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To the Editor:

One of the little-known community resources at Parkland College is its educational television station, PCTV. One of only several local public access channels, PCTV is broadcast on cable channel 9 in Champaign-Urbana and surrounding communities and on channel 10 in Rantoul, Thomasboro, Gifford, and Ludlow.

While Parkland's television studio offers aspiring broadcast and camera-operating students a place to hone their skills, it is also a place where local Parkland shows are produced. Shows such as The Voice, Parkland Threads, and Cobra Corner tell you what's going on behind the scenes at Parkland and in the community relating to science, entrepreneurship, art, cooking, sports, and more. Parkland President Tom Ramage regularly appears on The Parkland Report to address 'the state of the college.'

But in addition to local shows, PCTV broadcasts entertaining and educational programs you won't find on any other channel, such as the NASA Science Files, Deutsche Welle international news, and the Annenberg professional development series for K-12 teachers. Its popular Classic Arts Showcase features short MTV-style clips of operas, ballets, and even museum visits. All PCTV programs are chosen with Parkland's primary goal in mind: to provide accessible and comprehensive education to local residents, which improves their economic, personal, and cultural well-being.

To see a lineup, visit www.parkland.edu/pctv. You may also view full-length versions of all of PCTV's local programs at this website.

Sincerely,

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