

THE PAC UPDATE

The latest news & updates from your public access channel, PAC 14



Tom Taylor (right) and Creig Twilley (left)

A Reflection On 21 Years At PAC 14

by Creig Twilley

""When I started at what was once Access 26, I really had no idea what public access television was and soon learned that very few people in the community did either. We had to all learn together, and I am grateful and proud to say that we did, and the education still continues.

Public Access Channel 14 has been my home way from home for 21 years. From recording and playing back fuzzy VHS programs in the early days to HD digital video now, much of the local community history since 1999 has been chronicled in the public, educational and government programming. What a ride! Y2K was supposed to bring down all of our computers, and in turn, our fledgling TV station. It didn't. From Megabytes (MB) to Gigabytes (GB) to Terabytes (TB) we grew our knowledge and programming to prove to the community that we were here to stay. The three partners of PAC 14-Salisbury University, Wicomico County and the City of Salisbury-stuck with us and let us prove ourselves as we navigated the sometimes rough waters of public access TV.

Looking back, it seems like just a few years have

gone by, but that speaks to the creative and fun nature of serving the community.

As I prepare to retire and make room for new talent, I can honestly say that this community is home to so many wonderful, thoughtful, creative, and motivated people! I have worked with many of them and my life has without a doubt been made better by their friendship, partnerships, and sage advice. The staff at PAC 14 has always been dedicated to the cause, and I leave the organization in the capable hands of Tom, Jen, Emili, Dalencia, Leon, Matt and Mark. I would like to add that I will not be a stranger to the offices as I plan on stopping in to say hello and help out if needed!

I would like to thank the community, the PAC 14 Board, our three partners, and to all of the local producers who have come through the doors over the years. It has been an honor to serve the community. I can't imagine a better career than this one!"

Community Calendar

To submit your own event to the community calendar, visit www.pac14.org/community-calendar

Mar 6th, 2021 from 11:00 a.m-3:00 p.m: West Side VFD Muskrat and Oyster Dinner Fundraiser:

Platters include greens, mac & cheese, cornbread and roll. Bake sale also included. Limited socially distanced seating. Carry Out. Masks required.

- 21045 Nanticoke Rd., Bivalve, MD 21814
- Phone: 410-873-2140

Mar 6th, 2021 from 11:00 a.m-1:00 p.m: Delmar VFW Auxiliary Drive Thru Chicken Salad or Soup:

Drive through chicken salad and or soup. Chicken is \$14/quart or \$7/pint. Peas & dumplings or Vegetable Beef soup is \$6/quart. Benefits local charities.

- 200 West State Street, Delmar, MD
- Phone: 302-877-0933

Local Producer Spotlight

by *Dalencia Jenkins*

Don't let the face mask fool you, when you come across 27 year old Taqiyy Abdullaah, he will welcome you to PAC 14 studios with a warm smile and pleasant convocation. Taqiyy has been a local producer for two years and an intern for a couple of months. Every Sunday he produces a church program for his church home, "New Birth Ministry Gods Property" located not too far from the PAC 14 studios.

Taqiyy was introduced to PAC 14 through his church and quickly went from co-producer to head producer of their program. He says the skills he learned will not only help his church, but also help him in other life experiences as well. Taqiyy loves the technology and equipment here at PAC 14 and enjoys learning more about television through hands-on and real-world applications. Taqiyy is also grateful for the other ways he can express his creativity here at PAC 14 by learning graphic design and creating station ID's. He looks forward to seeing PAC 14 welcome new equipment and technology like the 4K studio, and hopes to one day see a sound studio to record his poetry and make original music.



Taqiyy Abdullaah (above)

We Need Your Help!

PAC 14 is undergoing many new initiatives to bring more awareness to public access television, but we cannot do it alone. We need our members to share the word about PAC 14! Do you know a creative person who would like to produce their own show? Our staff would love to help them get started. Direct them to the PAC 14 website at www.pac14.org/getting-started for more information.