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'NO KINGS'



DANVILLE GROUPS JOIN IN NATIONWIDE PROTEST



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Assembled in two spots in downtown Danville, area residents joined tens of thousands of "No Kings" protests across the country on Saturday, taking aim at dissatisfaction with President Donald Trump. Holding signs including "due process," "wake up" and "protect free speech," protesters targeted passing vehicles at the Main Street Plaza and the pocket park with the iconic "Home" sign. "The feedback from all the traffic was overwhelmingly positive," the Danville Democratic Committee wrote in a Facebook post, acknowledging they were joined by people from Pittsylvania County.

AVERETT UNIVERSITY

Work-based learning efforts expand in Southside Virginia

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Averett University and other higher education institutions serving Southside Virginia are taking part in a state initiative to connect businesses with work-based learning opportunities.

Known as the Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership Initiative, Averett is working with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia for the project with the help of a grant.

Danville Community College, Hampden-Sydney College, Longwood University, Patrick & Henry Community College and Southside Virginia Community College are also involved in what the program

hopes will become a talent pipeline for employers in the region.

It's under the umbrella of GO Virginia, which is a state economic development initiative. Southern Virginia is in Region 3.

"Averett University is proud to lead the V-TOP effort in GO Virginia Region 3 in collaboration with our higher education partners," Julie J. Brown, Averett University provost, said in a statement. "It is imperative that our college students have access to high-quality internships which add relevancy to their academic journeys, ultimately connecting them to employers

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Representatives from Southern Virginia higher education institutions gather as part of the Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership Initiative.