

# PVCC NETWORK 2WORK

Real Jobs. Real People. Realizing Potential.

## Newsletter March 2019

*"Surround yourself with those who only lift you higher" - Oprah Winfrey*

### WHO LIFTS YOU UP?



**PEERS:** please take a moment and answer our **Question of the Month**

With your feedback, we can better serve you and your seeker!

**Question of the Month**

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**Provider Highlight: Thomas Jefferson Adult Career  
Education**

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**Thomas Jefferson Adult Career Education (TJACE)** strives to enhance the lives of adults in our area by giving them the skills necessary to get their high school diploma or GED. TJACE helps with reading, writing, and English speaking skills for both native and non-native English speakers.

It is their mission to provide quality service and convenient access to allow adults to take the next steps in their careers. Currently, TJACE serves over 800 adults in Central Virginia!

How to get started: Sign up for an assessment session to register for classes: [TJACE@PVCC.edu](mailto:TJACE@PVCC.edu)

[TJACE SITE](#)



## Job-seeker of the Month Basimah Bradford

**Basimah's Path:** Basimah came to Network2Work as a food service worker. She wanted to try something different, so she started looking into getting her CNA. She quickly realized that she instead wanted to work in office administration. This interested her because she was going back to school for business administration through PVCC online. Basimah now works at Sarissand as a receptionist. In the future, Basimah would like to go back to school to become a cosmetologist, as she currently enjoys doing



hair and makeup on the side.

**Basimah's Experience with us:** Basimah's favorite aspect of her Network2Work experience was the support she received from everyone in the office. She remembers everyone checking in on her daily, showing that our organization truly cared about getting Basimah into a career that fit her needs.

**Basimah's Advice:** Basimah wants job-seekers to know that hard work pays off. She emphasizes "being open with the people in the office" and "being open-minded, even if it feels like too much — let people in." For Basimah, being honest with yourself and with others leads to self-confidence, which is a key factor to success in the workplace.

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## Network2Work Connections!

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As a member of Network2Work, we are offering you and anyone affiliated with you, a modest discount to attend the upcoming Tom Tom Founders Festival [Summit Programming](#). The code is good for 25% off all 6 conferences. To access the discount code click the " TomTom Site" button below!

[TomTom Site](#)

We will also have a booth open at the TomTom Festival on Friday the 12th and Sunday the 14th so come check us out!

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## INVEST in & GROW your Job-Seeker

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### ***Network2Work Certification Training***

**Designed to inspire, encourage, and enhance your Job-seeker's skills.**

Our two-week workplace readiness workshops are up and running. If your Seeker has completed their training, or is ready to apply for their identified job, they are required to enroll in a *Network2Work Certification Training* class!

To enroll, contact Tori Maxey at:  
[vmaxey@pvcc.edu](mailto:vmaxey@pvcc.edu) or 434-961-5255

Network2Work Certification Training Schedule:

Tuesday April 9th & 12th

9:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.

Jefferson City Center School, room J111

### **Jobs@Jefferson**

A required networking event for all Job-seekers that includes:

Mock Interviewing

Resume Reviews

Job Readiness Interviews

Our next Jobs@Jefferson: April 23rd 4:00 p.m-6:00 p.m

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## **Peer of the Month Andrea Jenkins**

**Andrea's Start:** Andrea first learned of the Network2Work program through



her supervisor at Albemarle Department of Social Services who informed her "this is going to be a great program for our Clients to be a part of." **Andrea's Experience:** Andrea reported her experience has been "mixed. For those that complete the process I have seen how the program brings resources, people and opportunity together, unlike any other program I have known. It can work for someone who works the

process and isn't easily demotivated by all the steps. There have been a few other's where there was some confusion and some personal challenges that prevented them from taking advantage of all the program had to offer."

**Andrea's Advice to Peers:** "Be open minded. You don't know what the other person is going through, or, where they are coming from. No one person is the same, and everyone is unique with their own separate barriers and challenges. I have people open up to me more if I just let them talk and not interrupt or speak over them. Be a support to the Seeker. Sometimes that means just hearing them out. Sometimes that's just what they truly need, someone to just hear them out."

**Andrea's "Why?":** Andrea shared she has always had a passion to help people. Before Network2Work, she had dreamed of having a "one stop shop to bring people to. Where they could access training, resources and employers. Andrea stated what she loves about the program is, "how incredible it is that you can get someone to a skill level that will promote them up a career ladder, not just keep them stagnant at the same wage level and position."

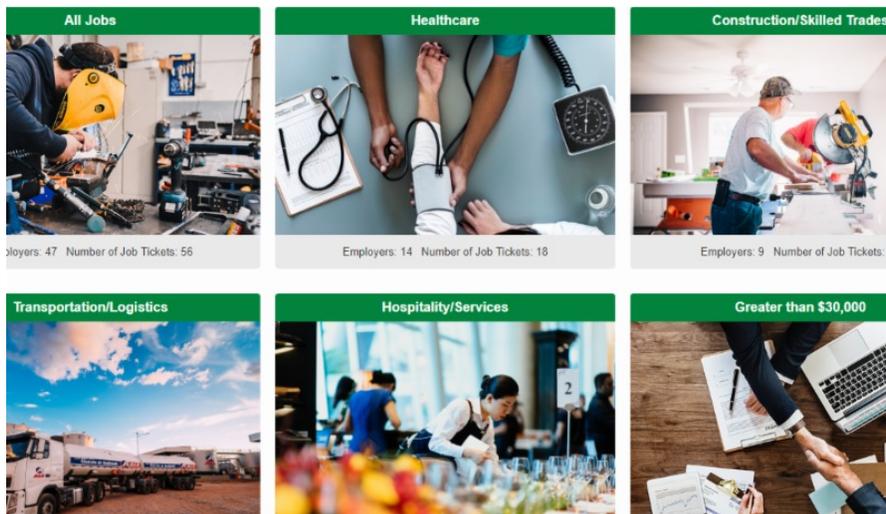
**Andrea's Favorite Part of the Program:** "The way all these different groups are coming together to help Job-seekers get to where they need and want to be. It's a Network that understands people are coming in with barriers, and designing a strategy in helping the Job-Seeker become successful in overcoming those barriers."

**Who do YOU know that would make a great PEER?**



**Have them sign up for a Peer Network Training!**  
We have Peer training's scheduled so spread the word!  
To register, complete a brief survey by clicking or sharing this link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/www-PeerNetwork-com>

## Employer Corner



Our Employer Network continues to grow as we are now at 50 employers!

As a Peer and friend of Network2Work, we ask you to inform us when you come across an Employer who is currently NOT in our network, offering jobs that pay \$12.50 or more. We will follow up with all of your suggestions as we expand our list to create a robust assortment of jobs that fit the needs and desires of your/our job seekers.

If you do have an Employer in mind, send them our way!  
[FSquillace@pvcc.edu](mailto:FSquillace@pvcc.edu)

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