

Keeping It in the SVCC Family

Who better knows the quality of a place than the employees? At Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC), the faculty and staff understand the value and importance of education and are proud to have their own family members attend the College.

There are some proud moms, dads, and even grandparents among the ranks of employees taking advantage of what SVCC has to offer.

"Katherine is taking credit classes as a Dual Enrollment (DE) student in the spring term. She is in College Composition II and General Biology II on campus, Liberal Arts Math I online, and US Government II at Brunswick Academy," said Robin Daniel, SVCC Applications Support Administrator. She notes her daughter plans to transfer her credits to a four-year university for fall 2017.

Melissa Johnson, a professional tutor at SVCC, is a graduate herself and anxiously awaiting the graduation of her son, Daniel. While mom is studying at ODU for a bachelor's degree, Daniel started his college career in the fall, plans to complete a General Studies degree, and attend a four-year college or university.

SVCC Career Coach Howard Paras, who works at Cumberland High School (CHS), is proud of his daughter, Kaylah, who attends the Governor's School of Southside Virginia and is a senior at CHS.

Speaking of her daughter, Meredith, Shannon Vassar Feinman, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration at SVCC said, "She is a DE Governor's School (Humanities Strand) senior from Charlotte County - Randolph-Henry High School on schedule to complete an Associate of Arts and Science degree in May of 2017."

Also a DE student in Governor's School is Ellianna Harris from Central Senior High School of Lunenburg, the daughter of Human Resource Director, Bethany Harris. Ellianna will graduate from high school and SVCC this spring, then transfer to a four-year university.

Sylvia Groves, who works part time in the Christanna Campus library, was happy to share her photo of her grandson, Jeb Redman, who attends DE through Park View High School.

In the SVCC Student Services area, there are two proud mommas to count. Bernadette Battle, Director, is proud of son PJ, a DE student from Greensville County High school.

About her experience, she said, "It is an extreme honor for me to have my son attend SVCC. I know firsthand how our quality academic programs and

engagement activities benefit our community. To be able to have your son be a part of the SVCC experience is invaluable!"

Tonia Talbott, a counselor, wins the prize for being the employee with the most children enrolled at SVCC with a total of two. Her son, Bryce, completed SVCC in the spring of 2016 and, returned to take additional classes in the fall. Daughter Ally is a full-time SVCC student.

From Buildings and Grounds Department in Keysville, proud dads are Eddie Bennett, Superintendent, and John Duty, maintenance employee and part-time Electricity instructor.

Bennett said, "My daughter Kaylie is home schooled and will be receiving her high school diploma this May. She is currently enrolled in the DE program for an AA&S in General Studies. She plans to graduate SVCC in May of 2018 and then transfer to a four- year college the following fall."

Duty's daughter, Kristin, is in DE classes through Kenston-Forest School.

Charity Sizemore is the daughter of Interim Dean of Admissions, Dorothea Sizemore, and enrolled through DE also.

If anyone knows the value of SVCC, Rhina Jones, a 40-year employee, does. Her daughter, Angela Parrish, is a student at the college.

LaRoya Walton, Program Coordinator for EleVate Snap E & T, is proud of her daughter, SaRoya Walton who is another DE participant.

Martha Reed, faculty member, has a daughter, Mary Preston Reed, at SVCC and another faculty member, Buddy Hyde, has a daughter named Autumn who is a student as well.

SVCC employees are proud to keep it in the SVCC family. Southside is a great place to work and to have family members take advantage of all the great programs is an additional bonus.