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## PJC FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GROVER ROBINSON, IV  
PJC Foundation President

I know that *Compendium* reaches you at a time of economic challenge and uncertainty. However, today I bring you some good news about your contributions and Pensacola Junior College.

Last year, through your generous contributions, we were able to reach our giving goals. In turn, those contributions enabled us to improve the quality of life for many students as they acquired new skills and knowledge.

Just a few highlights of 2008-2009 include:

- 2,280 scholarships worth \$780,545 were awarded.
- 183 First Generation scholarships totaling \$154,098 were awarded; these scholarships are going to students whose parents did not receive college degrees, and these scholarships were matched by state dollars.
- Seven new scholarships were established and 15 major gifts were added to benefit the college's students and programs.

The Foundation exceeded its goal of \$250,000 for Annual Fund which provides access to serve the most critical needs not met by tuition, fees and state appropriations.

These figures illustrate that even in the worst times, you and others recognize the importance of education for the betterment of this community. It demonstrates that we in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties recognize the value of an education and the importance of strengthening our local economy for the future.

The Foundation, through your generosity, provides more than financial support. It provides opportunity through education that transforms lives and opens doors for a better future.

Like last year, we continue to find ourselves challenged by the economy; however, you and your donations make the difference for our community by enabling PJC to fulfill its mission. Toward that end, I hope you will join with me in giving to PJC Foundation for the betterment of our community.

Thank you for your support in the past and I greatly look forward to working with you for a better future.

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**On the cover:** PJC celebrates the opening of its spacious new library named in honor of PJC alum Edward M. Chadbourne, Jr. who has faithfully supported the college for many years (story on page 8).

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# Honoring Tradition

Edward “Ed” Meadows was officially installed as the sixth president of Pensacola Junior College at the PJC District Board of Trustees meeting Sept. 22.

Board Chair John O’Connor conducted the traditional swearing in ceremony, and President Emeritus G. Thomas Delaino, fifth president of PJC, participated by presenting Meadows the official presidential medallion. Meadows became president of PJC following the retirement of Delaino in June 2008.

The medallion used for the ceremony was adopted as the official presidential medallion after being presented to the college by PJC alumnus Navy Capt. Alan Poindexter, who carried the specially minted medallion into space as pilot of the Atlantis space shuttle during the February 2008 NASA mission.

As stated by Board Chair O’Connor at the investiture, “Today is a special day for Pensacola Junior College as we officially invest Dr. Ed Meadows as the college’s sixth president.

“Dr. Meadows, as we all know, decided not to have a formal presidential inauguration and instead wishes to focus that energy on private support for student financial assistance.”

The Board of Trustees, abiding by Meadows’ wishes, wanted to follow the steeped tradition of investiture of the president.

During the investiture, the Board of Trustees named all previous PJC presidents as Presidents Emeriti — Henry L. Ashmore, 1954–1964; T. Felton Harrison, 1964–1980; Horace “Ed” Hartsell, 1980–1998; Charles A. Atwell, 1998–2002; G. Thomas Delaino, 2002–2008.

The Board of Directors for the PACE Center for Girls requested permission to provide refreshments and cake for the investiture.

The PACE Center for Girls was subsequently invited to make a presentation about the Center at the Board of Trustees workshop prior to the investiture.

On behalf of the PACE Center for Girls, presentations included testimonies by five PACE Center participants and remarks by PJC Trustee Carol Carlan, supporter of the PACE Center for Girls, and PACE Center Director Laurie Rogers.

PJC President Emeritus Tom Delaino (left), Board Chair John O’Connor and PJC President Ed Meadows

PJC District Board members celebrate the college’s sixth presidential investiture



Kitty and Ed Meadows

Photos by Robin Mertins and Michelle Dycus



# A Life Lost in Iraq... A Seed Sown for Education

Although Escambia High School graduate Darris Dawson's life was cut short in Iraq, a scholarship in his name is giving PJC students a chance to pursue the interests that never reached fruition in Dawson's own life.

Dawson was only 24 years old when he died in September 2008, while serving his third tour of Iraq. He was doing the job he loved, says his stepmother Maxine Mathis.

"This young man excelled. He loved the military to his death," she says. "His goal when he got out was to put in for recruiter school."

Maxine Mathis met Darris when he was in grade school.

"I knew him for 14 years, but that wasn't long enough. He was wonderful to be around," she says. "He was so giving... just like his Dad."

She described Darris as a young man who loved playing basketball as a student at Escambia High and, after graduation, continued playing for recreation. He also enjoyed working out at the gym.

"He was a ham all the way, but he was my baby," she says.

Darryl Mathis, Darris' father, remembers a young man who would sacrifice his own well-being for others.

"He was the type of person who would give up everything he got to anybody. I would have to stop him. He'd go overboard," recalls Mathis.

Darris loved life and had boundless energy, says his father.

"He had a lot of get-up-and-go about himself and I mean get-up-and-go," Mathis reminisced. "You could tell by the way he walked. He moved quick. When he got up, he moved with a purpose."

Mathis looked forward to Monday mornings when, like clockwork, his son would call from overseas.

"He would call us every Monday morning, no later than 6:00, no earlier than about 5:30 because he knew we got up early. I enjoyed the phone calls. That helped him and it also helped us."

Recipients of the Darris Dawson Scholarship Fund say the assistance brings much-needed financial relief in the costly quest for a college education.

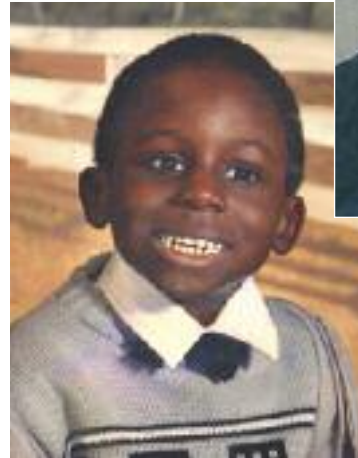
"I was very surprised when I received this scholarship. I'm very thankful for it. It will help me pay for my classes," says business major Richard Williams, who graduated from West Florida High School before launching his PJC studies.

Scholarship recipient Shewan Herbert agrees.

"I feel even more motivated and compelled to complete the nursing program for my family, myself, the Dawson family and the scholarship supporters, too," says Herbert.

"I feel as though I have a whole new family of supporters. I plan to assist the Dawson family in their continued efforts to strengthen the community and support education now and in the future. Kudos to the Dawson family! To them I say, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

Darris Dawson,  
Special to *Compendium*



Darris Dawson grew up in Pensacola and played guard on the Escambia High basketball team



Richard Williams  
Darris Dawson Scholarship recipient



Shewan Herbert  
Darris Dawson Scholarship recipient

*"I feel even more motivated ... to complete the nursing program."*

— Shewan Herbert after receiving the Darris Dawson Scholarship



## Investing in the Future

Longtime PJC supporter Jan Miller has a vision for the college and she has designated a \$1 million legacy gift to help make that vision a reality.

Jan Miller's gift will be a building block for PJC's first-ever conference center that will be a wing of the new Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium to be constructed in coming years. The projected \$23 million complex will include the 30,000-square-foot Janice R. Miller Conference Center; a 900-seat Ashmore Theatre and an instructional wing.

Construction of a spacious conference center was especially appealing to Jan Miller because she feels that it meets a need for the college and the community.

"Looking into the future, I see the conference center being used for all sorts of PJC events," she says. "The center will open up space for events that are now held in areas that are too crowded and it will provide a place for new events.

*"I wanted to give this legacy gift to PJC because it will keep on giving after I am gone."*

— Jan Miller

"There will be more room for the culinary students to put on those wonderful lunches, more room for PJC Guild events, more room for conferences and meetings."



Ron and Jan Miller

Music and Theatre Department Head Don Snowden echoes her enthusiasm for the center.

"Having a conference center will enhance the family atmosphere of our music and theatre productions," Snowden says. "The center will give us a place for receptions, a place where we can serve food, a place where our audience can get to know our students."

Snowden adds that new facilities often benefit students in far-reaching ways.

"Students are proud of top-notch surroundings. I think it makes them walk a little straighter," he says.

PJC President Ed Meadows expressed appreciation for Jan Miller's support for the college over the years.

"This recent extremely generous commitment highlights Jan Miller's belief in Pensacola Junior College as an institution that can and does make a difference in the lives of thousands of students," Meadows says.

Indeed, Jan Miller attributes the "life-changing opportunities at PJC" as the impetus of her legacy gift.

"I know so many people who got their start at PJC and are now successful in their careers," she says. "I've seen first-hand how PJC helps people have better lives."

In the 13 years that Jan Miller has called Pensacola home, she has played an active role supporting numerous charitable causes and serving on community boards as well as working as vice president of administration and human resources at ARCO Industries.

John O'Connor, PJC District Board of Trustees chairman, says that Jan Miller's gift to PJC is yet another way she has found to support the community.

"Jan's gift comes at an extremely critical time at PJC and will serve students and the community for years to come," says O'Connor.

Jan Miller thinks of her community support simply as the right thing to do.

"My parents taught me to be charitable at a young age and I've always thought that giving is important," she says. "I wanted to give this legacy gift to PJC because it will keep on giving after I am gone."

This gift will be useful in attracting grants and additional gifts, points out Foundation Executive Director Patrice Whitten.

"Jan's gift will change the face of our college and positively impact countless students and help to ensure quality educational facilities for future generations," says Whitten.



Jan Miller

## Encouraging Scholars

"This scholarship helped a lot, especially with books," says Hannah Hollis, a Sandy Sansing Universal Scholarship recipient.

Hollis and other Sansing Scholars ate pizza and chatted with Sansing at his annual scholarship celebration in September. Sansing, who bagged groceries to help pay his way through PJC, encouraged the students to work hard and try their best.



Hannah Hollis



Sandy Sansing

# Taking Aim for Scholarships



Honorary Clay Shoot Chair  
Ferd L. Salomon II reloads



Shoal River team  
took first place

PJC's first-ever sporting clay tournament hit the bull's-eye, raising thousands of dollars to benefit Universal Scholarship recipients.

The September event was held at Shoal River Sporting Clays & Shooting Center in Crestview. Forty shooters participated in the course, feasted on a barbecue lunch and walked away with prizes from generous donors.

"Without all the help from Larry Orr, his staff at Shoal River, and our volunteer trappers, this clay shoot wouldn't have happened," says Breena Bruni, coordinator for PJC Annual Fund & Alumni Affairs.

"Thank you to President Ed Meadows and new PJC Trustee Herb Woll for coming out to support this event, as well as all those who volunteered to make the clay shoot a success: Autumn Henderson, PJC; Constance Day, alumnus; Debbie Douma, PJC; Jennifer Wasson, Troy University; Sammy Jensen, alumnus, Whibbs & Stone P.A.; Kelly Ervin, alumnus, Whibbs & Stone P.A.; Robb Taylor, PJC Foundation supporter; Bill Renfroe, PJC; and Shayne Sammons, Academy Sports & Outdoors."



President Ed Meadows takes aim

*"This Universal Scholarship is great for students who do not have a lot of income."*

— Matt Lamb, Universal Scholarship recipient and SGA president



Chipola College Foundation team

Photos by Amy Harrod, PJC alum

Okaloosa County Sheriff  
Ed Spooner  
takes in safety tips



Greenhut Construction team



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- Whibbs & Stone P.A.



# Annual Fund — Supporting Students, Meeting Needs

Who helps the student who can't afford tuition or books, yet doesn't fit the criteria for financial aid?

Who provides new computers or other class supplies when budgets are cut?

Who meets emergency needs when a storm upends the lives of students and staff?

PJC's Annual Fund donors play an important role in meeting these needs and many more.

Ginger Moore, Annual Fund chair, explains that Annual Fund is the college's essential, unrestricted fund that allows the college to meet needs and emergency expenses not covered by tuition and taxes.

"PJC is state assisted, not state funded," Moore points out. "There is always a need for unfunded items such as books, tuition, equipment and faculty support.

"Gifts to Annual Fund are critical in increasing PJC's ability to offer scholarships and attract major grants."

As a PJC alum and longtime Pensacola resident, Moore says she supports Annual Fund because she sees the positive impact the college has on the community.



Ginger Moore

"Our local schools, health related facilities, and businesses of all kinds are staffed by many who were trained at one of PJC's three campuses," Moore says. "Annual Fund and the Foundation exist to support the programs and students at PJC.

"It's really about helping the students — the local high school students who begin college at PJC, as well as the returning students and single parents looking to improve their lives."

Moore sees Annual Fund as one way to perpetuate PJC's mission of offering a quality, affordable education with small classes, excellent teachers and an opportunity to succeed.

She also encourages everyone to get involved in the Foundation by joining the President's Circle and Alumni Association and attending the annual Holiday Grande Gala and Circle of Friends.

"Join us in supporting the programs and traditions that we have come to respect at PJC, and help the college do what it has always done — provide an experience that gives direction and changes lives," Moore adds.

PJC alum Ginger McMullen Moore was crowned Sweetheart of the Valentine's Day Dance in 1960



## Remembering Martha Nez

The PJC family mourns the passing of Dr. Martha Malone Nez on April 3. From 1954 to 1976, Dr. Nez was a biology professor and later head of the Science Department at PJC.

She was the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in biology from Florida State University and also was a WWII veteran.

PJC alum Ginger McMullen Moore says Dr. Nez had a tremendous influence on her lifelong interest in natural sciences and biology, particularly marine science. Moore especially enjoyed class field trips along the Gulf Coast conducted by Dr. Nez and her PJC colleague Joseph Haburay.

Moore remembers that Dr. Nez was very serious about her work but enjoyed many unusual hobbies.

"Dr. Nez was an outstanding photographer, she rebuilt old juke boxes, and one time she returned from the Caribbean islands with a British-built Mini Moke that she restored and drove around town for several years," Moore recalls.

"She made a lasting impression on me. Later in life, after she retired, I invited her along on a special outing in Apalachicola, conducted by another biologist from FSU. It was an opportunity to show a little appreciation for her efforts in the classroom many years before."

Dr. Nez is survived by her daughter Everett Bach.

## GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

Who would have guessed there was a link between a revolution in South America and PJC's glistening new library?

Bob Hart shared that historical tidbit and the story behind it at the Edward M. Chadbourne Library dedication Aug. 24.

"Ed's father, Edward M. Chadbourne, Sr., was originally from San Francisco — and had an undergraduate degree from Stanford and a graduate degree in engineering from MIT," recounted Hart.

"He took a job in South America, but there was a revolution and he had to leave quickly. How quickly is reflected in his jumping on a ship to leave — and asking after being out at sea, 'By the way, where are we going?'"

The getaway ship landed in Tampa and Chadbourne got wind of engineering work at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. After moving to the Panhandle, a fateful Fourth of July party brought Rosalind Simpson, a recent Mercer College graduate, and Edward together.

Edward and Rosalind married and in 1926 launched the road building and paving business now known as Edward M. Chadbourne Inc. Over the years, the business has built more than roads. It indirectly has built lives by providing a means of giving through the Chadbourne Family Foundation, overseen by Rosalind until her death.

Edward Jr. carries the torch today with a legacy of giving to a variety of community needs — including scholarships that have helped more than 550 PJC students attend college to-date.

"I have read that you only keep what you give away," Ed Chadbourne, Jr. said at the dedication. "We have received far more than we have given. We have the satisfaction of knowing we are changing people's lives. When people have access to education, they have hope for a better future."



Ed Chadbourne, Jr. cuts the ribbon as family and friends gather to dedicate the new library

## New Edward M. Chadbourne Library a Tribute to Greatness

"Our wish is that for many years, students will enjoy the Edward M. Chadbourne Library as a quiet sanctuary to enrich their minds and brighten their futures. In a way, that is what Edward M. Chadbourne Jr. (aka "Big Daddy") has done for every member of our family."

— Mary Carolyn Chadbourne Rentz

"Greatness is not measured by what you accumulate. Greatness is measured by the opportunities you provide for others."

— Grover Robinson, IV, Escambia County Commissioner and PJC Foundation President

Photos by J.D. Hayward  
and Michelle Dycus

The Edward M. Chadbourne Library







Portraits of three generations of Edward Chadbournes grace the new facility



Msgr. Michael Reed, Ed Chadbourne, Jr., Mary Carolyn Rentz and Daniel Rentz, III



Billy Merritt, who was in the first class of PJC students, with his wife Reti



Sam, Philomena, Mike and Suzanne Marshall represented Sam Marshall Architects, which designed the new building

“Hard work, education and charitable giving — these are qualities that have inspired Ed and his family to create opportunities for those less fortunate.”  
— Bob Hart, Pensacola attorney



Bob Hart



Caroline, Brian, Frank, Forrest and Clotilde DeMaria celebrate the day



Ruth Chadbourne



Patrice Whitten

“We’re gathered here to dedicate this new library, a place of knowledge and learning, where tens of thousands of students will come to learn.”  
— Patrice Whitten, PJC Foundation Executive Director

“The reason I’m here today, wearing a suit for only the second time in 14 months, is to say ‘Thank you’ to the Chadbourne family.”

— Tom Delaino, PJC President Emeritus

“It was in the 1950s that Ed Chadbourne first stepped onto the grounds of Pensacola Junior College. Today he and his family are transforming our college and community through his generosity.”  
— Ed Meadows, PJC President

“It is the private support of individuals such as Ed Chadbourne that truly makes a difference in what we can offer our community.”  
— John O’Connor, PJC Board of Trustees Chair



Board Chair John O’Connor and President Ed Meadows

## TRANSFORMING A COMMUNITY STUDENT BY STUDENT

Since its inception in 1997, the Chadbourne Foundation Endowed Scholarship has helped more than 550 students attend PJC.

“The Chadbourne scholarship was a blessing I will never forget. I hope I can help someone in the future the way Mr. Chadbourne helped me. Today I am a teacher, in large part due to Mr. Chadbourne’s generosity.”

— Robin Hiers, 2002 PJC graduate and Chadbourne Scholarship recipient



“Receiving this scholarship was great and it’s going to be very beneficial for my future as I continue my education. I’m very grateful that I was selected.”

— Demetrius Watts, pre-physical therapy student and Chadbourne Scholarship recipient

**VOLUNTEER CORNER**



**HUGH FONES**

I enjoy volunteering and helping raise money for the PJC Foundation that provides scholarships to very deserving students. Without these scholarships, some students would not be able to further their education.

I received a golf scholarship to PJC myself, so I know firsthand how much these scholarships help. Being a golfer, I've enjoyed working on the committee for the Big Break Golf Classic that raises money for Universal Scholarships.

If you're a golfer, I'd like to encourage you to play in the Big Break and get your business to sponsor a team in our next tournament, March 19 at Tiger Point Golf & Country Club.

**Celebrating Leadership**

The Foundation welcomes new governors and commends retiring governors for their dedication and service.

- 2009-2011  
New Governors**  
Mike Morette  
Wendy Simon  
Roger Wallace  
Denise Windham  
Johnnie Wright

- Retiring Governors**  
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Danyelle Kennedy-Lantz  
Julian MacQueen  
Kim MacQueen

- Governor Emeritus**  
Eric Nickelsen

**Piercing the Imagination**



Intricate, free-form metal and stone sculptures, created by art professor Michael Boles, highlighted the opening exhibition of PJC's Lyceum series.

Boles says he produced the pieces as a result of receiving the Endowed Teaching Chair for the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts during 2007-2009.

"During this period, I researched and developed techniques for utilizing digital water jet metal cutting technology for producing my metal relief sculpture," Boles says.

"With this method, I was able to complete 13 new compositions which were included in this exhibition.

"I will always appreciate the opportunity this endowment has offered me, and my endless thanks go to the Switzer and Reilly families for their generosity which made this body of work possible."

Boles has exhibited throughout the southeastern United States, winning numerous awards for his drawings, relief sculptures, and free standing sculptural compositions.



**Perfect Timing**

A recent \$60,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Pensacola came at the best time for PJC students needing scholarships.

"This is huge," says Patrice Whitten, PJC Foundation executive director. "Requests for financial aid at PJC have increased by 23 percent. After adding this gift to the Rotary Club's existing endowed scholarship, we hope to provide 10 full scholarships per year. We have already awarded five scholarships this fall."

The Rotary Club of Pensacola has supported PJC students through scholarships over the years because the Club is committed to education, says Margaret Stopp, Rotary Club of Pensacola president.

"PJC has a long history of providing educational opportunities that result in a better community through students who take advantage of what PJC has to offer," Stopp adds.

"The ideals of Rotary relate to the creation of a better society through the efforts of individuals to help the many. PJC opens the door to students who can then become a part of this effort."



Margaret Stopp



# Estate Gift Tunes Up Opportunities for Music Students

Great art and music were an integral part of life for Alfons S. Bach Jr. His father Alfons Bach Sr. was a renowned industrial designer and artist in New York City and his mother Anita Bach came from a musical family.

When young Alfons traveled throughout Europe with his parents, his interest in music grew. During his school years in Switzerland, he met several famous musicians including his friend, Claude Nobs, founder of the internationally acclaimed Montreux Jazz Festival.

“Alfons’ dream was to be involved in music,” Anita Bach remembers. “He collected a warehouse full of musical instruments and electronic equipment over the years.”

After moving to Pensacola in the 1990s, Alfons had a real estate and development business but remained involved with producing music and concerts, locally, nationally and internationally.

In 2008, Alfons S. Bach died at age 54 from diabetes. Anita Bach says that her son would have wanted his musical equipment to be given out to help other musicians.

On behalf of the Alfons S. Bach Estate, Anita Bach donated the equipment to PJC’s Music and Theatre Department.

“I think PJC is one of the best things in this community for helping young people,” Anita Bach says about selecting PJC as the recipient of her son’s estate gift. “PJC gives personal attention and encouragement to young people who are trying to find a place in life and the faculty seem to really care about their students.”

Don Snowden, Music and Theatre Department head, says he is overwhelmed by the generosity of the Bach Estate gift.

“When we first walked into the warehouse filled with Alfons’ equipment, we were like kids in a candy factory,” Snowden says.

Although the large gift is still being processed, PJC students are already benefiting from using the keyboards in the classrooms and in recent theatre productions. Of special interest, according to Snowden, is equipment that can provide 16-track recordings of PJC’s theatre events for the first time.

“This is a wonderful donation that students will use for years to come,” Snowden adds.

Music student Joel Everette practices on a keyboard from the Alfons Bach Estate gift (photo by Michelle Dycus, PJC student)



Music student Ansley Zecckine operates a sound board from the Alfons Bach Estate gift (photo by Michelle Dycus, PJC student)



Alfons Bach produced recordings and concerts for famous musicians like Quincy Jones, Kid Rock and Willie Nelson (above, top to bottom)

Alfons Bach and his mother Anita Bach



## UNSUNG HERO



**BOB GANDRUP**

Whether he’s scanning the stage from the catwalk or hammering the set together, Technical Director Bob Gandrup prefers being behind the scenes at PJC.

Since joining the Music and Theatre Department in 2001, he has worked on 50 stage productions, 400 concerts and Lyceum events, and numerous other projects that fall under “anything the college needs,” Gandrup says.

“Some of the more interesting shows have been part of larger community events, like when we paired South Pacific with the WWII veteran’s memory project,” Gandrup says.

Noting that students in his technical theatre classes are the working crew on these productions, Gandrup says this hands-on experience is important preparation for students to become technical union workers or go on to a university.

Don Snowden, Music and Theatre Department head, calls attention to Gandrup’s 30 years’ experience working in the motion picture and theatre industries.

“We are very lucky to have Bob with his knowledge of all aspects of theatre, sound, lighting and scenery,” Snowden says. “He also is a tremendous help in processing the equipment in the Alfons Bach gift so that our students can begin using it.”

## CLASSMATES FOR LIFE



TAMMIE AND LUMON MAY

### EDUCATION:

Lumon May:

Woodham High School, 1988  
Pensacola Junior College, A.A. 1990  
University of West Florida, B.S. 1992,  
M.S. 1993

Tammie Gilbert May:

Malone High School, 1995  
Pensacola Junior College, A.A. 1997  
University of West Florida, B.S. 1999,  
M.A. 2000

### CHILDREN:

Armoni, 7, and Lumon Jr., 4

### OCCUPATIONS:

Lumon:

President, May's Construction Company

Tammie:

Administrator, Southern Youth Sports Association

## Giving Back Again and Again

Lumon and Tammie May know that the family business, May's Construction, pays the bills for their family.

They understand the enormous obligation of raising two young children.

But, a higher purpose is the undercurrent driving their lives. Whether it's mentoring, tutoring, supporting education, building affordable housing or running for political office, the Mays are committed to improving the community they call home.

"My parents always encouraged us to be involved," says Lumon May, whose mother Mary was active as team mom, PTA leader and keeper of the home where all the neighborhood children were welcome.

His father Theophalis May founded May's Construction Company. He did construction during the week and pastored Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Sundays. His passion was restoring historic buildings.

"He wanted to restore buildings and souls," says Lumon May, who along with his wife Tammie, is carrying the torch on both fronts.

Tammie assists with Southern Youth Sports Association (SYSA) while caring for their two young children, Armoni, 7, and Lumon Jr., 4, and keeping their family centered in the midst of never-ending activities.

Lumon May jokingly says, "I'm the quiet one in the family" as he talks circles around his wife, whose calm is a contrast to his energy.

The sports association has a multi-faceted approach — encouraging inner-city children to successfully balance and nurture the spiritual, academic and physical aspects of their lives. Last year the program reached 1,500 unduplicated kids.

"We use the ball as a vehicle to attract them," explains Lumon May, adding that the organization helps parents give their children as much opportunity as possible. "We're not a substitute for good parents. We supplement good parents."

Lumon May continues his father's vision for May's Construction Company and has built affordable housing in the Morris Court area that once was an impoverished section of town.

Currently, the company is building a family life center at the Greater Little Rock Baptist Church and restoring a 100-year-old house in Sanders Beach to its original grandeur.

In addition, May's Construction is working with Quint Studer to renovate Five Sisters Café. May and Studer hope this endeavor will serve as a model for more minority contractors to be part of the bidding process on major projects in the Pensacola community.

In 2006, May's Construction was awarded Outstanding Affordable Builders by the City of Pensacola Housing Department for May's efforts to provide quality affordable homes to low-income families in the inner city.

Lumon and his father Theophalis May, founder of May's Construction



Tammie and Lumon May on their wedding day



Lumon May spoke when First Lady Michelle Obama visited the Panhandle



Other awards Lumon May has garnered include Pensacola Sports Association's Adm. Kenneth Shugart Award, PSA Volunteer of the Year Award, NAACP's Freedom Award, Boys and Girls Clubs of Escambia County Hall of Fame recipient and Paul Harris Fellow.

Tammie came to Pensacola from Malone, near Marianna, to attend PJC. Lumon went to Woodham High School (now Woodham Middle) and wanted to stay near family, so PJC seemed the logical next step after high school.

Both agree that PJC was a good fit for them, offering opportunities that may not have been available at a big university.

"Coming to PJC was a good start for me. It was like a larger family," says Tammie May. "My mentor was Dr. (Gael) Frazer."

Lumon May remembers soaking up Randall Broxton's history lectures and the life-changing support of Paul Mosley and James Callaway.

"Mr. Mosley would come to my house," says Lumon May.

"I think PJC gave me the confidence to be successful," Lumon May adds. "It was a building block. To this day, I still stay in touch with friends I made at PJC."

Following PJC, both Lumon and Tammie progressed to the University of West Florida, where they both completed bachelor's and master's degrees.

Since graduating, they have worked unwaveringly to bolster Pensacola. Marilyn Franklin's three children are examples of

the lives that have benefited from the Mays' commitment to community.

"All of them have participated in their sports programs for the last 18 years," says Franklin.

Her oldest son Roderic was about four years old when he first encountered Lumon May through a program at the Salvation Army. May provided the stable male influence that he lacked on a daily basis.

Today, Roderic is a successful UWF student. His little brother A.J., now 15, is crazy about Lumon May and as a little boy attended Lumon and Tammie's wedding.

Franklin recalls that at the Mays' wedding, microphone in hand, A.J. looked at Tammie during the toasts and said, "Thank you for marrying Coach Lumon."

Franklin's youngest child, Faithe, also participates in basketball through SYSA.

Not only has Lumon May made a permanent impression on her family, Tammie has provided unwavering support for Lumon and the SYSA, says Franklin.

"They have had a lifelong impression on my children," she says. "For that I'm forever indebted to them."

Dan Shugart, sports director at WEAR-TV, says he met Lumon May in the early '90s when Lumon May ran the Salvation Army sports leagues and Shugart volunteered as a basketball coach.

"We've been fast friends ever since," says Shugart.

He says that May tirelessly seeks to create opportunities for children to succeed. And while others grow weary of the all-consuming nature of giving to youth, May keeps at it — year after year after year.



Tammie and Lumon May with their children Armoni and Lumon Jr.

"I'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who is more committed than Lumon May to making the community better," says Shugart. "There's nobody I respect more than Lumon. I love him like a brother."

## MILESTONES



Foundation Governor Emeritus **James Stolhanske** received the 2009 Fran Peacock Coker Community Service Award from the Florida Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

The award recognizes Stolhanske's dedication to the community and his outstanding character, commitment and accomplishments.



Foundation Governor **Steve Zieman** was honored as Don Tristan DeLuna LX for the 60th Annual Fiesta of Five Flags. As Florida's largest and oldest festival, the Fiesta also highlighted Pensacola's 450th

anniversary celebration. (Photo courtesy of Pensacola News Journal by Bruce Graner)



PJC's District Board of Trustees honored Vince Andry, by nominating him for the 2009 Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Award. Andry served two terms as vice chairman

and two terms as chairman of the PJC Board.



The first of many graduations for Lumon May



Lumon May downtown in the city he loves





# Savoring the Fruits of Our Labor

## LEADING THE WAY



**KEN WOOLF**

“Both the PJC Foundation and President’s Circle provide the opportunity for individuals and businesses to make substantial financial investments in the future of our community and college. These contributions enable the college to remain the leader in providing both technical and academic education opportunities for local residents of all ages, education, backgrounds, skills and ability.”

— Ken Woolf, PJC President’s Circle Patron and Foundation Governor

French delicacies created by PJC Culinary Arts students tantalized the taste buds of President’s Circle members at the annual Garde Manger in July. The event takes its name from the highly-trained keepers of the food in elaborate French homes centuries ago.

“As you have heard and read, like other educational institutions in our country, we are experiencing unprecedented budget cuts. Yet, because of a generous community and dedicated faculty and staff, our future holds much promise,” PJC President Ed Meadows told Garde Manger guests.

“We owe you a debt of gratitude and hope you will continue to provide that extra measure of funding that takes us to the next level.”



Culinary Arts student Lionel Lariviere III and Hospitality student Greg Smith



Bonnie Bedics and Ginger Moore

Photos by Amy Harrod, PJC Alum

Tasting the delicacies and meeting the creators

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“Receiving this scholarship allowed me to focus more on my studies, enabling me to graduate with honors, and it helped to relieve financial stress.”

— Kimberly Rigel, recipient of Eleanor K. Appleyard Scholarship



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At the end of August, many PJC family and friends gathered to dedicate our beautiful new Edward M. Chadbourne Library (see pages 8, 9). The new structure pays tribute to a family whose legacy is giving, and the Chadbourne Family Foundation continues giving each year to assist even more students.

This monumental generosity is particularly crucial now, with requests for scholarships up 23 percent over last year.

In addition to scholarship donations, PJC always needs support for our Annual Fund (see page 7). This essential, fill-in-the gaps fund enables us to maximize learning experiences for our students.

During this holiday season, or for any special occasion during the year, consider a gift in a loved one's name to the scholarship of your choice or to Annual Fund. We'll be glad to assist you. The rewards will be beneficial to our community for many years to come.

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— Richard Whatley, Universal Scholarship recipient

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