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| |  | | --- | | Dear First Name Last Name,  Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC) is informing individuals of a recent data security incident that may have resulted in the unauthorized access to, or acquisition of, some personal information of our former and current students, faculty, and staff and participants in Tennessee Consortium for International Studies (TNCIS) programs.  **What Happened?**  PSCC was the victim of a ransomware cyberattack overnight on December 5-6, 2021. We have confirmed unauthorized access to one system, but it is possible that others may have been accessed. While PSCC was also a victim, we apologize for any stress and concern this has caused.  **What Information Was Involved?**  Our investigation confirmed that the attacker had access to our Active Directory database, which includes first and last name; PSCC username; PSCC email address; office location and phone number; job title and department (if an employee); P number (a unique number assigned to each student and employee used only at PSCC and not used to sign documents); General user ID number (a long random string of numbers used only by PSCC in its Banner system); and PSCC account password (hashed).  This was the only database to which access was confirmed. It is possible, however, that other personal data in our system could have been accessed.  **What We Are Doing**  Since the incident, we have notified local law enforcement, including the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and appropriate state and federal authorities, scanned every computer, and enhanced security measures. | | **What You Can Do**    While we do not know if your data was viewed, we generally recommend you remain vigilant, monitor and review your financial and account statements, and report any unusual activity.  More specifically, we recommend you:   * Reset passwords for any accounts that used the same password as was in our system (and use different passwords for different accounts); * Notify your financial institution if you detect suspicious activity on your accounts; * Report incidents of fraudulent activity or suspected identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, the Federal Trade Commission, and/or your state attorney general; * Monitor your free credit reports; * Consider placing a freeze on your credit files and/or a fraud alert on your credit report; * File a police report if you experience identity fraud; * Take advantage of the Federal Trade Commission’s information at: IdentityTheft.gov and Identity Theft | FTC Consumer Information; and * Review the attached State-Specific and Other Important Information. | | As a safeguard, we have arranged for you to enroll, at no cost to you, in an online credit monitoring service (myTrueIdentity) for 12 months provided by TransUnion Interactive, a subsidiary of TransUnion®, one of the three nationwide credit reporting companies.  To enroll in this service, go directly to the myTrueIdentity website at [www.mytrueidentity.com](http://www.mytrueidentity.com) and in the space referenced as “Enter Activation Code”, enter the following 12-letter Activation Code **XXXXXXXXX** and follow the three steps to receive your credit monitoring service online within minutes.  If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll in a similar offline, paper based, credit monitoring service, via U.S. Mail delivery, please call the TransUnion Fraud Response Services toll-free hotline at 1-855-288-5422. When prompted, enter the following 6-digit telephone pass code ###### and follow the steps to enroll in the offline credit monitoring service, add an initial fraud alert to your credit file, or to speak to a TransUnion representative if you believe you may be a victim of identity theft.  You can sign up for the online or offline credit monitoring service anytime between now and May 31, 2022. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion, or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number, or are under the age of 18. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.  Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain one year of unlimited access to your TransUnion credit report and credit score. The daily credit monitoring service will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, change of address and more. The subscription also includes access to identity restoration services that provides assistance in the event your identity is compromised to help you restore your identity and up to $1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)  If you have questions about your online credit monitoring benefits, need help with your enrollment, or need help accessing your credit report, or passing identity verification, please contact the myTrueIdentity Customer Service Team toll-free at: 1-844-787-4607, Monday-Friday: 8am-9pm, Saturday-Sunday: 8am-5pm Eastern time. | | **If you are receiving this notice for a current or former student who is under the age of 18:**  The credit monitoring code listed above is only for adults. If you are receiving this notice for a minor, the parent or guardian can contact the call center listed below to receive a unique code for 12 months of credit monitoring specific for covering minors which will provide notifications to the primary adult member of activity on the child’s Equifax credit report. | | **For More Information**  PSCC sincerely regrets any inconvenience or concern that this attack on us caused.  Additional information in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is available at <https://www.pstcc.edu/cyberattack>. If you still have questions after reading the FAQs and this notification, please contact the call center PSCC has established at 1- 855-604-1808 This call center will be operational through May 2, 2022. | |  | | Please note that by providing this notice, PSCC does not intend to waive any rights or defenses. | | State-Specific and Other Important Information | | **How do I obtain a copy of my credit report?**  You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <https://www.annualcreditreport.com>, by calling toll-free 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. Contact information is also provided below:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Experian**  P.O. Box 2104  Allen, TX 75013  1-888-397-3742  [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com) | **TransUnion**  P.O. Box 2000  Chester, PA 19022  1-800-680-7289  [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com) | **Equifax**  P.O. Box 740256  Atlanta, GA 30348  1-888-766-0008  [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com) | | |
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