

# STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER

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## Paradise Valley Rocks the Vote



With less than four months to what already has become arguably the most historic election since General Washington, it is as crucial as ever that citizens exercise their right to vote. Paradise Valley Community

College has partnered with MTV's Rock the Vote campaign this year in an effort to encourage individuals to both register and vote in the upcoming September local and November national elections.

PVCC will host several voting registration events in the fall 2008 term. On October 1-3 voting registration and early ballot materials will be provided to all those interested. Live music, free food and other giveaway items will be a feature of the event. On November 3-4 PVCC Clubs will encourage students to head to the polls and vote. Voting information, including polling site locations based on

voter zip codes will be some of the services provided.


Poll workers are also needed for the election. Persons interested in earning \$100 and contributing to the election beyond voting should contact the Student Life Office for more information.

To learn more about PVCC's voter drive, the 2008 election and poll working visit the Rock the Vote page on the Student Life Blog at <http://www.paradisevalley.edu/studentlife/pvccbog>.



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**PEAK Leadership Institute Info Sessions**  
Sept. 10th, 6-7pm, KSC 208  
Sept. 11th, 1-2pm, KSC 185  
Applications Due September 15th

## Paradise BBQ Raises Funds for Flood Victims

Imagine going back to school and finding the buildings you visited everyday for class were under water. Or worse yet, not being able to continue your education because your home was destroyed by a flood. These are just some of the obstacles facing students, faculty and staff at colleges and universities throughout the Midwest who faced some of the worst

flooding in the area's history this past summer.

PVCC opens each term with a BBQ event to welcome everyone to the campus. This Fall the event will be "Grilling Up Support" for students, faculty and staff displaced by the floods at the University of Iowa. A basic spread of hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie alterna-

tives, chips and drinks will be served to the sounds of Jonathan Pierce. A \$3.00 donation (for a great cause) is suggested to receive a meal. Come out and support this event and make it a success.

Catch 22 grills up the meal and NAU will provide fun giveaways. Come see our tent at the blue statues.

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## Two-Credits Can Change Your Life Forever!



Do you feel that you have a vision to share with the world? Do you want to make a difference, but don't know where to begin? Are you interested in what makes someone a leader and how you can be a leader too?

Join the Emerging Leaders Program and get the answers to life's persistent questions! In 2007-2008 nearly 100 students took the voyage of discovery that is Emerging Leaders—a social change model of leadership development program that enters its 10th year at PVCC this fall.

Through the program's hands-on team-building activities, group projects and guided self-reflection, participants develop their own leadership qualities and incorporate the 7 values of leadership for social change. Students also have the opportunity to practice their leadership

skills, work as part of a team through community service projects and develop relationships that will last a lifetime. Last year Emerging Leader's students logged over 1,000 hours of volunteer service to community agencies such as Andre House, Home-Base Youth and House of Refuge.

Emerging Leaders is delivered in a two-credit course format that meets only 5-6 times a semester, including a weekend retreat. The program is divided into three levels. Level I is offered in both the Fall and Spring terms and covers the fundamentals of the social change model of leadership. Level II, offered only during the Spring term, allows participants to apply their leadership skills in a backpacking experience and play a major role in coordi-

nating their own service learning project. Level III is a participant facilitation program where students help lead the Level I and II courses.

Interested students must enroll in the course appropriate for the level and apply for the program. Applications are available on the Student Life Website at [www.pvc.maricopa.edu/studentlife](http://www.pvc.maricopa.edu/studentlife) or in the Student Life Center (KSC-135). Applications for the fall term are due no later than Wednesday, September 17. Scholarships are available to cover the cost of the class and the course fee.

The Emerging Leaders program qualifies under the PEAK Leadership Institute. For more information, call Helice Agria in the Student Life Center at 602-787-7273.

"The leadership instinct you are born with is the backbone. You develop the funny bone and the wishbone that go with it."

Elaine Agather

## Spirit Letter (This isn't your high school's student government)

The Student Leadership Council is not only a great gateway to involvement at Paradise Valley Community College, it is a means to have experiences and gain an enthusiastic support system during the collegiate year. The main function of the Student Leadership Council, or SLC, is to have students make decisions for the greater good of the student body. The council is made up of executive members, senators, and club representatives.

During the fall and spring semesters the SLC supports, is involved in, and creates a variety of service projects that benefit the community and strengthens the interconnectivity of the campus. As an enthusiast of positive social change and interdependence, I am overjoyed to be part of

this year's 2008-2009 Student Leadership Council as the Chairperson. Being involved last year as a Senator has helped me gain expertise in how procedures for events are put forward as well as build relationships with the faculty and staff of PVCC. I also found that the more involved I became at PVCC, my academics was less difficult to manage. When I was in high school I wasn't involved in anything except sports and I was okay with that because I didn't really see our student government impacting life on campus; however, in the span of my first two semesters here at PVCC I saw that SLC had its hands in almost every event on campus. Involvement is the key to success at Paradise Valley Community College whether one is on the council or in a club or helping

out at an event. This is some of the best years of our lives and if we are spending the time to seek higher education we might as well have some fun while earning our degrees.

Currently the Student Leadership Council has openings in executive positions and senator positions. I wasn't involved or thought of myself as a leader but with the help of the staff in the Student Life Center and the shining precedent of last year's council, I found out that anyone and everyone has the propensity to lead others. Paradise Valley Community College's Student Leadership Council is not like high school student government. It's much more than that.

—Vaughn Walker—



## Apply today for the Student Public Policy Forum!

Participating in the Student Public Policy Forum (SPPF) is an excellent opportunity for those who have a passion for politics or those wanting to understand and learn firsthand about our political system and how it shapes the policies that affect our daily lives. In the program which took place over the course of two semesters, another PVCC student and I, alongside students from other Maricopa Community Colleges learned about the political process of public policy making, specializing in topics relevant to community colleges. During this time we met with many speakers who shared their experiences in politics, gave us insight into the steps of public policy formation, and advice on how to navigate and network in the political system.

The accumulation of meetings,

talking with our guest speakers, and homework assignments, eventually led up to, without a doubt, the best part of the program: A free, three day trip to Washington D.C.! In those three days we would attend the Community College National Legislative Summit and apply all the knowledge and skills we had gained by lobbying on our topic of research to our state Senators and Representatives. It was an honor to be part of the summit, to hear from and meet all the behind the scenes people who are dedicated to advocating for policies in the interest of students in higher education and community colleges. Of course, the trip was not all business, there was plenty of down time to get lost, wander, and explore the city, visiting all the various historical memori-

als, and museums.

Overall, my entire SPPF experience was something I would gladly do again in a heartbeat and recommend to anyone. It does not matter if you want to pursue a career or education in politics or not, or if you have no knowledge of public policy to apply for SPPF, but participation does require serious commitment and a willingness to do easy but thorough extracurricular assignments.. Most importantly you will form relationships with the other students from unique backgrounds and diverse interests who add so much dimension to the program, and with a staff that is dedicated to providing you with all the tools necessary for your involvement and growth So apply today! You have nothing to lose!

—Nicole Chumley—



**SPPF**  
**Info Session**  
 Sept 9th in J139  
 3:30pm - 4:30pm

"Personally, I believe that our American system works as long as you participate in it. You must vote and make your voice heard. Otherwise you will be left out."

Jaramillo, Mari-Luci



**PVCC Student Life Blog**  
 the voice of campus involvement

## Student Life Blog Gets a Facelift

The Student Life Blog is one of the most frequently visited web sites at PVCC. Updated daily, the blog is the most-up-to-date resource of information about life at PVCC including:

- Student Life & Leadership Programming
- Club Meetings
- Leadership Opportunities
- Upcoming Campus Activities
- Music, Theater, Dance and Comedy Performances
- Sporting Events
- Fundraisers
- Important Announcements

This summer the blog was renovated to include a variety of new features. Multiple pages and event and posting calendars are just some of the expanded capabilities of the site. In addition, the blog has a new look and feel, with more vibrant colors and photographs.

The PV blog is also interactive. If students, staff or community members want more information about a program or activity posted, write a review of a performance, or just make a general comment on the blog itself, they can enter their feedback or con-

tact us directly through the site.

The blog will continue to feature podcast, photocast and videocast content to highlight PVCC programming, services, events and guest artists. To visit the blog, go to <http://www.paradisevalley.edu/studentlife/pvccblog>. Users can subscribe to the RSS feed to receive automatic updates on blog postings on their web browser or download free video and audio content at iTunes U, <http://itunes.pvc.maricopa.edu/>.



# Upcoming Events & Happenings



## Welcome Back Week

Information Tents  
(Freebies, Class Schedules  
and much more!)

Aug. 23, 7am-12pm  
Aug. 25-28 7am-7pm



## Involvement Fair Week

(KSC Hallway)  
Sept. 2 – Sept. 4  
9am-1pm

## Paradise BBQ

(Outside KSC)  
Wed., Sept. 3  
10am-2pm

## Blood Drives

**Sign Up Today!!**  
(Blood Mobile)  
Thurs., Sept. 4, 8:30am-  
1:30pm

## Leadership Opportunities

### **PEAK Leadership Institute Info Sessions**

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### **Emerging Leaders Program**

Application Due by Sept. 17  
Orientation Oct. 4th,  
3pm-9pm, KSC 208

### **Register to Vote Today!!**

#### **PVCC Rock the Vote**

#### **Campaign Kickoff**

Oct. 1, 11am-1pm, Student  
Union and Amphitheater

### **SLC Annual Murder Mystery Party (Benefits United Way)**

Oct. 31, 6:30pm-10pm,  
Student Union

## PVCC Live Music and Dance

Aug. 25 **Bethany Priebe**  
1pm-2pm, Student Union

Sept. 3 **Jonathan Pierce**  
12pm-1pm, Student Union

Sept. 23 **Jill Cohn**  
11am-1pm Student Union

Oct. 1 **Coffeehouse Performance**  
12pm-1pm, Amphitheater

Oct. 21 **Saul Kaye**  
12pm-1pm, Student Union

Oct. 28 **PVCC Dance Performance with PVCC Dance Majors**  
12pm-1pm, Student Union

Nov. 12 **Sandy Hathaway**  
4pm-6pm, Student Union

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## Get Involved, Make a Difference, Meet People. Join a Club


Thinking about getting involved? Or wanting to make a difference? How about doing something in addition to going to and from school and work? Do you just need something meaningful to fill your spare time? Would you like to meet people with similar interests? All these are great reasons for you to join a club. This year PVCC has over 30 active clubs and organizations. Check out all the club flyers on the dis-

play wall right outside the Student Life Center in KSC. You are sure to find a club that will spark your interest. You can also find a complete listing of clubs on our website. Still need more information? If you want to learn more about any of these organizations, stop by. And if you do not see a club that is a fit for you then we can help you get started on creating one. You can obtain a pe-

tion from the Student Life Center in KSC-135 or give us a call at (602) 787.7240. Our website can be found at [www.pvc.maricopa.edu/  
studentlife/clubs.html](http://www.pvc.maricopa.edu/studentlife/clubs.html)

Remember, by getting involved you can make a difference in the world and within yourself. What better way than to join a club with like minded students and maximized your effectiveness and have fun., too.





**Be a Hero. Donate Blood.**  
**Thursday, Sept. 4th, 8:30am-1:30pm**  
**Blood Mobile (Main Parking Lot)**  
**Stop by Student Life to sign up TODAY!**