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Patrick & Henry Community College

Patrick & Henry Community College, a comprehensive two-year institution, services Martinsville city as well as Patrick and Henry counties. P&HCC is a top tier leader among community colleges in areas such as athletics, technology, and unique program offerings. By providing a multitude of innovative curricula such as motorsports, entrepreneurship, and mechatronics, P&HCC is changing lives and enriching the community it serves. P&HCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

P&HCC's STEM Summer Camp Returns with Big Change

MARTINSVILLE, VA – For its fifth year, Patrick & Henry Community College's much-loved STEM summer camp for middle schoolers is returning. However, this year the program will have one major change. For the first time, the summer camp will be open to both boys and girls.

The camp, which is now called the Verizon Innovative Learning STEM Achievers, offers students a three-week deep dive into science, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The college is hosting two camps—one for students in Martinsville and Henry County and one for students in Patrick County. The Patrick County program will run June 13 - July 1. The MHC program will run July 11 - July 29. These three-week camps last from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each weekday.

The camp is free for rising sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students. Lunch and transportation to and from the campsite will be provided. To register for the camp, go to <https://bit.ly/STEMAchievers>. For more information, call 276-656-5461 or email areed@patrickhenry.edu.

The program is designed to encourage young people to explore future careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Students get free hands on experience with 3D printing, augmented reality, coding, and more. They receive mentoring from industry leaders and topic experts. Past participants say that the innovative projects and inspiring speakers have helped them better understand their future career opportunities and their own capabilities. Through the team-based challenges and opportunities to tinker with emerging technology, the camp is a space where students have fun, make friends, learn valuable skills, and discover their own potentials.

The camp is made possible thanks to the generous support from the Verizon Foundation and the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE). To date, Verizon has invested over \$200 million in this initiative and has reached more than one million students. Learn more at www.VerizonInnovativeLearning.com.

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About Verizon Innovative Learning

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