

Student Financial Resource Center Opens

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[April 2019] The Student Financial Resource Center is established to accommodate PVCC students' needs and assist them with their finances.

The Student Financial Resource Center had a grand opening on March 28 from noon to 2 p.m. which was open to all PVCC members. The mission of this resource center is to educate, connect, and help PVCC students navigate the resources available to them.

The resource center provides numerous resources that students are encouraged to utilize, and it is located in M103. To fulfill their primary mission of educating students about financial literacy, this resource center will have workshops and literacy sessions to assist students with their budgets. Further, they connect students to PVCC resources and community benefits such as SNAP, TANF, WIC, and energy assistance for car gas. In order to thoroughly assist students with these resources, they help students by applying to the aforementioned benefits. They also help eligible students apply for FAFSA and other forms of aid. If students are not eligible for FAFSA, PVCC offers Scholarships, which are great resources that assist students in applying and paying for school.

While the Student Financial Resource Center assists students with financial hardships through the Hudson Foundation and other aids, their

primary mission is to educate students about resources that reduce their dependence on benefits. This helps students to be financially literate and independent.

Amanda Key, the Financial Resource Center coordinator, is dedicated to fully supporting and helping students throughout their schooling at PVCC. Though the center did not officially open until March 28, Amanda has already helped many students who have sought assistance. When asked about her hopes for the future of this center, she replied, "I highly encourage all students at PVCC to reach out and seek help and support one another."

Key also hopes that students will contribute by volunteering in the clothing stock and food pantry. The Student Financial Resource Center provides pop-up shop clothes for students to prepare for their jobs interviews. In addition, they also provide food from the Pantry to students who lack access to nutrients and sustenance.

The Student Financial Resource Center is always seeking volunteers to help out with their clothing stock and food pantry. If anyone is interested in helping their fellow students, reach out to Amanda Key in Room M131 or by emailing her at akey@pvcc.edu. There are many resources available at PVCC and in the community that strive to help students be successful, but students must always initiate by seeking assistance.



The grand opening of the Student Financial Resource Center.
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