


IN MEMORIAM



The PJC family remembers its “First Lady,” Mrs. Marlene Atwell, for her support of the college she loved.

Marlene Atwell, Pensacola Junior College’s “First Lady” and Charles Atwell’s faithful wife of 44 years, was generous to her friends and family, caring for those close to her as well as those she barely knew. In her honor, the Marlene S. Atwell Chair of Family Values is being established.


If you would like to contribute to the Marlene S. Atwell Chair of Family Values endowed chair, call the PJC Foundation Office at (850) 484-1560.

## Community Support Puts Capital Campaign Over the Top

**Y**ES! Success! We did it! No matter how you look at the figures, the result is something to crow about. The PJC Foundation’s first Capital Campaign is an overwhelming success, totaling more than \$5 million in gifts and pledges. In addition, PJC could receive as much as \$3.8 million in state matching funds and approximately \$2 million in federal matching funds, bringing the campaign total to more than \$10 million. The state matching funds are designated for scholarships, endowed chairs, facilities and equipment. The federal matching funds are earmarked for the upcoming WSRE digital conversion. “When we began talking about this campaign two years ago, arriving at a list of bona fide needs was easy. Getting the courage to set an ambitious goal of \$4.5 million was not so easy,” said PJC President Charles Atwell. In fact, the consulting firm that conducted the feasibility study reported that in spite of PJC’s positive community image, the goal likely could not be met. “They just did not see how hard we were willing to work, how dedicated and committed our volunteers turned out to be, and how much of a grassroots campaign this became,” Atwell said. From its precedent-setting lead gift of \$1 million in December 1998 to the victory celebration in August 2000, the Capital Campaign was embraced by the Northwest Florida community.

Nearly 750 different individuals, organizations and businesses participated in the fund drive, including more than 300 PJC faculty and staff. “It has been heartwarming and gratifying to see such broad based support for the college,” said Tommy Tait, Capital Campaign general chair. “We were fortunate to begin the campaign with an impressive lead gift, but it was the ground swell of support from all over that really put us over the top.” A quick look around PJC shows that the outstanding success of the *Building on Tradition—Investing in the Future* Capital Campaign is already evident.

- A top-notch string music program has begun at PJC.
- The PJC Honors program has been revived this fall with an entering class of 42 Bright Futures scholars.
- Nearly \$1 million has been added for additional scholarships.
- More than \$1 million is being spent on equipment, mostly related to technology and the health curricula.
- The first Anna Lamar Switzer Endowed Teaching Chair has been awarded.
- Two PJC art students are currently receiving Switzer Scholarships.
- Groundbreaking for the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for the Visual Arts is scheduled for January with occupancy planned for next fall.
- Construction of the new Health Sciences Building on the Warrington campus is scheduled to begin in January.



“Like many community college students, I went to PJC piecemeal. Occasionally I was a full-time student, but mostly I attended part-time, taking a lot of classes at night while I was working full time during the day. I do not think I would have been able to get my associate’s degree without this flexibility and I never felt that I was getting less of an education because I was a part-time student.

“A hallmark of PJC then and now is that it offers widespread access to a top quality education. I attribute, in large measure, where I am today to the opportunities I had at PJC.”


—Tommy Tait, PJC Alumnus and Capital Campaign General Chair

## PJC—Then and Now

**B**uilding on Tradition—Investing in the Future provides the perfect description for Pensacola Junior College’s first Capital Campaign. Distinguished as the state’s first public junior college, PJC enjoys a rich tradition of providing education and public service to the Northwest Florida community. As the college wrapped up its 50th anniversary celebration, its first major fund drive was launched to ensure that this tradition of excellence would continue in spite of diminishing state and federal funds for community colleges. Planning for the future is not new to PJC. From its earliest days, PJC has benefited from administrators and staff who dared to dream big. In a July 1967 “PJC Evening College Newsletter,” then President T. Felton Harrison shared some of his vision for PJC. He predicted that PJC would have multi campuses and that students would have a growing interest in data processing and health related fields. He felt that teaching techniques would change dramatically and that educational television would come into its own. At the dawn of a new millennium, we can easily see that President Harrison’s dreams for PJC, like those of many others, have become reality.

Similarly, we can see that the dreams of those capital campaign “investors” in PJC’s future are already becoming reality. A record number of new scholarships, a revitalized honors program, four new endowed chairs, and planned construction of a visual arts center and a health sciences complex are just the beginning. Improvements at the baseball field, digital programming from WSRE-TV, and visiting scholars are soon to come.

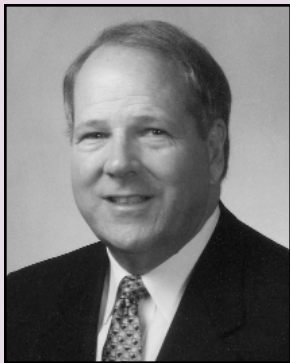
T. Felton Harrison, PJC President from 1964 to 1980, envisioned a bright future for the college.



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PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE



BO CARTER  
PJC Foundation President

Pensacola Junior College is entering the new millennium with confidence in a bright future and the PJC Foundation is bolstering that confidence through the resounding success of its first Capital Campaign.

When the Foundation launched *Building on Tradition-Investing in the Future*, just two years ago, the goal of \$4.5 million seemed to be an enormous challenge. Mindful of not neglecting its existing areas of fundraising, the Foundation stepped boldly into the community for additional support to meet the campaign's goal, and the Northwest Florida community responded with overwhelming generosity!

Individuals, families, businesses (both large and small) and, of course, the PJC community stepped forward with the resources to bring the Capital Campaign to more than \$5 million. Along with state and federal matching dollars, the college could end up with around \$10 million.

PJC students, faculty and, in fact, the entire community will benefit from these funds as they are used for student scholarships, endowed teaching chairs, athletic programs, cultural advancement, WSRE Public TV, a Health Sciences complex, instructional technology, and program innovation and expansion.

I congratulate the Foundation's Campaign Cabinet and Board of Governors for their individual generosity and their tireless efforts in reaching out to the community.

The College Development staff also deserves our heartfelt thanks for the many "behind the scenes" tasks they performed to make the campaign a success.

I am honored to serve as the Foundation's president during this upcoming year of celebrating the success of our first Capital Campaign. With your support, we can continue making PJC the top community college in the country.

*Thomas B. Carter*

Bo Carter  
President, PJC Foundation, Inc.

Capital Campaign Stars Shine  
at Victory Celebration

Just as stars illuminated the Pensacola sky on a balmy August evening, Capital Campaign "stars" were shining at the Jubilee Restaurant in a victory celebration. Numerous local donors and volunteers played a starring role in the success of the college's first capital fund drive, exceeding the original goal and bringing in more than \$5 million.

PJC President Charles Atwell commended the Capital Campaign committee, Foundation Board of Governors, PJC community, donors, and volunteers for working diligently to make the campaign a success.

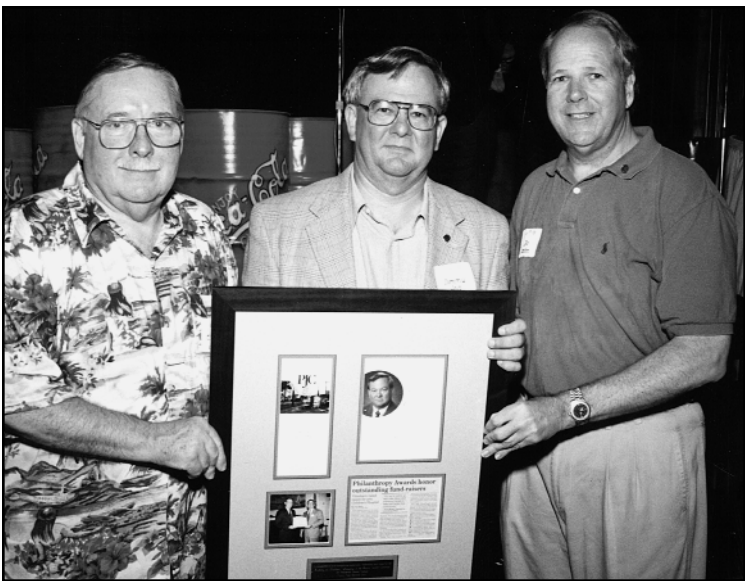
"I thank you all for your generous support, and not only the nearly 30,000 students we'll have in 2000-2001 thank you, but generations of students and faculty to come thank you as well," Atwell said.

Capital Campaign General Chair Tommy Tait also called attention to the dedicated leadership of the campaign committee.

"A huge thanks goes to the Campaign Cabinet for the success of this effort," Tait said. "They really did the leg work necessary to reach out to the community so that we not only reached our goal, we surpassed it!"

Diane Appleyard emceed the stellar event that featured jazz entertainment from PJC professor Thom Botsford and Lex Mohan. "When You Wish Upon a Star" was performed by Robin Hiers, a current PJC student, and Caroline Norman, a future PJC student. The Success Youth Steel Orchestra gave rhythm to the evening with their steel drums.

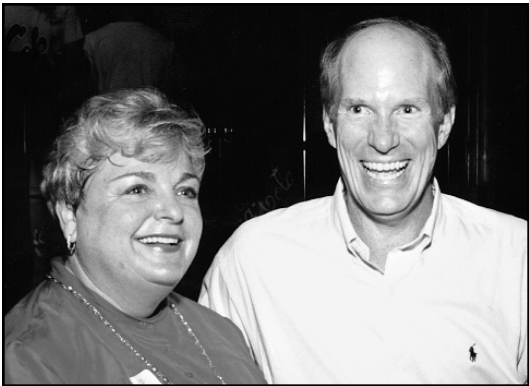
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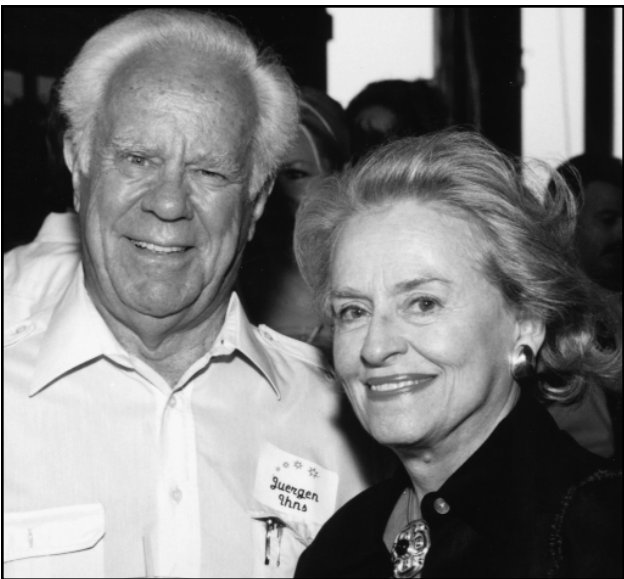
Above: Charles Atwell, PJC president; Tommy Tait, Capital Campaign General Chair; and Bo Carter, Foundation president  
Below: Sandy and M.J. Menge, and Grover Robinson IV



Below: Diane Appleyard and Eric Nickelsen



Above: Bobby, Jason and Charles Switzer  
Below: Juergen and Helen Ihns  
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# Named Giving Opportunities Provide Lasting Legacy

Donors who make significant gifts to the college will have the opportunity to name a college facility or program in honor of the donor or another person.

Scholarships, endowed chairs, lecture series, and faculty and staff awards programs are among the named gift opportunities. In addition, buildings or portions of buildings, including laboratories and conference rooms are available for named giving.

Named gift opportunities range from \$10,000 to \$5,000,000. All gifts of \$5,000 or more will be included on the "Donor Wall" in the Administration Building on the Pensacola campus.

Local donors who have participated in named giving during the Capital Campaign and have already chosen their college facility or program to name are:

- **Switzer and Reilly families**—Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, Pensacola campus

- **Joe and Betty Zimmers**—Tiered Music Classroom, Ashmore Fine Arts Center, Pensacola campus
- **Helen and Juergen Ihns**—Production facilities, Kugelman Center for Telecommunications, Pensacola campus
- **D.W. McMillan**—Auditorium, Warrington campus
- **James F. Marks family**—Multi-Purpose Classroom, Warrington campus
- **Gulf Power**—Executive Training Center (4th floor), Downtown Center
- **Whitney Bank**—Community Room, Downtown Center
- **Deborah and Miller Caldwell II**—Avery and Miller Caldwell III Distinguished Visiting Scholar Endowment

If you are interested in a named giving opportunity, call Patrice Whitten at the PJC Foundation Office at (850) 484-1650.

# Robinson Endowments Help Revitalize PJC Honors Program

Jill and Grover Robinson IV have established an endowment with the Pensacola Junior College Foundation in memory of Sandra and Grover Robinson III. The endowment established the PJC Sandra and Grover Robinson III Honors Program that began Aug. 24 with 42 Bright Futures students enrolled.

The Robinson endowment will assist the college in offsetting the high cost of small classes, independent studies, seminars and other special programs associated with the Robinson Honors Program.

In addition, the PJC Foundation along with friends of the Robinson family will honor Sandra and Grover Robinson III with an endowed faculty chair for the honors program.

The PJC Robinson Honors Program will offer academically gifted students a challenging interdisciplinary core curriculum taught by some of the college's finest faculty. This integrated program of study will examine the connections and relationships between the arts and sciences.

The endowment also will provide for five honors scholarships and five grants for students to attend summer sessions at the



University of Cambridge in England. This program attracts students of all ages from all over the world. Students participate in summer schools of science, history, art history, Shakespeare, English literature, Medieval studies, or English legal methods.

Sandra and Grover Robinson dedicated many years of service to PJC including serving on numerous committees of the PJC Foundation.

# Miller Caldwell Family Establishes First Distinguished Visiting Scholar Endowment

Deborah and Miller Caldwell II have established PJC's first Distinguished Visiting Scholar Endowment in honor of their daughter, Avery, and their son, Miller.

The endowment will provide funds to bring a renowned scholar from any discipline or area of the college to PJC each year. The guest scholar will conduct workshops and training for the faculty, the students, and the community.

The Avery and Miller Caldwell III Endowed Chair for Visiting Scholars is also PJC's first

endowed chair to be named for the donor's children.

"As parents, Debbie and I have always tried to instill community involvement in the lives of our children," Caldwell said. "Education is a vital part of that involvement, and Pensacola Junior College is a critical element to community education. We know this chair in their names will engender their interest and involvement, and hopefully, that of other young people as well."



***“I find time to volunteer at PJC because the college is invaluable to the community both to young people and to older citizens. In addition to offering classes, the college does so many things to enrich our lives through its cultural events and service to the community.”***

—Diane Gup

***“PJC is a great institution with wonderful people. It is a fun place to do volunteer work and we had a great Mark Russell committee.”***

—Dona Usry



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- 1. Mark Russell and Diane Gup, committee chair
- 2. Jill and Grover Robinson IV with Mark Russell
- 3. Elba Robertson and Mark Russell
- 4. Betty Wasson, committee member



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***“I can’t think of a better way to expend time and energy than in helping the Foundation in its supporting role to the Pensacola Junior College success story.”***

—Bill Smart

***“I first became involved with PJC through a fundraiser several years ago. It was then that I realized how many opportunities the college offers people of all ages in Pensacola. Anything this good for our city is worth working for.”***

—Clara Wimberly

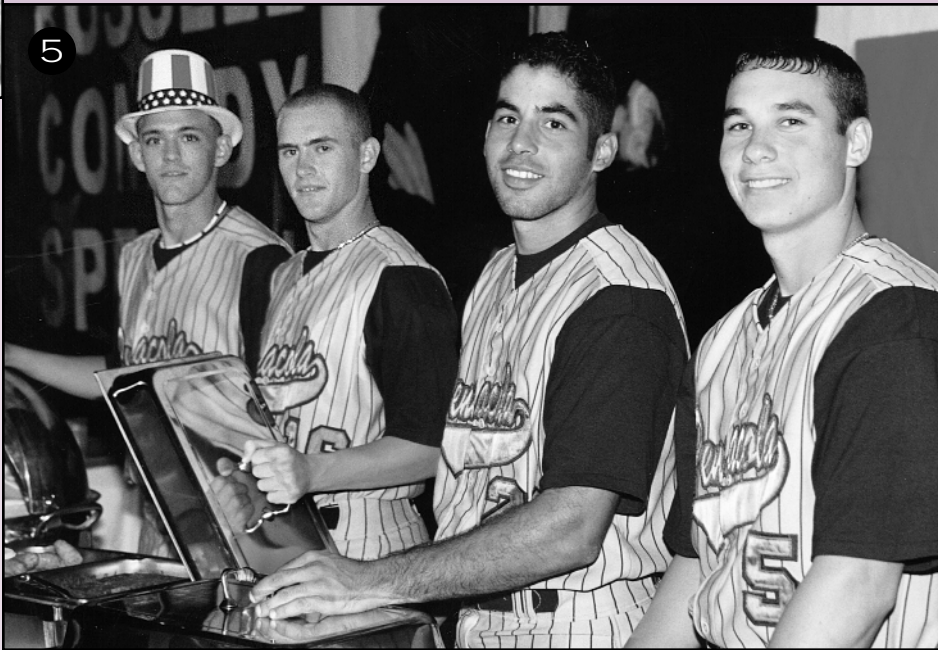
## Mark Russell Capitalizes on Campaign Humor

A funny thing happened on the way to meeting PJC’s Capital Campaign goal. Renowned political satirist Mark Russell brought his unique comedic candor to the campaign’s final fundraiser, Sept 30. From the local school board to the president, no one was safe from Russell’s verbal and musical barbs.

“I know that Congressman Joe Scarborough is not in the audience because he’s at the Hard Rock Café opening for Little Richard,” Russell quipped.

Almost 700 Foundation supporters and community members packed the Lou Ross Health and Sports Center for Russell’s 90-minute, laugh-filled performance.

The Foundation booked Russell almost a year in advance and then a committee of volunteers led by Diane Gup worked for months to ensure that the grande finale event would be a success.



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- 5. Rhett James, Jeremy Segers, Carlos Sosa and Billy Sadler, PJC Pirate Baseball players and event volunteers
- 6. Sheila Pritchard, volunteer usher



# Scholarship Spotlight

PJC's outstanding faculty, diverse course offerings, and multi-campus locations have attracted students for the past half-century. However, rising costs of tuition and books continue to close the door for many would-be students.

Funding student scholarships is just one way that the Capital Campaign is opening the doors for present and future students.

Among the newly established scholarships are:

- **Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc. Endowed Scholarship**—In June, Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc. created an endowed scholarship for students majoring in visual arts. Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc. raised most of the money for the endowment by hosting the annual Gulf Breeze Celebrates the Arts festival in the spring. This is a fine arts event with more than 120 artists displaying their work. The recipients of this scholarship have access to these wonderful mentors. As Fuller Brown and Shebbie Shields discussed the benefits of such a project between the Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc. members and the City of Gulf



Breeze, both were delighted. Brown summed it best by saying, "they are just a bunch of nice people, and they are very talented too." This year's event will take place March 24–25 in Gulf Breeze, of course!

- **Hispanic Action Society, Inc. Scholarship**—Founded in 1993, the Hispanic Action Society (HAS) is committed to working for the betterment of Hispanic Americans. Topping its list of activities is providing a yearly scholarship to a PJC student. HAS members participate in a variety of fund raisers, including car washes, to meet their yearly scholarship goal. The first HAS Scholarship was awarded to Jesus Grenados. The current recipient is Jennifer Rita.
- **Gray Wright Waldorf Endowed Memorial Scholarship**—Gray W. Waldorf taught in PJC's Biology Department for many years until his retirement in 1983. This endowed scholarship was set up by Mrs. Gray W. Waldorf, and their daughter, Gwendolyn, shortly after his death in January 2000. "Mr. Waldorf's work was so wonderful that he is still remembered throughout the department," said James Brady, PJC Biology Department head.

Anyone wishing to support the scholarship fund at PJC can do so by donating to an existing scholarship fund or establishing a new one. For more information, contact Shebbie Shields in the PJC Foundation Office at (850) 484-1562.

Miriam Wood, Jerry Lewis, and Evelyn Dillree presented PJC with a \$5,000 check to establish the Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc. endowed scholarship.

# Estate Planning—Gifts You Can Arrange Now to be Received Over Time

As part of your long-range financial planning, you might want to make gifts that will be received after you and your loved ones no longer need the assets used to fund the gift.

After providing adequately for loved ones, many taxpayers will choose to voluntarily redirect a portion of their estates for charitable use, thus reducing the taxes on the estate. Charitable deductions have certain limits and guidelines. Please consult your tax advisor for your particular situation.

Giving through your will can be a convenient way to leave a lasting legacy benefiting future programs and students at PJC. After taking

care of your loved ones, you may decide to give a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or all or part of what remains after individuals have been remembered.

Another avenue of giving is the planned gift that benefits both you and PJC in the future. Along with an immediate income tax charitable deduction, you can assure an income for yourself (and even for another person) for life. After that, PJC may use the remaining funds for educational purposes.

For more information, please call Patrice Whitten at the PJC Foundation Office at (850) 484-1560.

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☐ I am interested in estate planning. Please contact me about a personal visit or other assistance.

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## ALUMNI PROFILE



Gail Sasnett

### EDUCATION:

Pensacola Junior College, A.A.  
University of West Florida,  
B.A., Psychology  
Florida State University,  
M.S., Counselor Education  
Stetson University College of Law, J.D.

### OCCUPATION:

Associate Dean of Students,  
University of Florida  
Levin College of Law

### FAMILY:

Husband, R. David Stauffer, sales  
director for Oak Hammock at the  
University of Florida

Two children, Rhett, age 26,  
and Shannon, age 22

### AFFILIATIONS PAST AND PRESENT:

National Association of Women Lawyers  
(NAWL) president, past treasurer/  
secretary and board member

Kiwanis Club of Gainesville, current  
president-elect; vice president 1999

Florida Lawyers Assistance, Inc.,  
board of directors

Golfview Neighborhood Association,  
past president

Florida Bar Association, member

Student Education and Admissions to  
the Bar Committee, past vice president

Guardian Ad Litem, volunteer

Gator Toastmasters, CTM and past vice  
president for public relations

Florida Association of Women Lawyers

Florida Association of Community  
Colleges (1978–1994)

Florida Association of Student  
Financial Aid Administrators,  
1978–1994

Trinity United Methodist Church,  
Sunday School teacher

American Bar Association

### PJC EXPERIENCE:

I had a wonderful experience at PJC. I was able to take advantage of leadership opportunities in student government while at PJC which helped me develop into a more confident person. I also made new friends through SGA and the social sorority which I joined. It was a fun time for me. The educational opportunities were fabulous, with many options and strong, caring faculty members. I continue to be a huge proponent of Florida's community college system and particularly of PJC with its strong reputation.



ATHLETIC  
ADVANCEMENT  
UPDATE  
PIRATE BASEBALL  
FACILITIES NEED  
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Those who have visited other community colleges along the Gulf Coast do not doubt that PJC tops the list for having beautifully maintained grounds and buildings.

On the other hand, those who have attended baseball games at neighboring community colleges do not doubt that PJC's baseball facilities do not measure up.

"Our playing field is kept in good condition and we are very pleased with our new press box and stands," said Bill Hamilton, Athletic Director. "However, our dugouts, public restrooms and concession stand desperately need renovation.

"It is embarrassing during recruiting and it is embarrassing to host other teams and expect the players to use our old dugouts with no storage area and to have Port-A-Potties for our restrooms," Hamilton explained.

Plans have been made for a first class baseball facility and a Capital Campaign Athletic Advancement goal of \$250,000 was set for funding the baseball renovation, among others.

Although the total campaign goal was exceeded, the funds earmarked for Athletic Advancement fell short and fund raising in this area will continue.

If you would like to help put the PJC Pirate baseball facilities on an equal footing with those of competing teams, call (850) 484-1560.



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PJC's College Development/Foundation & Alumni Affairs staff is here to assist you.  
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- Kat Miller, Annual Fund/Alumni Affairs Manager

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Mike Saxon Chosen for LeRoy Collins  
Distinguished Alumni Award

Mike Saxon, PJC Board of Trustees member, has been chosen as a LeRoy Collins Distinguished Community College Honorary Alumni Award winner by the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC).

LeRoy Collins served as governor during the formation of the Florida Community College System and was a strong community college supporter throughout his career. In celebrating the achievements of community college alumni, FACC pays simultaneous homage to the everlasting spirit of a man with the integrity and courage to do the right thing at the right time.

"PJC was the right opportunity for me at the right time," says Saxon. "It provided a great transition from high school to post-secondary education. Without question, any measure of success I enjoy today is largely due to my PJC experience."

A 1976 graduate of PJC, R. Michael Saxon is the caliber of community leader PJC produces. Saxon, Gulf Power Pensacola district manager, displays outstanding leadership not only in Northwest Florida economic development activities but in philanthropic activities as well.

He recently received the Richard L. McLaughlin Economic Development Volunteer of the Year award from the Florida Economic Development Council (FEDC) for outstanding leadership in economic development efforts. He is clearly one of the emerging leaders in

Northwest Florida, and was so recognized by the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce in 1998-99. Saxon also was mentioned in the April 2000 edition of Florida Trend as a "Person to Watch" in Northwest Florida.

As chairman of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, Saxon was instrumental in locating 13 new and expanding business projects, resulting in 1,642 new jobs and nearly \$107 million in new capital investments.

One of the most significant new business locations achieved under Saxon's guidance was Washington Mutual Finance with an initial employment of 300 and an \$11 million investment. Saxon then partnered PJC with Washington Mutual Finance to provide training for the new employees.

Saxon has certainly not forgotten the role of education as he serves on the boards of the Escambia County Foundation for Excellence in Education and the University of West Florida Advisory Committee as well as the PJC Board of Trustees.



Mike Saxon

Warren Thompson Receives First  
Switzer Endowed Teaching Chair

Warren Thompson, photography teacher in the PJC Visual Arts Department, is the first recipient of the Anna Lamar Switzer Endowed Teaching Chair.

As a three-year appointment, the chair provides \$4,500 per year with \$2,500 going to the faculty member and \$2,000 going to the project. Thompson's project, "Vanishing Florida," involves photographing Florida's unique natural, cultural, historical and artistic resources.



"Although I can't stop the change, my project is to photograph as

many Florida icons as possible," says Thompson. "I want to produce a visual inventory of the vernacular. The result should be a creative and innovative view of a Vanishing Florida."

Thompson's work in photography uses traditional methods as well as advanced work in digital imaging.

"The chair provides wonderful recognition for our faculty and a great opportunity for them to complete projects that will help them in their careers," said Allan Peterson, Art Department head and Gallery director.

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