



Panther Connections



Mason Hamlett '23

Mason Hamlett, class of 2023, graduated from SVCC with a Career Studies Certificate in Industrial Electrical Technology. He is a rising senior in high school. Mason will continue taking classes in SVCC's HVAC program and then plans on attending SVCC's Power Line Worker School. Mason is also the Vice President of the FFA Chapter and Land Lab Farm Manager at Randolph-Henry High School. He manages 20 black angus cows, two horses, a fully stocked catfish pond, and 160 acres. Mason says his experience at SVCC has been nothing short of wonderful.



Makayla Bacon '17

Makayla Bacon, class of 2017, attended SVCC as part of the Governor's School of Southside Virginia. After completing her Associate Degree in General Studies at SVCC, Makayla graduated from UVA with a B.S. in Education. Makayla is from Charlotte County, and she now works for the Air Force as an Intelligence Officer in Japan. Her current title is Officer in Charge, Analysis and Integration. Makayla says SVCC played a vital role in her education through offering accessible opportunities for personal and academic growth. SVCC made a profound impact on her education and helped her to cultivate skills such as time management and independent learning.



Gregory Reed '16

Gregory Reed, class of 2016, graduated from SVCC with an Information Systems Technology Associate Degree. Gregory also graduated from SVCC's IT Academy and has earned a Dell Certification. Gregory lives in Charlotte County, and he works for Hampden-Sydney College as a Hardware and Audio Visual Technician. Gregory says that attending SVCC meant so much to him. His experience at SVCC helped shape him into the person he is today and helped him get started in the career field he was pursuing.



Brenda Elder '85

Brenda Elder, class of 1985, earned an Associate Degree in Administrative Support Technology from SVCC. She also graduated from St. Paul's College with a B.S. in Business Administration and from American Public University with an M.A. in Psychology. Following in her sister's footsteps, Brenda says SVCC was a great fit for her while starting her educational journey. Brenda currently lives in Brunswick County and works for SVCC in the Foundation Office as the Program Manager.



Ronald Jones '23

Ronald Jones, class of 2023, graduated from SVCC with an Industrial Maintenance Technology Associate Degree. He attended SVCC's Power2Degree program which accepts power line training and work experience as credit for prior learning. Ronald lives in Buckingham and works for Dominion Energy as a Substation Electrician. He says, "Now that I have completed my degree, I am eligible to progress into more technical jobs for my company that require a minimum of a 2 year degree."

If you are an alumni, please contact **Meredith Dawson** to be featured in an upcoming Alumni Spotlight! You can reach her at meredith.dawson@southside.edu or 434-736-2023. We love to hear from our past students!

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