



PMI-DVC Connect September 2023 Volume 2, Issue 8

From the Marketing and Communications Team and Editor – Welcome to the September Issue of our Chapter’s newsletter, *PMI-DVC Connect!*

Here are some details about upcoming events, educational resources like certification exam preparation dates, and celebration of Chapter members who achieved important milestones.

Newsletter Editorial Team: Rich Lobron, Kaitlyn Luboff, Kelly Stoner, Nancy Berger, and Abey Abraham

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Upcoming Chapter Events:

You can always find a listing of upcoming chapter events on our [website homepage](#). Here are some events happening soon!

Maximize Your Career with PMI-DVC

Where: Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA;

When: September 26th @ 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Cost: PMI-DVC Members \$20.00, Non Members \$25.00, Students are free.

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A promotional graphic for the event. It features a dark blue background with white and orange text. At the top left is the PMI logo. The main text reads 'REGISTER TODAY!' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'Scan the QR code to register for "Maximize Your Career with PMI-DVC."'. A QR code is displayed in a white box. To the right, there is a 'JOIN US!' button and a circular image showing people in a meeting. At the bottom, there is a list of activities: Complimentary Headshots, Resume Reviews, Speed Networking, Panel Discussions, Recruiter Networking, and Mentorship Opportunities. The text 'Find Engagement & Connection!' is at the bottom. Social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, and X are also present.

Creating a Culture of Belonging in Project Management

When:	Zoom
Date:	September 21st, 2023
Hour:	7:00PM to 8:30PM
# of PDUs:	1.5 Ways of Working
Registration Fee:	\$10.00 Members; Non-Members: \$15.00

Christopher “CJ” Gross, author of the book, “What’s Your Zip Code Story?”, and Founder of Ascension Worldwide, <https://ascensionworldwide.com/> will be the keynote speaker. CJ has years of experience as an international organizational development consultant, specializing in leadership development and working with Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits, and governmental agencies to demonstrate the benefit and value of incorporating a culture of belonging in the workplace. CJ will present evidence-based research that supports his best practice recommendations, and practical and actionable takeaways.

Learning Objectives for the Presentation are:

- Recognizing that belonging is the next evolution of inclusion in an organization.
- Understanding the effects of belonging and bridging and their impacts on workplace culture.
- Learning the brain science associated with belonging.
- Identifying and implementing innovative approaches that foster belonging in your workplace.

Project Management Professionals, as leaders of diverse teams, know it is essential to create an environment where all members feel welcomed and valued, which leads to successful project outcomes. Belonging is a key element to a successful DEI culture. PMI’s Chapters are positioned to build unity in diversity, in local communities, by leveraging common project management language, values, ambitions, and access to a massive existing global network. An example is the Hours for Impact Program which PMs in Chapters worldwide have embraced with hope and dignity.

Please join the conversation! You are always welcome to contact Priya Rajagopalan, Director, DEI, prajagopalan@pmi-dvc.org; or Marie Hegarty, VP, Membership & Volunteers, mhegarty@pmi-dvc.org.

From the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

REMINDER

The Chapter's DEI Team is dedicated to supporting all the members of our community. Join us on our journey in 2023, participate in our events, leverage our resources, and share your big and small ideas with us.

Education Corner

Our fall exam prep classes are now posted for registration – we look forward to you joining us for our Foundations in Project Management or CAPM/PMP Prep Courses. See below for a testimonial written by a participant of one of our PMP Study Groups...

- **Foundations in Project Management**

Learn the foundational principles and practices of project management and apply the course hours earned to your PMP or CAPM education requirement if you choose to move forward with certification.

[LEARN MORE >>](#) Fall 2023 September 23, 30, October 7

- **CAPM Exam Prep | Certified Associate in Project Management**

Education hours and exam preparation for an ideal certification for those early in their career or who wish to grow into managing larger projects.

[LEARN MORE >>](#) Fall 2023 October 14, 21, 28

- **PMP Exam Prep | Project Management Professional**

Education hours and exam preparation for the gold standard of project management certification. Recognized worldwide, the PMP validates your competence to perform in the role of a project manager.

[LEARN MORE >>](#) Fall 2023 October 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11

For more information on all of the Chapter course offerings on CAPM, Foundations and PMP and to register go to: <https://pmi-dvc.org/exam-prep>.

PMP Study Group Testimonial

The PMI Delaware Valley Chapter (PMI-DVC) offered PMP Study Group Program was a crucial factor in my success in attaining the PMP certification in December 2022. The content, pedagogical approach, instructors, and peer student engagement were structured to provide vital knowledge, coaching, and support throughout the exam preparations. At the conclusion of the study group program, I felt well-prepared and ready to complete the PMP exam. Beyond the exam preparation, the content has continued to provide great value in my day-to-day project management application. I highly recommend aspiring PMP certification candidates to consider the PMI-DVC Study Group sessions.

*Charles Wachira, PMP
Senior Director, Teaching & Learning
Johns Hopkins Carey Business School*

PMI-DVC Job Board

The Chapter offers members a listing of open positions posted by recruiters or companies seeking Project Managers, Program Managers, and Portfolio Managers, or similar roles. The positions are posted for 30 days only. Log in to access the [Job Board](#), and subscribe to the job board mailing list.

Several positions are noted:

Title	Published Date
Project Manager - Direct Materials	August 28, 2023

A Note from the Committee

I'd like to introduce you to the Job Posting Board (JPB) and the Committee members. The Job Posting Board contains a list of job opportunities to which the chapter members can apply on our chapter website.

The Team has also had monthly networking calls for about two years and has paused them for the last few Summer months. We are refreshing the JPB approach for the Fall.

Committee Members:

Marie Hegerty, VP, Membership & Volunteers, Jessica McBride is the Team Lead, Paula Epstein is the Director of Networking. This month, the Team is welcoming a new team member, Tara Erkinger!

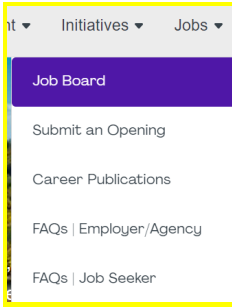
How the Committee Finds the Postings:

We have a spreadsheet with a list of recruiters, and we send them letters telling them about the chapter and provide the link to post on our website. We also contact new recruiters ongoing to





add to our list so we can obtain more job postings. When we receive requests for new postings, Jessica adds them to our chapter website menu option.

The Job Posting Board (JPB) Instructions:

1. Link to access it: <https://pmi-dvc.org/jobs>
2. The JPB is a menu option (the “Jobs” menu) on our chapter website for members to look at open positions that have been posted by the committee. Please see the screen shot below:



3. Under the “Jobs” menu, click on “Job Board” as shown above. This will then display a list of our posted job opportunities. The below is just one of the jobs:

Project Manager With Consumer Package Goods	 Camden, NJ
LEARN MORE >>	 Bridget Burns  Alpha consulting corp
	 August 11 2023

4. Click on “Learn More” to see the job description, which will contain the contact information and details for sending your resume.
5. Screen shot of the contact part of the Job Description:

Please E-MAIL your resume (attachment to email) with rate and availability to Bridget:
bridget@alphaconsulting.com

6. Follow the instructions to apply for the job!!

How You Can Help:

We’d like to give our chapter members the opportunity to contribute to our posted jobs. If your company has job(s) they would like to post, please provide them with the link below:

<https://pmi-dvc.org/submit-an-opening>

If you have any questions, please contact me, Paula Epstein, at pepstein@pmi-dvc.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Job Posting Board Team offers career publications:
<https://pmi-dvc.org/career-advice-features>.

AI Interest Group

Lately it seems like AI is everywhere all the time all at once. It is obvious that AI is going to impact project managers and our careers sooner rather than later. In August the chapters board of directors approved a charter for an AI Interest Group. The group is focused on the three ways we see AI as impacting us.

1. Some of us will manage projects to implement AI solutions and products.
2. AI will be incorporated (much more than it already is) into the tools we use to do our jobs. There are well over 10 companies that specifically target project managers for users of their products, not counting the software giants like Google and Microsoft that are incorporating AI into their existing products.
3. PMs will be asked to evaluate and recommend AI enhanced tools to improve the efficiency and quality of the practice of project management in their organizations.

The AI Interest Group's first Birds of a Feather event will be on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 where team member Frank Recknagel will present on AI tools he is already using. Watch your email for the meeting announcement and registration details.

If you want to join the AI Interest Group or are already involved with AI projects and want to share your experience with other project managers, contact Ken Golkin, kgolkin@pmi-dvc.org.

Future City Engineering Fair/Future City Competition Need Volunteers

Both volunteer opportunities are the most fun you can have while earning PDUs.

You do not have to be an engineer to help at the Engineering Fair. Most of the positions are crowd control, as in keeping middle school students where they should be and not where they should not be. The event is on October 21, 2023 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM at SAP America, Newtown Square, PA. If you are mechanically inclined, then helping with the moving parts workshop is for you!

Currently, the Future City Competition is seeking mentors to work with middle school teams on their Future City project. As we get closer to the January 2024 competition date, there will be many opportunities.

There are two VERs open for this event, on volunteer.pmi.org. You must be logged in to see them:

- [Future City Engineering Fair Support - 2023](#)
- [Future City Competition Support - 2023](#)

Volunteer Spotlight

A little background on why we recognize our volunteers each month...

The Project Management Institute, Delaware Valley Chapter (PMI-DVC) is one of the oldest and largest Chapters in North America. The Chapter was created in 1979 by Jim Snyder; 10 years after the founding of PMI in 1969. The PMI Founders, and original volunteers, were Jim Snyder, Eric Jenett, Susan Gallagher, Ned Engman, and J. Gordon Davis. The tradition of volunteering has been a pillar of the organization since its inception. Thousands of volunteers have contributed over the years to build, expand, improve, and maintain the benefits and value of the Chapter.

The Volunteer of the Month Award is part of the Chapter's Volunteer Recognition Program. The goal of the program is to recognize and honor the extraordinary service of volunteers who have substantially enhanced the discipline of project management by their commitment and support. Any volunteer who is a PMI-DVC member working on, or supporting, a project recognized by the Chapter is eligible to be nominated for this award, excluding elected Board members.

The award supports the Chapter's 2023 Annual Plan Goals: Increase membership in PMI and in the Chapter; Promote educational outreach and support professional development; and, Build lasting relationships through volunteerism.

An eligible nominee for the Volunteer of the Month recognition must have actively participated as a volunteer on one or more Chapter projects during the current award year, and must be a member in good standing with both PMI and PMI-DVC, and may not have been a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award in the past two years.

Recent honorees included Kaitlyn Luboff, Niki Weiss, Melissa Miller, and Mark Turner. Learn more about the volunteers and their contributions: <https://pmi-dvc.org/volunteer-spotlight>

The Chapter is grateful to all volunteers for their dedication and support! The Chapter's continued success and growth depends on the enthusiasm and energy of volunteers. If there is a program you are interested in starting that will advance the Chapter's Goals, mentioned above, please let us know. For more information, contact Marie Hegarty, mhegarty@pmi-dvc.org.

BENEFIT TO VOLUNTEERS: Chapter Discount Codes

During the intense years of the pandemic, the Chapter held its events online and, rarely, charged for events. As we return to in-person events, the Chapter is reinstating its discount codes. Please see the codes below, which you may use, as they apply to your volunteer status with the Chapter. Thank you very much for supporting the Chapter!

DVC BOARD	100.00%
DVC DIRECTOR	50.00%
DVC VOLUNTEER	25.00%

Volunteer of the Month - August 2023

We'd like to share the names of the members chosen for Volunteer of the Month for both August and September. You can

The person selected as [Volunteer for the Month of August is Jeff Hill, PMP](#). Jeff began volunteering as a member of the Academic Outreach Committee in 2022, helping to plan and organize virtual sessions and seeking opportunities to foster new partnerships with local schools and other non-profit groups. He now serves as Co-Director, along with Suzanne Dreitlein, of the team's K-12 Outreach Program.

[Read more](#) about Jeff Hill, PMP.

Member Highlights

New Members – Welcome to the **64** New Members who joined the Chapter in **August, 2023:**

Kerwin Yarde, Theresa Garcia, Briana Johnson, Saisree, Savarala, Ashlee Beyer, Matthew Pincus, Jean-Marie Kelly, Julie Helner, Tameka Teal, Fauna Ecker, Thomas Cassidy, Kristen Boomer, Robert King, Melissa Raffel, Emily Latshaw, Saleem Chapman, Jason Faatz, John Kuckelman, Melissa Billingsley, Heather Lowry-Sullivan, Kevin Wilkinson, James Jones, Jessica Mergen, Courtney McNulty, Carina Spicer, Alex Duarte Lobo, Michael Fineman Shannon Rebarchak, Frank Hines, Femi Olanipekun, Carla Tarsitano, Xiu-hua McGovern, Mutasem Al-soub, Michael Yoder, Rufino Sanchez, Daniel Kassab, Nathan Aldinger, Terrence Cahill, Monique Baylor, Lisa Morgan, Anthony Zinni, Evan Peterson, Nathan Attard Hector Boye, Keayrra Dobson, Rita Acolatse-Croom, Ameisha Fulton, Matthew Wilkie, Jenna Octavio, Meredith McLain, Larry Kolasensky, Tina Perez, Danielle Joyner, Connor Nelson, Mark Cuiffitelli, Tim Searl, Desmond Asubonteng, Dominic

Cundari, Joshua Doose, Elizabeth Morrow, Brendan Bonner, Brittany Atwell, Latoya Lassiter, Larry Kolasensky

Congratulations

Member Certifications:

Congratulations to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in **August, 2023:**

- [BETI](#) - Wentzel Hecht Briar
- [OTI](#) - Jennifer Schuff
- [OTO](#) - Jennifer Schuff
- [PMP](#) – Marcella Hudson, Robert King, Samantha Kendrick, Justin DeLisio, Phuong Pham, Tim Carr, Kelley Kasubick, Denise Schiller, Kevin Obrien, Ketan Amlani, Hayley Gruber, Mona Roccia, Matthew Zettler, Chris Swain, Paul Kelner

Member Anniversaries:

Congratulations to our members who celebrated Chapter membership anniversaries in **August, 2023:**

- **25 Years** - Willian Gundrum
- **20 Years** – Louise Newell, Joseph Bartoszek
- **15 Years** – James Rae
- **10 Years** – Kimberly Weiler, Deborah Gawrylowicz, Ian Smith, Fawn Martin, Richard Kretschmer, Samuel Camblin, Joseph Hilton, Tom Renshaw, Sandra Williams, Samuel Camblin, Dennis Huppman
- **5 Years** – Donald Schaffer, John Tull, Philip Paxson, Zig Rafalik, Leonard Newton, Brian Marinari, Catherine Treacy

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