Since taking the helm at Southside Virginia Community College a year ago, we have experienced a whirlwind of successes, challenges, change and commitment to our mission. For me, it has been a great experience, a time of renewed vigor and hope and, of course, an opportunity to learn and develop. In other words, on-the-job, hands-on training.

In August, we celebrated the grand opening of the Learning Resources and Student Services Building on the John H. Daniel Campus. This two-story building houses student services; a career center; admissions and records; business office; financial aid; a cafeteria; library; and areas for study, meetings and gatherings. It is a welcome and beautiful addition to our campus and enhances the student experience.

New workforce initiatives were entrusted to Virginia’s community colleges during the year. These included the New Virginia Economy Workforce Initiative, a plan that focuses on developing a workforce for “Middle Skills Jobs.” Southside was also designated as a Manufacturing Skills Institute to expand credentialing to close skill gaps in the workforce. Also, the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM) has launched a new advanced manufacturing training program for active duty soldiers preparing for the civilian workforce and veterans who have recently transitioned to civilian life. The program is a collaboration amongst Southside Virginia Community College (SVCC), the Commonwealth Center for Manufacturing (C-CAM), the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVHEC), the Crater Regional Workforce Investment Board (Crater WIB), the Fort Lee
Soldier for Life Program and 180 Skills, an online career and technical education curriculum provider.

In December, the college hosted a Health Career Fair for about 200 high school students at the Estes Center. During the year, SVCC also hosted Job Fairs that were well attended and productive for area job seekers and employers.

Two new Vice Presidents were hired to enhance and improve service in the areas of Academics and Workforce Development. Dr. Tara Carter was named Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Keith Harkins is Vice President for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.

In May, the college celebrated as 1,200 students received diplomas, certificates and degrees at a ceremony held in Keysville. Attendance was estimated at 4,000 people; and it was a beautiful day as Dr. Dietra Trent, Deputy Secretary of Education for Virginia, was the speaker.

Much has been accomplished in one year’s time and there is much more to do. Future plans include a new building for the Christanna Campus, a Physical Therapy Assistant program, continued emphasis on quality and increased focus on enrollment and student success.

I appreciate the opportunity to lead this great college into its 45th year and am excited about the future.
Since arriving at Southside Virginia Community College in January of 2015 as Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, there has been a flurry of activity in my office. Meeting the administrators, faculty and staff and getting to know everyone has been a top priority. I have also spent quite a bit of time on the road, learning the back roads, short cuts and highways that cover Southside Virginia.

Student Services has been busy getting ready for the fall semester and has been working on finalizing advising sheets that will better communicate to students who their advisors are and what type of programs we offer. They have also been spending time researching different advising models that have proven to increase retention rates and will continue to identify and share best practices, so that we can continue to capitalize on the enrollments we have and we can better help students to complete their academic goals.

There has been a reorganization of the Divisions with title changes also. Moving forward, we will have a Dean of Humanities, Social Sciences and Business; a Dean of Career and Occupational Technology; and a Dean of Nursing, Allied Health and Natural Sciences. The alignment will serve multiple purposes; but most importantly, this restructure will create the environment for departmental collaborations, budget management, innovation, and focus on student learning outcomes/performance objectives. Change is good and necessary. I am excited to build the new here at my new home, SVCC.
There are many changes ahead for Workforce Development at SVCC. We are committed to developing relevant, stackable credentials for our customers. Through increased collaboration with Workforce Innovation and Training Act offices and business and industry leaders, our department will put our region on a path toward a better trained workforce.

Our department is well on our way to developing a new Power Line Worker program in collaboration with three large employers in our service area and the Virginia Community College System. We anticipate high demand for both the training itself and our graduates. In addition, we are currently offering a Precision Machining course in cooperation with the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing, the Southside Virginia Education Center, Fort Lee, the Fort Lee Soldier for Life Program, 180 Skills, the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, and the Crater Regional Workforce Investment Board. This 10-week program will train veterans who are transitioning out of the military in the high demand area of precision machining. Our students are being interviewed by companies from across the state for employment.

Power Line Worker and Precision Machining are the first of several innovative training programs which will be offered by our workforce development office as we look to transition from a credit-based model. Moving forward, SVCC’s workforce development office will work to become the area’s leader in credential-based training.

“The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.”
- STEVE JOBS
1 – Dr. Al Roberts became the fifth president at Southside Virginia Community College. Dr. Al Roberts is pictured at an event with Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe.

2 – SVCC held a “Grand Opening” of the Learning Resources & Student Services Building on the John H. Daniel Campus. The new building houses student services, a career center, admissions and records, business office, financial aid, a cafeteria, library, study & meeting areas.

3 – Proud SVCC alum Angela Marie Carter returned to the Christanna Campus as a published author to read selections from her book “Memory Chose a Woman’s Body.” The “Meet the Author” event was sponsored by the SVCC Empowered Women’s organization and Student Development Services.

4 – SVCC’s Public Relations office received three NCMPR District 2 Medallion awards presented at a conference in Nashville, TN.

5 – SVCC hosted a “Health Career Fair” for more than 200 local high school students at the Estes Center in Chase City. Students were able to experience the college’s Sim Lab that features a computer-driven human simulator known as Sim Man and its smaller counterpart Sim Baby. The VCU LifeEvac helicopter also landed outside the Estes Center and students were able to learn about this service.

6 – Martha Reed, SVCC Assistant Professor of Biology, was recognized by the Virginia Community College System as the recipient of the 2014 Chancellor’s Award in the Community Services category. Reed was nominated due to her involvement in many outreach programs in the Southside Virginia area. She encourages students to participate in community programs such as blood donation and Stop Hunger Now. She has worked with a medical mission organization to establish health clinics in remote areas of Guatemala, organized a local Alzheimer’s Memory Walk and much more.

7 – Dr. Tara Carter was named Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

8 – Keith Harkins is Vice President for Workforce Development and Continuing Education.
9 – SVCC students visited the General Assembly in Richmond, meeting with our local representatives including Delegate Tommy Wright (pictured).

10 – The Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM) launched a new advanced manufacturing training program for active duty soldiers preparing for the civilian workforce and veterans who have recently transitioned to civilian life. The program is housed at the Southside Virginia Education Center in Greensville County.

11 – The SVCC basketball team captured the 2015 USA National Prep Championship title with a thrilling 67-65 win over Moravian Prep at the J. Bryant Floyd Center in Myrtle Beach, SC.

12 – Katrina Wells, Southside Virginia Community College Professor of Nursing on the John H. Daniel Campus, won the prestigious 2015 Excellence in Education Award for Innovative Use of Technology in the Face-to-Face and Online Classroom. Wells received the award at the VCCS New Horizons 2015 Conference. Her project was titled “Improving Student Engagement through Use of Chroma-Key/Green Screen Technology.” Pictured from Left to Right: SVCC President Dr. Al Roberts, SVCC Professor of Nursing Katrina Wells, and VCCS Chancellor Dr. Glenn DuBois.

13 – Bernadette Battle, Director of Counseling at the Christanna Campus of SVCC, received a Celebration of Excellence Award which honors Virginia Community College Association (Black Concerns Commission) members who have made a profound difference in the lives of minority students through life-time service, leadership, and teaching. These individuals have made profound contributions which have significantly changed the climate of a department, campus, or the Virginia Community College System as a whole.

14 – SVCC celebrated as 1,200 students received diplomas, certificates & degrees during a commencement ceremony held on the John H. Daniel Campus in Keysville. Attendance was estimated at more than 4,000 people.

15 – SVCC recently awarded its 20,000th Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) becoming the first member of the Virginia Community College System to reach the benchmark. The recipient was Isaiah Godfrey, a rising senior at Prince Edward County High School, who scored at the platinum level. Pictured from the left are Dennis Smith, Director of Workforce Development at SVCC; Mark Daniel, SVCC Testing Specialist; Isaiah Godfrey and Dr. Brad Bryant, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education/Adult and Continuing Education at Prince Edward County Public Schools.

16 – SVCC Student Activities held the first Student Ambassador Retreat on Friday, June 19th at the Estes Center in Chases City, VA. Attendees at this event were from the Christanna Campus (Alberta), Daniel Campus (Keysville) and Southside Virginia Education Center (Emporia). Our emerging leaders participated in great sessions offered by SVCC administration and staff.

17 – The SVCC Foundation held a room naming ceremony for multiple rooms in the new Learning Resources and Student Services Building on the John H. Daniel Campus.
During the day, **Jeffrey Pillow** worked full-time in construction, five years removed from Randolph-Henry High School. At night, he was a part-time student at Southside Virginia Community College enrolled in an Anatomy and Physiology course taught by Lisa Dunn-Back. It was here he began a journey that would lead him to the University of Virginia.

Now a marketing-communications and outreach project manager in the health care industry, he thinks back fondly of his time at Southside and understands how much his life’s course changed just by stepping foot onto the John H. Daniel campus in Keysville that day all those years ago. After a year of part-time coursework, Pillow enrolled full-time at Southside, where he would go on to earn a 3.9 GPA and be nominated for the USA Today All-USA Academic Team, Phi Theta Kappa All-Virginia Academic Team, and traveled to Richmond as the VCCS Ambassador to the State Legislature.

“Something else that excited me about Southside is that they had a basketball team now and a newly constructed gym,” he said. As a member of the Southside men’s basketball team, Pillow would go on to be honored with two MVP awards and be selected to the All-State First Team and All-Tournament Team.

Encouraged by Dunn-Back, Pillow applied and got into the University of Virginia, where he was chosen as a member of the Rainey Academic Program for a select group of incoming students. Jeffrey would go on to excel at the University of Virginia, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, in the spring of 2008, with a major GPA of 3.65.

“Southside opened so many doors I thought were previously closed to me. If I could convey one thing to prospective students considering Southside, it would be this: treat your local community college as the resource it is. It can be a stepping stone to a four-year college or a career in a field you want to pursue and it can also be a second chance,” he said. Jeffrey Pillow currently lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, with his wife and two children. In addition to his position as a project manager in the health care industry, he recently began his own web development and design company. In 2010, he started the Jeremiah Hamlett Memorial Scholarship Fund to financially assist academically eligible students attending Southside Virginia Community College.

**Crystal Jones’** association with Southside Virginia Community College began during her sophomore year of high school with the summer youth program. From the very beginning she was impressed with the SVCC environment and the passion for helping students that was shown by the faculty and other college staff. Upon graduating from high school, she enrolled at SVCC in the secretarial science program. Her instructors showed a passion for teaching and always pushed her to do her very best. Her advisor, Mrs. Henrietta Coleman, became her role model, and it was not long before she realized she also wanted to become a business education instructor.

She received her A.A.S. degree in secretarial science in 1978. In 1980, she returned to SVCC as a full-time secretary for the Arts and Sciences Division. From 1981 to 1989, she worked in various positions including secretary for the Continuing Education Division, and fiscal technician. During this time, she decided to pursue the passion for teaching and began taking transfer courses. She received her B.S. degree in Business Education from Longwood College in 1989 and after teaching in the public school system for ten years, she was fortunate to return to SVCC in 1999 as faculty for Administrative Support Technology and Information Technology. In 2004, she received her M.Ed. in Career and Technical Education from Virginia State University.

“My greatest reward in my career is witnessing the success stories of the students I advise and teach. It is such a pleasure to help the students to realize their full potential and to aid them in reaching that potential. I am the second of three siblings to graduate from SVCC. Each of us has now received master’s degrees—two are educators and one works for the federal government. Living in a small rural area, Southside afforded us the opportunity to complete the first two years of our post-secondary education while living at home and to continue on to receive advanced degrees. Even today, Mrs. Coleman continues to be a great mentor,” Jones said.
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Your support of the SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION has been generous and, for this, I wish to thank you. Donations from businesses, individuals, organizations and foundations are investments in the future of our communities and students. Your support has helped bolster this college and provide quality education for students and a productive workforce for our area. Because of your donations, the SVCC Foundation generated more than $1,069,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. Total SVCC Foundation assets on June 30, 2015 were $4,830,874. This funding supported 215 scholarships for a record number of students, in addition to providing program and project support for many academic areas of Southside Virginia Community College.

Thank you for being our partner and special thanks to the members of the Southside Virginia Community College Foundation Board of Directors for their commitment, hard work and dedication to our community college.

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In July 2014, Dr. John J. Cavan was honored for his 32 years of service as President of Southside Virginia Community College. Over $25,000 was contributed to the Cavan Family Scholarship Fund benefiting SVCC students. A special thank you to the many supporters of Dr. Cavan and his family.

Pictured (l to r) are Lorena Cavan, Dr. John J. Cavan, Lucretia Cavan, Angela Rogers, Chris Cavan, Ann Cavan, Joy Carver.
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