

## SVCC Grad Meets New People Every Day

Mary Pulliam describes her job as, “The best thing in the world that has happened to me.” She is a Relationship Banker at Touchstone Bank in South Hill, VA, which gives her the opportunity to build a relationship with every person who comes through the doors. Touchstone is a community bank and is involved with many events in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties.

Of her journey to earn her Associate of Arts and Sciences in General Studies, Mary says, “I truly loved every aspect of SVCC. "I was a work-study student and that opened a door to another family with wonderful memories. My teachers were astounding, the librarians were supportive, and the events that were held there were exciting." She added “SVCC taught me customer service skills, compassion for others, and to love myself.”

“SVCC will always be part of me; they are just like family. John Hayes class showed me that my personality is golden. Brent Richey and Sharon Freeman placed hope in my life. The employees in the Administration building treated me, an older student, like a valued team member and I was lucky to work in the president’s office,” she said.

“I do not know where I would be if I did not have the SVCC experience. I want to serve others at Touchstone Bank and I truly believe it is because SVCC placed that tool in my life,” she said.

She is the proud mom of three children.