college was named a National Center of Academic Excellence by the National Security Agency from 2010 to 2015. This designation underscores the quality of education available at Prince George's Community College.

While we have accomplished much and have more work to do, we want to pause and recognize the tremendous success and accomplishments of our students who continue to excel.

Best Regards,

Charlene M. Dukes

Prince George's Community College values student success in an environment that emphasizes high standards, collaboration and engagement, and pride in the leadership and accomplishments of all members of the college community. As a learning community we value:

Excellence
We strive to ensure quality outcomes through rigorous learning experiences designed to develop the mind and build character through civic engagement and service learning.

Success
We believe all individuals have the potential to realize their goals.

Diversity
We promote opportunities to expand our world view through exposure to and greater understanding of all peoples, cultures and lifestyles.

Respect
We treat every person with the same humanity, courtesy, and civility that we expect for ourselves.

Professionalism
We believe all individuals will approach their responsibilities ethically, fairly and with high standards.

Lifelong Learning
We promote learning and development at all stages of life. We believe learning takes place at all times both inside and outside of the classroom. We honor and embrace all forms of learning, both formal and informal.
Orlan Johnson is one among 23 committed members of the board of directors of the Prince George’s Community College Foundation, Inc. who helps to lead the philanthropic efforts of the college. Mr. Johnson’s affiliation with the institution began in 1998 as a member of the college’s board of trustees. When his term ended in 2000, Mr. Johnson began his service with the foundation and is currently president of the organization.

Mr. Johnson is a partner at Saul Ewing, LLP in the Business and Finance Department. His practice focuses on general corporate matters, complex business transactions and federal and state regulatory issues in business and securities transactions. He has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions involving energy companies and audits of public utility companies in conjunction with federal, state and local public utility commissions. Prior to joining Saul Ewing, Mr. Johnson was of counsel at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP where he served as co-head of its regulatory practice in the Washington, D.C. office. Previously, he served for nine years as a Staff Attorney and Branch Chief in the Division of Investment Management for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

His other service includes vice-chairman of the Board of Regents for the University System of Maryland; member of the Board of Directors, University of Maryland Medical System Corporation; and member of the Democratic National Committee. He is also an adjunct professor of law at the Howard University School of Law. Recently, Mr. Johnson was appointed by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate to be the Chairman of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC).

The foundation is grateful for the voluntary support of Mr. Johnson and other members of the board who work tirelessly on behalf of the college for a better county, state and region.

**Double Your Dollars through Matching Gifts**

One of the smartest ways to give is through corporate sponsored matching gift programs wherein companies match the personal charitable donations of their employees, often dollar for dollar. This is an excellent way to maximize the impact of gifts you’re already making.

While these programs are plentiful, many companies do not actively promote their matching gift programs, leaving it up to individual employees to seek them out and initiate the process. Each company has its own set of guidelines for employees, spouses, retirees, and widows/widowers. To find out if an employer is a matching gift company, go to www.pgcc.edu, click on the matching gifts link and type the name of the company in the search field. If the company is one of the over 10,000 companies in the United States that supports higher education, you can link to their website, download the form and be on your way to doubling your dollars in support of scholarships and programs through the PGCC Foundation.

If you work for a company that offers a matching gift program, please consider taking advantage of this company benefit to double or triple the impact of a single gift to the Prince George’s Community College Foundation. Contact the foundation at 301-322-0858 or foundation@pgcc.edu for assistance. Together, we can make a difference.
New Memorial Scholarships

The Betty P. Spence and Shebara C. Spence Scholarship, funded by the estate of Mrs. Betty P. Spence, was recently established in memory of her daughter, Shebara, who received her associate’s degree from Prince George’s Community College in the mid-1970s. In recognition of the great value of education and the enriching effect the college had on her daughter’s life, Mrs. Spence wished to make similar opportunities available to other students. Therefore, she designated the college as the sole beneficiary of her estate value at over $270,000. Mrs. Spence was a retired employee of the Prince George’s County Public School System; Shebara worked as a government contractor for Lockheed Martin and Goddard Space Flight Center prior to her death in 2006. Shebara is described by friends as an excellent student and avid reader.

The Jamal and Tirrell Hubert Scholarship is named for two Prince George’s Community College students who died on October 8, 2009, from injuries sustained in a car accident as they were returning home from classes. Brothers Jamal, 19 and Tirrell, 18, were both graduates of Friendly High School in Fort Washington, Maryland. Their parents raised funds to establish the memorial scholarship, designated for a male student.

The Corrie G. Haines Scholarship was established by Dr. Corrie Haines and his widow Dr. Roberta Haines. Corrie Haines was a faculty member at Prince George’s Community College who had recently retired at the time of his death in 2008. He taught history and African American studies for more than ten years. Over $100,000 is permanently endowed and will be awarded to students majoring in African American Studies.

Deferred Gifts
Deferred gifts represent an enduring legacy and a commitment to the pursuit of educational opportunities. Making a deferred gift to benefit the college in the form of a gift annuity, charitable trust, bequest, or life insurance policy are meaningful ways to support the needs of deserving students. Many of these options are eligible for immediate charitable gift deductions.

More information on giving opportunities is available on the Prince George’s Community College Web site at www.pgcc.edu/alumni/GiveOpp.aspx or by calling (301) 322-0858.
In fall 2009, Prince George's Community College embarked on a process to produce a strategic plan for 2011-2013. After nearly ten months of hard work, the final draft of the plan was approved by the Prince George's Community College Board of Trustees.

The process began with a thorough environmental scan to investigate and assess factors and trends which could affect priorities outlined in the plan. Eight teams of faculty and staff were assigned to study data and news items from media outlets, state and federal agencies, research institutions, professional associations and regional and national think tanks. The scan produced 76 trends in higher education, technology, the economy and the workforce, as well as demographic trends in the region. The information was then shared with external partners in the community to elicit their feedback on which trends would be most important to consider in drafting the college's three-year plan.

Another major component in the planning process was a SWOT analysis, conducted via survey, to identify the college's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Items for the threats and opportunities portion of the survey were drawn directly from the 76 trends that emerged from the environmental scan. The analysis helped to distinguish areas of strength on which the college can build and areas that still present challenges. The survey was completed by faculty, staff and students, ensuring the participation of all segments of the college community.

At workshops in April, members of the strategic planning team selected core trends and drafted the institutional vision, mission and strategic goals. The draft then went to the Board of Trustees for approval.

At the June 11, 2010, meeting, members of the Prince George’s Community College Board of Trustees approved an ambitious three-year strategic plan. Seated left to right: John Steinecke; Jerry Mathis; William Frazier; and Felix Yeoman. Standing left to right: Mel Franklin; Já Lisa Dixon; Lori Morris; and Richard Thomas.
Prince George's Community College recently broke ground on the Center for Health Studies, a state-of-the-art facility that will house the college's health studies programs as well as a Technology Services Center. The three-story building will contain more than 100,000 square feet of space for current and new programs.

Construction of the center comes at a time when the state is facing an urgent need for health care practitioners. A recent personnel survey by the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) found that 56 percent of more than 40 categories surveyed had vacancy rates of 10 percent or higher. The MHA has also projected a statewide shortage of 10,000 nurses by 2016. The center will offer programs for five of the top ten health care occupations in Maryland—registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, pharmacy technician, radiology technologist and medical records and health information technician. Nursing, emergency medical technician (EMT) and radiography are among 11 existing courses to be expanded. New credit offerings made possible by the center are diagnostic medical sonography (ultrasound), physician assistant and surgical technologist programs.

Access to the center will also be available to students and professionals who are not currently enrolled at the college. The creation of a dedicated Kids in College Medical Center Lab will create and strengthen academic and career pathways for students in the K-12 system. The college's partners in the health care community will also be able to utilize center facilities for training purposes.

To meet the increasing demand for technology-based instruction, a centralized computing, networking and telecommunications Technology Services Center, to be situated on the building's third floor, will operate around the clock to keep the college's technological functions running smoothly. In addition to technology-based instruction, the center will also support audio-visual technology services, distance learning and self-service web-based administrative applications. Through its telecommunications room and call and command centers, the technology headquarters will ensure a safe and reliable infrastructure for information technology critical to nearly all operations of the college.

The Health Sciences Collegian Center will be located in the new building. It is one of six discipline-specific collegian centers available to students at the college. Students accepted into health sciences programs are eligible to apply to the collegian center, which aims to present student-centered learning experiences that stimulate critical thinking, improve academic performance, increase exposure to career options and opportunities, and promote students’ engagement with their chosen health science career path. This is accomplished through faculty mentoring, peer tutoring, practice exam sessions, professional and student led presentations, and peer interactions.

To support health care's increasing reliance on technology, the building will include 26 simulation labs to prepare students for real-life clinical experiences. Planned virtual health care facilities include patient simulators, electric beds, emergency room trauma carts, a computerized documentation system and sophisticated diagnostic and interventional equipment.

The construction of a Center for Health Studies is one of the most ambitious projects in the college's history. The state of Maryland and Prince George's County have made a financial commitment of more than $43 million to fund the construction project. An additional $10 million is required to equip and furnish the facility.

“The benefits the center will impart to the community and to individuals are immeasurable. The creation of this major facility will enable us to expand and reinvigorate our health studies programs, giving our students the latest in medical knowledge, technology and instruction. This translates into upgraded patient care, better health and improved quality of life for all the county's residents,” says Dr. Sandra Dunnington, vice president for Academic Affairs.

For information on how you can support the Center for Health Studies, please contact the Prince George's Community College Foundation at (301) 322-0858 or foundation@pgcc.edu.
Save the Date
August 30
Fall 2010 Classes begin

September 23
Literally Speaking:
Featured Author Series,
Todd Kliman author of
The Wild Vine: A Forgotten
Grape and The Untold
Story of American Wine.

September 26
The 18th Annual Bluebird
Blues Festival

October 6
AOBA Scholarship
Reception

October 27
Prince George’s Community College
Foundation, Inc. Partners
for Success Awards Dinner,
Gaylord National Resort
and Conference Center

Demolition Day

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Center for Health Studies building was held on July 1, 2010. Left to right: Howard Burnett, deputy chief administrative officer for Howard Burnett; Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Howard Burnett; Douglas J. J. Peters, Maryland Health and Human Services; Dr. Charlene Dukes, PGCC President; Melony G. Griffith, Maryland State Delegate; and Dr. Sandra Dunnington, PGCC Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Bulldozer demolishes 40-year-old structures that housed academic programs to make room for the new Center for Health Studies.

Sports!
Valis Financial Advisors, first place winners of the Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament held on May 3, 2010, strike a “modest” pose.

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Resource Guide
Graduation

Dr. James E. Lyons, Sr., secretary, Maryland Higher Education Commission addressed the 2010 graduating class at commencement exercises at Showplace Arena on May 27, 2010.

PGCC theatre students performing in “The Most Massive Woman Wins” are highlighted on the Playscripts, Inc web site. Playscripts is a nationally recognized publisher and licensor of plays for the theatre.

A representative from Grainger, Inc., a fortune 100 company, presented a $10,000 check to the college to support scholarships for students in the Building Maintenance Engineering Program.

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union sponsored the rehearsal for the college’s 51st Commencement exercises, along with the PGCC Alumni Association.

Sonya Kennedy, branch manager of the Educational Systems FCU in Bowie, and Mary Harris, marketing manager, share information with 2010 PGCC Graduates.

The Book Bridge Project enjoins the college and the community in a county-wide read. The 2010-2011 selection is The House at Sugar Beach by author Helene Cooper.

The 2010 PGCC Graduates

Left to right: David Buonora, assistant to the PGCC vice president for Workforce Development and Continuing Education (WDCE); Dr. Charlene Dukes, PGCC president; and Adam Johnson, Grainger, Inc.
PGCC Named National Center of Academic Excellence

Prince George's Community College has been named a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Systems Security Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security from 2010 through 2015.

This designation specifically applies to the college's Information Assurance degree and certificate programs housed in the Information and Engineering Technology Department in the Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Division (STEM). It states that Prince George's Community College's curriculum follows guidelines established by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security in the Information Assurance discipline. As students search for positions in the information assurance field, PGCC graduates will have a unique certification that many others will not have.

“The National Center of Academic Excellence designation reinforces the quality of education students receive at Prince George's Community College, and it further emphasizes our attention to international issues surrounding information systems and cyber security,” says Charlene M. Dukes, president of PGCC.

PGCC's role as the leading institution for CyberWATCH, a consortium of 45 higher education institutions, businesses, and government agencies focused on building and maintaining a stronger information assurance workforce, was a factor in the college qualifying to apply for this prestigious accreditation. CyberWATCH is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Of the more than 1,100 community colleges in the U.S., only seven qualified to apply this year. This is the first time the designation has been available to community colleges and only six submitted a proposal. A little over 100 four-year academic institutions have earned this certification.

The official announcement took place at the 14th Annual Conference of the Colloquium for Information Systems Security Education on June 8, 2010, at the National Electronics Museum in Linthicum, MD.

New Program Supports Male Students

More than 200 gathered in the Prince George's Community College Rennie Forum auditorium to attend the February launch of the Diverse Male Student Academy, a new initiative designed to empower and engage male students. The program targets Hispanic and African American male students from the ages of 17 to 27 to help participants stay in college and on track to achieving their goals.

A recent study by the American Council on Education revealed that women continue to outnumber men in higher education. Nationally, men represent 43 percent of the college population. For African Americans and Hispanics, the gap is even wider. Men make up 38 percent of the student body at Prince George’s Community College, a gender gap that is reflected at colleges nationwide.

Through a series of weekly workshops, the Diverse Male Student Academy will provide resources, support and training to participants in a variety of areas, including leadership development, communication skills, financial literacy and the creation of personal goals. The workshops were developed after consulting with male students to assess what skills and knowledge would best address their needs and experiences.

On May 10, 2010, The Diverse Male Student Academy celebrated its first year with a culminating dinner hosted by Brian Hamlin, program manager, and Dr. Tyjaun Lee, vice president of Student Services. The event acknowledged the Spring 2010 cohort and was an inspirational closure to a tremendous beginning. Students, members of the Diverse Male Student Academy Advisory Board, and Prince George's Community College president, Dr. Charlene Dukes listened to presentations of selected student portfolios designed during the Gathering of Men weekly workshop series. Remarks were provided by Bill Anderson, chief technology officer, advisory board member and alum of Prince George's Community College who stressed the importance of "passion" as a driving force when pursuing one's dreams, and how students should take advantage of programs like these as support structures as they continue their education and beyond.

Brian Hamlin, manager of diverse male initiatives explains the goals of the Diverse Male Student Academy to the first cohort of students.
When Southern Management Corporation CEO David Hillman and his wife Suzanne founded the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program in 2006, their intention was to develop a program that would prepare students for careers based on entrepreneurial thinking, or what Mr. Hillman characterized as “out-of-the-box thinking.” Their pledge of $1.7 million from the Hillman Family Foundation created a partnership between Prince George’s Community College and the University of Maryland that allows participants to enter the program while attaining an associate’s degree at Prince George’s Community College, in any field of study except pre-law, and then transfer exclusively to the University of Maryland to complete their bachelor’s degree.

In addition to providing scholarships, the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program supports students with networking events, a specialized curriculum in leadership and entrepreneurship and community service opportunities. More than 100 students have been admitted to the program since its inception. Among them is Trevor Young, who led a team to victory at the 2009 University of Maryland’s $75K Business Plan Competition. Their company, Tseai Energy Unlimited, is working to provide sustainable electricity to rural communities in the developing world. Hillman alumna ShaVon Holland lobbied for and introduced a state bill to facilitate the creation of social entrepreneurship ventures. Her bill passed the Maryland House of Delegates and was taken up by the Maryland State Senate.

Through annual surveys and focus groups, Hillman students have indicated a high level of satisfaction with the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program. They say the program has had a significant positive impact on their personal and academic lives and has given them confidence in their entrepreneurial ability.

Initially developed as a pilot program, the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program was renewed in its fourth year for an additional three years. The program now includes funding for paid internships. Working in conjunction with the Maryland Small Business Development Center, the Maryland Procurement Technical Assistance Center and the college’s own Center for Minority Business Development, the program will help place Hillman students in internships with local entrepreneurs.

Shortly after his 2004 graduation from Saint Vincent Pallotti High School, Enrique Arauz began detailing cars for neighbors in his apartment complex. Relying entirely on word of mouth, he began to draw regular customers from across the Beltway. Within a year, he had founded Golden Touch Auto Detailing. In addition to being a business owner, Mr. Arauz also works at Southern Management Corporation and is pursuing his childhood dream of being an architect. He hopes one day to have his own architectural firm and credits the Hillman Program for providing him with the necessary tools for success.

Health education major and self-described “Mompreneur” Mika Lynne Cobb is a single mother of three, a pediatric nurse and a full time student. She is founder and training center director of HeartStrokes Public Health and Safety Company, a company dedicated to providing health and safety education and emergency preparedness training to the public. Ms. Lynne was motivated to start her business and return to school because of what she saw as an increasing reliance on medical professionals to treat injuries and diseases that are preventable through lifestyle changes and knowledge of basic emergency response techniques. She plans to study community health at the University of Maryland.
Lisa Baden

Lisa Baden’s voice is a familiar one to residents of the Washington, D.C. area. For nearly 20 years, Ms. Baden has provided traffic reports for WTOP radio, updating listeners every ten minutes during the morning rush hour. She also keeps commuters informed via television appearances on WJLA, the local ABC affiliate. Ms. Baden received her associate’s degree from Prince George’s Community College in 1979 and began to pursue a long-held ambition of being on the radio. After starting out at the University of Maryland’s campus radio station WUMC, she landed her first paid radio job in 1982.

Cathy Lanier

Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy Lanier is the first female chief of Washington, D.C.’s police force. Prior to being named chief in 2007, Lanier was a career police officer, joining the Metropolitan Police Department in 1990 and working her way up through uniformed patrol to be commander of the Fourth District. She also headed the Major Narcotics Branch, Vehicular Homicide Unit and Special Operations Division, and was the first commanding officer of the department’s Office of Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism. After attending Prince George’s Community College, Chief Lanier received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Johns Hopkins University and a master’s degree from the Naval Postgraduate School.

Joseph Wright

A product of the Prince George’s County public school system, Joseph Wright’s journey has been calculated and well ordered. Mr. Wright attended Duval High and Takoma Academy. He received his associate’s degree from Prince George’s Community College and in 2001 was recognized as the Alumni of the Year. He later served as president of the college’s Alumni Association. Mr. Wright earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at Howard University and pursued a career in law at Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is currently the assistant state’s attorney for Prince George’s County. In addition to his professional commitment, he also serves as a board member of Prince George’s County Ethics Panel for the Board of Education, and is an Adjunct Faculty member at Prince George’s Community College.
R. Dwayne Betts

R. Dwayne Betts is the author of a memoir, *A Question of Freedom*, which recounts his experiences following an arrest for carjacking at the age of 16. Sentenced to nine years, he served his time as part of the adult prison population. His book, published in 2009, details coming-of-age behind bars and illustrates the transformative power of books and literature.

While at Prince George's Community College, Mr. Betts was a member of the Honors Academy, president of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and editor of the student literary magazine, *Reflections*. He attended the University of Maryland, College Park on a Transfer Academic Excellence Scholarship and earned his bachelor's degree in English in 2009.

"Prince George's Community College has been a place of nurturing for me," said Mr. Betts. "Several professors mentored me, helped me to believe that intelligence was a thing valued in society and that the arts and humanities offer a platform to help one understand the world. But the truth is, Prince George's Community College opened doors for me that a prison record usually closes. I'm in debt to the college in many ways."

An accomplished poet, Mr. Betts began teaching poetry in local public schools. He is program director for the D.C. Creative Writing Workshop, a non-profit organization based in Southeast Washington D.C. that provides creative writing instruction to the students of Simon Elementary, Hart Middle School and Ballou Senior High School. His debut collection of poetry, *Shahid Reads His Own Palm*, received the Beatrice Hawley Award for poetry and was published by Alice James Books in May.

Mr. Betts also serves as national spokesperson for the Campaign for Youth Justice, an organization dedicated to ending the practice of trying, sentencing, and incarcerating youth under 18 in the adult criminal justice system.

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Excerpt from *A Question of Freedom*

*All I had with me was my body and a black trash bag that an officer took from me as they led me to a bench in a corner. On my lips and in my head was the start of a new language defined by the way words changed meanings, all because I'd decided to make a man a victim. New words like inmate, state number and juvenile certification had crept into my vocabulary.*

*An inmate is what I'd become as soon as the deputies picked me up from the juvenile detention center. It meant I was in the custody of the Fairfax County Jail, and the most important thing anyone needed to know about me was my state number. It was a five-digit number I soon learned meant more than my name.*

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R. Dwayne Betts and *A Question of Freedom* were featured in February as part of Literally Speaking, a literary program highlighting writers and poets with ties to the college whose work has a relevant impact on the experiences of the college community. The memoir is available at area bookstores or on Amazon.com.
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Yolanda Adams Wellness Tour Hosted at PGCC

Prince George’s Community College hosted the Yolanda Adams Wellness Tour in March. The tour promotes a better understanding of healthy eating and living with an emphasis on the prevention of common diseases. Attendees enjoyed a series of seminars, physical activities, food, and entertainment geared toward fitness and well-being. Trained instructors facilitated workshops and conducted health screenings. Sponsored by Praise 104.1, Radio One and Novartis, the Yolanda Adams Wellness Tour is a multiple-city exhibition focusing on improving personal, physical and emotional health and wellness. Ms. Adams is a Grammy Award-winning gospel artist and host of The Yolanda Adams Morning Show on Praise 104.1.

Contemporary gospel and inspirational recording artist Yolanda Adams hosted her wellness tour at Prince George’s Community College in March 2010. Over 600 people attended.

Shred Event Promotes a Greener Community

Prince George’s Community College, in partnership with NBC4, Shred-It, PNC Bank and the Prince George’s County Office of the County Executive, co-sponsored the NBC4 Safe & Secure Community Shred event on June 19, 2010, at the college.

The event allowed residents in vehicles to bring up to five boxes of personal documents and have them shredded for free, courtesy of Shred-it. Over 2,200 vehicles passed through the campus and over 40 tons of documents were shredded.

Shredding personal papers is one of the best ways to protect yourself from identity theft while also being environmentally responsible. According to industry estimates, in addition to saving trees, every ton of recycled paper uses 64 percent less energy, 50 percent less water and causes 74 percent less air pollution than the same quantity of paper from virgin wood pulp. Together, with NBC4 and our partners, we’re greener.

Many thanks to the volunteers from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., students from Friendship Charter School and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Collegian Center for making this effort a success.

Congressman visits the Green Industry Certification Program

On Monday, May 10, Daniel Mosser, vice president for Workforce Development and Continuing Education and other PGCC staff joined U.S. Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md), local elected officials, union representatives and county-government staff, as they visited the Green Industry Certification Program, operated at the Joint School of Carpentry in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Prince George’s Community College offers the program at this site through a partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters.

Congressman Hoyer received a briefing on this new program by Dr. Mosser, toured instruction and training facilities, and met with students currently enrolled in the program. The goal of the nine-week, 40-hour-per-week program, is to offer pre-apprenticeship training in a variety of green area technologies and assist in job placement upon graduation. The students learn technical skills in weatherization and green construction as well as carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, and drywall repair. In addition, they learn resume development, interview techniques, teamwork, math, and office skills.

“The development of clean, energy-efficient technologies is a growing sector for American businesses and for workers whose skills will be needed to build our clean energy economy,” said Representative Hoyer. “This program is about providing opportunities – both for workers to develop new skills and for employers who will rely on a skilled workforce to be successful in a competitive market.”

The Green Industry Certification Program is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and a partnership with United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP). As of February, over 60 students had completed the program with more than 40 currently enrolled. Prince George’s Community College is the designated training partner on the grant.

Left to Right: U.S. Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md), Sandra Gammons, CEO, United Communities Against Poverty and Prince George’s County council member Tony Knotts received a tour of the Green Industry Certification Program training facility.
Prince George's Community College invites students to explore higher education possibilities at its **degree and extension centers** located throughout Prince George's County. Through these centers, students may take courses toward completing degrees or earning certificates.

**Joint Base Andrews**  
**Laurel College Center**  
**Skilled Trades Center in Camp Springs**  
**University Town Center in Hyattsville**

For more information, visit [www.pgcc.edu/extensioncenters](http://www.pgcc.edu/extensioncenters)

*The Laurel College Center is one of eight Regional Higher Education Centers officially designated by the State of Maryland. The RCC's founding partners are Prince George's Community College and Howard Community College. Our four-year partners are the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Towson University, the University of Maryland University College, Morgan State University and the University of Maryland College Park.*

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Bricks will be installed in the Marlboro Courtyard on the Largo campus of Prince George's Community College