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## Where Are They Now?

### Making his dreams come true: Eddie Dillard

Since he was a teenager, Eddie Dillard had only one dream: to serve the public by being a firefighter or a law enforcement officer. He did both, but settled on one for a career.

Dillard is now a trooper with the Virginia State Police, which is a journey he started at Patrick Henry Community College through the administration of justice (ADJ) program.

"I just knew that's what I wanted to do," he said. "In law enforcement, I felt like I was there to help people and deal with their problems. That's what law enforcement is to me. Most people you run into are having a bad day, and they don't really care about law enforcement until they need it. It's rewarding to be there for them."

Dillard said he's always been good at dealing with other people's problems and situations. He said he wakes up every day and tells his wife that he has "the best job in the world. It's nothing like being there for someone and seeing the look on their face when they really appreciate what you're doing. People respect officers, and we're there when they need us. I love every part about it, except the paperwork."

After graduating from Laurel Park High School in 2002, he enrolled in classes at PHCC that fall. At the time, Dillard said he contemplated going to work instead of transferring to a four-year college.

"My cousin David (Dillard) really disagreed with me and said I needed to go to college, and we would bicker and debate over it every day," Dillard said. "I would get out of class and go to his office, and we would get back into it."

During his coursework at PHCC, Dillard said he met his mentor in Bill Jamison, who served as the director of the ADJ program where he taught for 19 years. He passed away in February 2009.

"I worked for Bill as a work study student, and he really helped



*PHCC alum Eddie Dillard joined the Virginia State Police in October 2012.*

me out with forensics, dusting for prints, and he showed me how to compare bullets through a microscope," Dillard said. "He also taught a class with Terry Young and Susan Shearer called social problems, which is probably one of the best classes I took at PHCC."

Dillard said there were many instructors at PHCC who taught him lasting skills including Michelle Zollars, Joyce Staples, Angela Williams and Barry Reynolds. He also credited retired history professor John Buck for developing his love for history.

In 2004, Dillard began testing for jobs in the area. He took the Virginia State Police test, but ended up not making the cut.

"Bill told me to apply to multiple agencies and that I might have to move away to find a job, so I applied to the Danville and Martinsville police departments," he said.

After waiting in the Martinsville Police Department hiring pool for a year, Dillard said Danville came calling and started his background checks. When he was about to get hired, former Chief Mike Rogers called Dillard and said he'd hire him.

Dillard worked at Martinsville from 2006 to Oct. 20, 2012

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## For Shelton Scales

*"A True Patriot – Through and Through"*



Shelton Scales  
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### *A song of living*

Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.  
I have sent up my gladness on wings, to be lost in the blue of the sky.  
I have run and leaped with the rain, I have taken the wind to my breast.

My cheeks like a drowsy child to the face of the earth I have pressed.  
Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.

I have kissed young love on the lips, I have heard his song to the end,  
I have struck my hand like a seal in the loyal hand of a friend.  
I have known the peace of heaven, the comfort of work done well.  
I have longed for death in the darkness and risen alive out of hell.  
Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.

I gave a share of my soul to the world, when and where my course is run.

I know that another shall finish the task I surely must leave undone.  
I know that no flower, nor flint was in vain on the path I trod.  
As one looks on a face through a window, through life I have looked on God,  
Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.

Amelia Burr, American poet (1878 - 1968)

***The Patrick Henry Community College Foundation would like to thank Shelton Scales for his passionate and dedicated service to the college over the past several decades. We will miss you.***

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when he started with the Virginia State Police.

In addition to his training at the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Academy and the Virginia State Police Academy, Dillard said he received a wealth of experience in SWAT (special weapons and tactics), as a road officer, a school resource officer, and he taught candidates at the Piedmont Regional Criminal Justice Training Academy. He also received an Outstanding Officer award in 2009 from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

Dillard currently is working toward his bachelor's degree at Liberty University. He said he encourages volunteer work, internships and education for anyone pursuing a career in criminal justice.

"I tell anyone who wants to work in this area to join a volunteer organization like a local volunteer rescue squad or fire department," he said. "It's not all gunfire, smoke and adrenaline rush. It's dealing with people's problems and it's knowing how to write a report. You need the experience with talking on the radio, arriving on scene, analyzing the situation and then knowing what to do."

## Foundation News

### **Mt. Sinai Church Scholarship**

The Patrick Henry Community College Foundation and Mt. Sinai Apostle Church of Christ in God are partnering on a scholarship to help students from Mt. Sinai Church attend PHCC.

The church raised \$2,165.60, which was matched by a generous donation from Barry Nelson and the PHCC Foundation. Dr. Angeline Godwin, PHCC president, spoke during a scholarship service at Mt. Sinai on March 30.

Mary Mason, church secretary, said Mt. Sinai Church has a long history of serving students. She said her father, J.C. Richardson Sr., was always a strong advocate for education.

"Since I've been back in the area," Mason said, "I've worked to establish the Bishop J.C. Richardson Sr. memorial fund, which is a way to keep the memory of our pastor alive because he worked so hard for our young people to pursue an education beyond high school."

Barry Nelson, who provided funding to match the church's donations, said he was "happy to do it."

"I'm glad to support education for our young people throughout the community," he said. "This award will give students from Mt. Sinai a chance to further their education at PHCC."

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# Donor Profile: Irving Groves

## The Groves Family Legacy

A classroom in West Hall has a new name after approval from the Patrick Henry Community College Board to honor a local family's continuing support to the college.

The Irving M. Groves Jr. and Jett Carter Groves Classroom is now the official name for West Hall, Room 222. The Groves family has supported the college and its students for several decades. Irving Groves Jr. was one of the original founders of the Patrick Henry Community College Educational Foundation, which later changed its name to the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation.

"The college has been a real asset for the community ever since it got started," Irving Groves said. "I was on the site when they cut the ribbon for the first classroom at the old Martinsville school when it was still affiliated with U. Va. (University of Virginia). I've been around it for a long time."

He said his relationship grew with PHCC after working with college officials to offer training for employees at the Piedmont Trust Bank (now BB&T) where he served as president. Groves said many of the bank's employees had to travel to Roanoke or Greensboro, N.C. to attend training courses. He asked if there was anything they could do locally.

"I think that's what demonstrates the exemplary attitudes at the college – the service," he said. "When there was a need, they were quick to try and fill it. They not only were accommodative to the bank, but also to many other local industries like American Furniture. If they had a machine and they wanted someone to train on it, the college was quick to offer its services. It's been a wonderful support for the entire community."

Groves added that if he brought candidates into the area, PHCC was always a stop on their tour.

"Without exception, folks coming from outside the area were very impressed with the courses available and the quality of the institution."

In addition to his work at the bank and throughout the community, he also served on the state board for Virginia's Community Colleges for six years. Groves said he learned a great deal about how the state system functioned, and was

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*From left, PHCC Foundation Executive Director Christopher Parker, PHCC President Angeline Godwin, Irving Groves Jr. and Gary Collins, chair of the PHCC Foundation Board.*

pleased to know that PHCC was extremely "well-thought-of" at that level.

"Many times, PHCC had presentations on original courses they were offering that others in the state were not doing, for example, the motorsports program," he said. "PHCC was always held in high regard, which is a real tribute to the community and to the leadership the college has enforced over the years."

Groves said giving back to his community through education is a permanent gift that can be passed along from generation to generation.

"Personally, I think there are not many things we can leave to the next generation that are permanent, but education is one of them," he said. "I've told my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that the only thing I can leave them and nobody can take away is an education. I think affording others who may need the help is an excellent way to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps. An education goes a long way."

The Irving Groves Jr. Endowed Scholarship fund was established in February 1995 with a \$15,000 gift from Piedmont Trust Bank (now BB&T) in honor of his retirement. Since its inception, the Groves family has given contributions totaling \$254,257 to the college, and 116 student scholarships have been awarded.

Irving Groves Jr. served on the PHCC Foundation Board of Directors from 1977-78, and again from 1986-88.

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Bishop J.C. Richardson Jr, Mason's brother, is the current pastor for Mt. Sinai. Mason said education remains a top priority for him and the church family. The first scholarship fundraising service was held at Mt. Sinai Church in 2003, and the church awarded its first scholarship in August 2003. Since its inception, the church has awarded \$10,900 in scholarship funds to students.

Christopher Parker, executive director of the PHCC Foundation, said the "foundation looks forward to a great partnership with the church family and helping recipients of the Bishop J.C. Richardson Sr. Scholarship achieve their educational goals at PHCC."



(From left) Christopher Parker, executive director of the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation, scholarship winners Devyn Varner and Greg Harduk and Nancy Craig, a volunteer serving on the auxiliary board.

## Memorial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary Board awards scholarships

The Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County Volunteer Auxiliary Board recently awarded two nursing students at Patrick Henry Community College with scholarships of \$500 each for the spring 2014 semester.

Devyn Varner, a PHCC student getting ready for her second semester, said she was thankful to receive this award.

"Receiving this scholarship is a great opportunity for me," she said. "I actually used it to pay for one of my classes this summer. It was very helpful."

The second recipient, Greg Harduk, will graduate in December from the nursing program. He said because he's not on financial aid, this scholarship is a great help to him and his family.

"I'm using this scholarship to pay for my tuition," he said. "It helps take some of the pressure off my wife, who is supporting me right now. It helps tremendously."

Nancy Craig, a volunteer board member for the auxiliary, said they were happy to reward hardworking students at PHCC.



PHCC President Dr. Godwin and Bishop J.C. Richardson Jr, pastor of Mt. Sinai Church.

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