



**PMI-DVC Connect
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Happy New Year!

From the Marketing and Communications Team and Editor – Happy New Year, and welcome to the January 2023 Issue of our Chapter’s newsletter, ***PMI-DVC Connect!***

In this issue, we introduce the new Chapter website, still at pmi-dvc.org; notify our members of the PMI membership price increase, and provide a long list of excellent volunteer opportunities in Education Corner. As usual, we’ll share details about upcoming events, educational resources like certification exam prep dates, and celebrate Chapter members who achieved important milestones.

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

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Upcoming Chapter Events:

PMI-DVC has many things planned for the New Year. Add some of these events to your calendar by registering now.

PMI-DVC Chapter Meeting: Risk Management for Projects and Programs

Wednesday, January 25, 2023; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[Learn more and register](#)

Winter 2023 Foundations in Project Management - 28 Hours

4 Saturdays: January 21, 28; and February 4, 11

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

PMI-DVC and PMI Partner Members = \$875 / Non-Members = \$1,120

[Learn more and register](#)

Please note, registration closes Thursday, January 19, at 11:59 pm ET

PMI-DVC Industry Forum Panel Discussion

Projects powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the topic of this Industry Panel Discussion. We will explore the effect of AI on project management from two sides: using AI as a tool to manage projects and what aspects should be considered in managing a project with an AI deliverable.

Thursday, February 2, 2023; 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[Learn more and register](#)

PMI-New Jersey: Project Prioritization Case Study in the Life Science Industry

Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Free to PMI-DVC Chapter Members

[Learn more](#); *special instructions are provided to register for this event with our Partners at PMI-New Jersey*

PMI-DVC Chapter Meeting: Effective Communications and Stakeholder Engagement

Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

[Stay tuned! A link to register will be shared, soon.](#)

PMI's ATP PMP® Exam Prep Course - 35 Hours

5 Saturdays: February 25, March 4, 11, 25, from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

PMI-DVC and PMI Partner Members = \$1,086 / Non-Members = \$1,400

[Learn more and register](#)

PMI-DVC Agile Community of Practice - Kickoff, Monday, February 27, 2023,

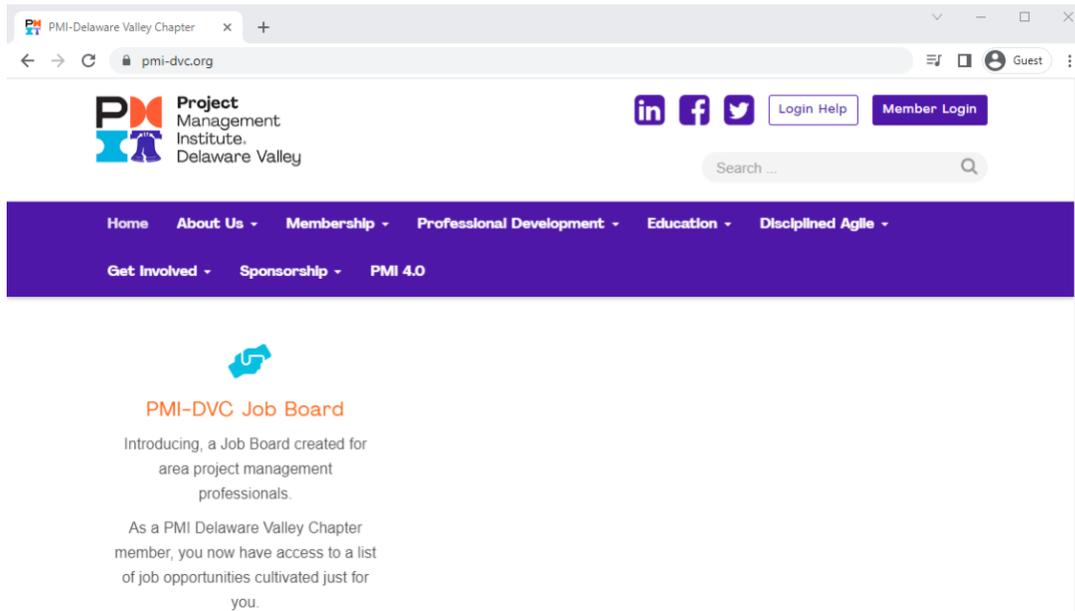
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You can always find a listing of upcoming chapter events on our [website homepage](#).

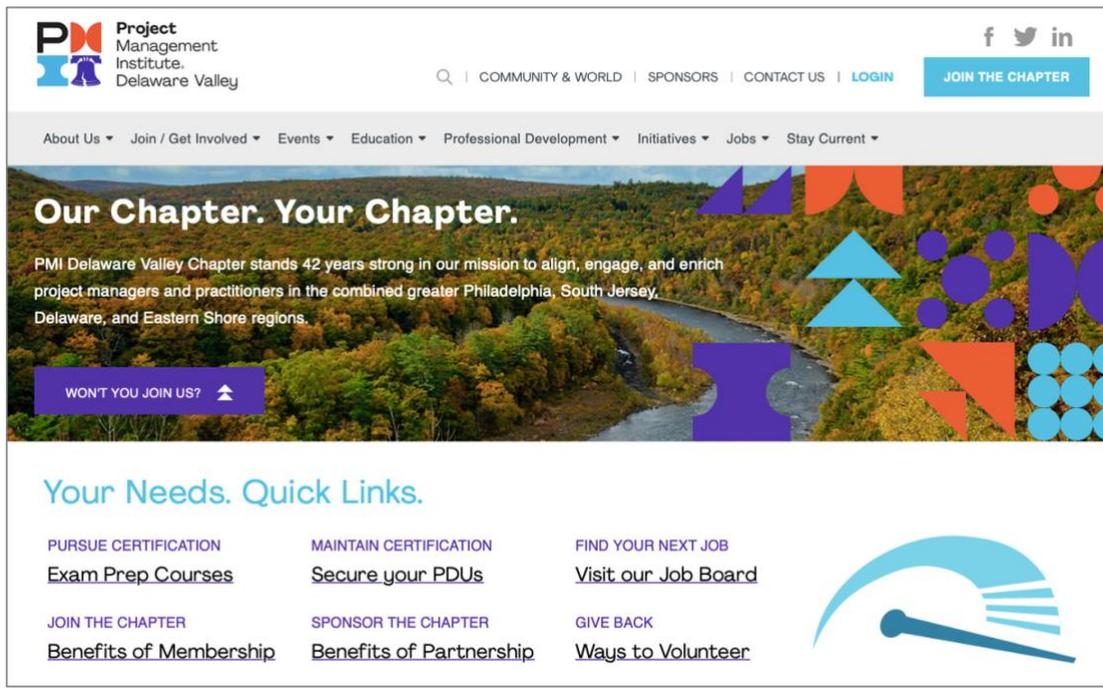
Chapter Website 3.0 has arrived!

Same address. Inspired new experience.

Out with the OLD....



In with the NEW!



Welcome to the start of our new Chapter year! To begin the year, we invite you to check out our newly redesigned website! [See the recognized benefits...](#)

New Aesthetic

- Clean, modern interface
- Clear and engaging content; i.e. a good read
- Intuitive navigation

New Content & Features

- Curated news, features, reports, and more to keep you attuned to industry and PMI developments
- BlogWatch: feature articles from leading industry bloggers...right at your doorstep
- Guidance and insights on earning your PDUs
- Enhanced content on the Chapter's place in our communities...and the world
- A renewed emphasis on the contributions of our volunteers

Our many thanks to the volunteers that helped bring the new site to life:

- Leadership and direction: Kathy Lajoie Malik, Mark Turner, Allen Hughes, and Rich Lobron.
- Technologists: Jason Brown and Jerzy Dutkiewicz.
- Content contributions: Ken Golkin, Leigh Ann Gunther, Marie Hegarty, Frank McKeown, Priya Rajagopalan, Harris Snyder, Niki Weiss.
- Additional contributions: Frank Anbari, Mary Bullock, Steven Casiano, Suzanne Dreitlein, Alex Eldridge, Lisa Kauffman, Kaitlyn Luboff, Jessica McBride, Walter Rawlins, Devon Scanlan, Kelly Taylor Stoner, and Sikemi Williams.

From the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee

Moving forward in 2023!

As we look forward to 2023, continuing on the DEI journey, we want to take a moment to celebrate our progress with a quick recap of our activities in 2022. Priya Rajagopalan and Marie Hegarty welcomed new and current members to the DEI committee: **Carmieshra Gorman, Dontay Hilton, and Allison Saillard.**

We are now a geographically-dispersed team with members on the West Coast and in Egypt! The chapter hosted two, engaging and well-received speaker events: the first with Dr. Marcine Pickron-Davis, Ph.D. and Estelle Redding, PMP, MS, from PCOM, in June; and the second with Dr. Tia L. Jones, EdD, from JPMorgan Chase, in October.

In May 2022, the team started contributing monthly articles on DEI topics to this newsletter, PMI-DVC Connect.

Our plans for 2023 include soliciting member feedback to design future programs, hosting speaker events on topics that enhance learning, and building awareness about equity and inclusion to help members in their professional and personal lives while striving to achieve a sense of belonging for all within the PMI-DVC community. We're excited to see what we accomplish this year!

Join us on our journey in 2023, participate in our events, leverage our resources, and share your big and small ideas with us.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Education Corner

Volunteers wanted! Volunteering to help young people learn basic Project Management skills and complete projects is the most fun you can have while earning PDUs. The Education Committee just happens to have a lot of those volunteer activities available.

- **Volunteering to help at the Philadelphia Future City Competition** is absolutely the most fun way to earn PDUs. [Future Cities](#) is somewhat unique in the world of project-based learning because it requires the students to learn something about project management and use it as they execute their projects. Reach out to Ken Golkin, VP of Education at kgolkin@pmi-dvc.org for more information. You can learn more about the program at futurecityphilly.org and register as a volunteer on that site. Be sure to put PMI-DVC as your technical society. In order to earn PDUs, [register for this VRMS opportunity 37111](#).
- **In October, the Education Committee piloted 'Talk to a Project Manager'** where Chapter members met with Future City student teams to mentor them on using project management. We plan to offer this to K-12 students involved in other project-based learning non-profits. If you want to get involved, [register for VRMS 36050](#).
- **Projects in Your Future**
If you would rather talk to college students studying project management, who are much closer to starting their project management careers than middle school students, we lead an ongoing program, Projects in Your Future. The program has developed a multimedia PowerPoint deck to use in college classes. Check out [VRMS Presenter to Project Management University Students](#) if you are interested.
- **Exam Study Group Meeting Coordinator**
We need experienced PMPs to step up and help the next generation of PMs get their PMPs. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the study groups work. Volunteer as [Exam Study Group Meeting Coordinator VRMS 36355](#).

A free for members PMP study group session will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting March 28th, for 5 weeks. *Registration for the study group will open in February.*

If you or someone you know has become an accidental project manager, something that most of our membership has experienced, then the [Foundations in Project Management course](#) is the perfect next step for getting better at what they do.

A Note about CAPM exam prep courses:

The CAPM exam content changed on January 1, 2023. Our instructors need some time to revise the course material for the CAPM Exam Prep course so we are not offering it in the spring semester. We expect to have new material ready for the summer semester. Watch this space for updates.

For more information on all of the Chapter course offerings on CAPM, Foundations and PMP, and to register (once registration is open) go to: <https://pmi-dvc.org/earn-certifications-overview>

Academic Outreach

The Academic Council meets twice a year for a presentation on project management education. Topics have focused on teaching methods, teaching tools, and PMI's Global Accreditation Center. Kevin Mayhew has moved into the role of Director of Academic Outreach. If you teach project management at an IHL or any other organization, this is the group for you. To get involved in the Academic Council, please reach out directly to Kevin Mayhew at kmayhew@pmi-dvc.org.

Job Posting 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: <https://pmi-dvc.org/career-advice-features>



Annual Membership Price Increase:

Notification from PMI: Starting January 3, 2023 PMI annual membership for US members will increase by \$10 to \$139 annually. The \$10 price increase will be reflected in your next renewal period.

Prosci Change Management Course Now Available

PMI has partnered with Prosci, the world's leading change management organization to bundle three intro courses into one course, Change Management Self-Starter:

<https://www.pmi.org/landing/prosci>. The course is being offered for USD\$150, with an additional 10% discount code on the landing page.

Volunteer Spotlight: PM Volunteers really do make a difference!

Young Men and Women in Charge and PMI-DVC were featured in an Editorial by PMI in the Hours for Impact 2022 initiative, which promotes volunteerism in support of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Members of the PMI-DVC have partnered with the [YMWIC \(Young Men and Women in Charge\) Foundation](#) for 11 years. The Founder and CEO, Mr. Richard Roberts, is a PMP and an Engineer. The mission of YMWIC is to empower and prepare economically disadvantaged and historically underrepresented students to excel academically and become leaders in STEM careers by providing academic tutoring, mentoring, and financial assistance. The mission is accomplished by leveraging alliances with K-12 school districts, universities, corporations, and other committed partners, including PMI-DVC.

An extensive article about an example of the volunteer work PMI-DVC project professionals provided to the YMWIC Scholars was [published in December](#) on PMI Hours

for Impact. Specifically, the article shares the experiences of Chapter members **Stephan Rouyer, Steven Bistany, and Ernest Dixon**. The site highlights the value, skill, experience, and dedication project professionals bring to partnerships between PMI Chapters and community organizations around the globe as part of PMI's commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs), which kicked off in 2019.

The YMWIC program is not part of the student's in-school schedule; the program is outside the school day, in the evenings and on weekends. The program includes workshops, science project support, college readiness, career readiness, regional events, and community service. If you or your colleagues who would like to share the joy of volunteering, the door is always open. Please contact Marie Hegarty, mhegarty@pmi-dvc.org

Read the editorial [here](#), on pmi.org and [explore other projects](#) worldwide in story, video, and editorial formats.

Member Highlights

Each month, we recognize members who have reached important milestones.

New Members – Welcome to the **14** New Members who joined the Chapter in December, 2022!

- Adewole Adefemi, Eric Bertolino, Shane Daniels, Mark Del Vecchio, Walter Drusedum, David Franza, Carolyn Juhline, Ian Mark, Lauren Mendoza, Raynelle Mensah, Alina Nitsa, Louis Rider, Laura Scoufield, Daniel Summers.

Member Certifications – Congratulations to our newest Certificate holders who achieved certifications in December 2022!

- [CAPM](#) – Candice Crosby-Durant, Harpreet Kaur, Lynsey Madison, Quinn McHugh, Melissa Templeton, Sharon Vietmeier
- [DASM](#) – April Burton, Kelley Ann Faust, Leslie Sellers
- [DASSM](#) – Kaitlin Taylor
- [PMP](#) – Jennifer Beers, Chontoinette Blair, Shane Daniels, Andrew Dankel, Sanya Dayo, Mark Del Vecchio, Brian DePue, Shannon Dickerson, Jacqueline Dim, Jennifer D'Ulisse, Andriene Folkes, Jon Greskiewicz, Victoria Haines, Stephan Houcke, James Jordan, Abdulrahman Keita, Ashley Kerper, Eva Long, Ian Mark, Krystal McGill, Raymond Miller III, Holly Raymond, Morgan Shearer, Edward Stelacio, Daniel Summers, Charles Wachira, Samuel Walus

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2023 Annual Plan Goals

Increase Membership in PMI and the Chapter

Promote Educational Outreach & Support Professional Development

Build Lasting Relationships through Volunteerism