

GRACE CARPENTER AWARDED PVCC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The PVCC Educational Foundation has selected community leader Grace Carpenter as the first recipient of the PVCC Lifetime Achievement Award.

PVCC's Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2016 to recognize the most devoted and dedicated, long-time champions of PVCC.

Carpenter, a senior vice president and associate branch manager at Davenport & Company LLC, has a long history with PVCC, having served on the College Board from 1988 to 1996, and as acting chair of that Board from 1993 to 1995. She has also served on the Board of Directors for the PVCC Educational Foundation.

She credits former PVCC president George Vaughan with encouraging her to get involved with the college and with starting her "personal journey" to "bring Piedmont off the hill." Later, when she joined the Educational Foundation Board, she successfully convinced many friends and colleagues that supporting the Foundation provided an open door by which the community could participate.

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"Piedmont is one of the highlights in the area. Think of what a hole there would be without PVCC in our community," said Carpenter. "Where would we as a community be without PVCC?"

Carpenter is also a recipient of the PVCC Medallion, the highest nonacademic honor bestowed by the College, and in 2008 was recognized by the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System as a philanthropic leader in the Commonwealth.

In honor of Carpenter's philanthropic legacy, the PVCC Educational Foundation launched the Carpenter Society in 2011. The mission of the Carpenter Society is to recognize and thank alumni, family, and friends whom have included PVCC in their estate plan or made a planned gift to PVCC.

"Grace Carpenter is a remarkable leader who has a heart of gold and an extraordinary love of PVCC," said Jim Ross, PVCC vice president, institutional advancement and development. "She has been an inspiring champion for PVCC for nearly four decades, and this has resulted in extraordinary amounts of private gifts she has generated that have benefitted PVCC students."

To learn more about the Carpenter Society and PVCC's Educational Foundation, visit www.pvcc.edu/donors.



From left: PVCC President, Frank Friedman; Grace Carpenter; and Jim Ross, PVCC Vice President, Institutional Advancement and Development