# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE 2020 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT





Left to right: Vernisha Robin, Amaya Bazemore, Dexter McKenzie, Jorja Barrett, and Bryan Scribner

We would like to offer a special thank you to our PSC student-athletes for helping us spread the "Mask-Up, Pirates" message.



#### Vision

Pensacola State College educates and nurtures students through a dynamic and supportive learning environment that develops all students intellectually, culturally, and socially, preparing them to succeed within the global community.

#### Mission

Pensacola State College, under the governance of a local Board of Trustees, is committed to providing quality, affordable, and accessible educational opportunities through a variety of delivery methods. The College, a member of the Florida College System, offers baccalaureate and associate degrees, workforce certificates, adult education, business and industry training, non-credit continuing education, community outreach, and cultural enrichment opportunities for students and the community.

## HELLO FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

Much of 2020 was unusual and difficult worldwide. Yet here at Pensacola State College amidst our challenges, there was much to acknowledge and celebrate. Even though the College dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic and a category 2 hurricane, the institution remained committed to providing an affordable and quality education to students.

Due to the pandemic, most classes moved online during the spring and summer semesters. However, some students did return to in-person instruction in the fall. With flexible scheduling, Pensacola State continues to serve students through a variety of delivery methods — day, night, face-to-face, online, and hybrid classes.

Health and safety were paramount, and we adhered to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols of face coverings, social distancing and other guidelines to safeguard students, faculty, and staff. Those efforts were highly successful.

Hurricane Sally hit the Florida Panhandle and coastal Alabama on Sept. 16 bringing wind, rain, and storm surge. The Downtown Center, the WSRE/PBS facility, and other structures on the Pensacola, Milton and Warrington campuses were damaged. The College was closed for several weeks but reopened to students on Sept. 28.

Regardless of the pandemic and Hurricane Sally, the College had some important, bright moments. The College held in-person commencement exercises in August for our spring and summer graduates while maintaining CDC guidelines.

The College Foundation announced the "Your Community Your Legacy" Capital Campaign to raise \$11 million to increase endowed scholarships, enhance workforce programs and infrastructure improvements. Through the efforts of a generous community, the College is well on the way to achieving the goals of this campaign.

The state-of-the-art \$15 million Baars Technology Building was completed. The two-story 23,839-square-foot facility is home to the Donald McMahon III Cybersecurity Center and the Ralph and Elizabeth Ruyle Math Learning Center.

The College also earned several accolades — the online Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program was listed among the best in Florida and the nation by U.S. News and World Report. Our Veterinary Technician Program graduates achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the Veterinary Technician National Exam. And the SkillsUSA chapter was named a 2020 Gold Medal Chapter of Distinction just to name a few awards.

Yes, 2020 was challenging but because of dedicated faculty and staff and the leadership of our Board of Trustees along with the generosity of our community, much was accomplished to add to the rich tradition of student success. Enjoy reading about our accomplishments.

For more about PSC, visit our website or social media platforms – Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter.

**Go Pirates!** 

Ed Meadows Pensacola State College President





# **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



JP Whibbs



James W. Bradley

## WHIBBS, BRADLEY JOIN PSC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**JP Whibbs** and **James W. Bradley** have joined the Pensacola State College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Whibbs, a lifelong resident of Pensacola, earned his associate degree from Pensacola State. In 1988, he graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in finance.

After college, Whibbs accepted a position with a prominent wealth management company in Raleigh, North Carolina. However, his father, the late Vince Whibbs Sr., asked him to come work in the family business — Vince Whibbs Pontiac-GMC — he founded in 1958.

Over the next 30 years, Whibbs and his partners grew the business to include many additional franchises and eventually sold the company in 2018. He now owns and operates Whibbs Real Estate Group, a real estate network servicing Florida and Alabama. Whibbs and his wife, Rachael, live on Pensacola Beach. The couple has two sons, JP Whibbs II and Nick Whibbs, and one daughter, Delaney O'Grady, and her husband Brian.

A 1976 Pensacola State graduate, Bradley is a native of Pensacola and general manager and chief financial officer of Bradley Masonry Inc. – a primarily commercial and residential contractor which has served the area for more than 50 years.

Bradley is a 1974 Tate High School graduate. After Pensacola State, he went on to the University of West Florida where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1978.

Along with serving on the board of the Masonry Association of Florida, Bradley also is active in the community.

Bradley and his wife, Lisa, have one son, Jonathan Bradley, a criminal justice major and U.S. Air Force ROTC student at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

#### PSC ALUMNA EARNS DOCTORATE, TEACHES AT GEORGIA UNIVERSITY

Much of Dr. Rasheda Likely's childhood was spent at Pensacola State College. Her mother, Rhonda Likely, worked at the College for nearly 39 ½ years retiring in October 2020.

> It was books from the College's Chadbourne Library that helped Rasheda Likely teach herself to read medical imaging — as a high school student.

> > "There were many days when my mom took us to the library on the PSC campus to check out books. Days that

she worked late, my sister and I got to expand our thoughts through library books. She even would check out science textbooks for me. This is how I taught myself to read ultrasounds, EKGs and X-rays in high school," explained the 2008 Pensacola State College alumna who earned a doctorate in philosophy in educational leadership and learning technologies in STEM concentration from Drexel University in Philadelphia in summer 2020.

In fall 2020, the self-described "curious child" became an assistant professor of science education at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia.



# OVER \$23,000 RAISED DURING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2020 QUAIL HUNT AND PHEASANT SHOOT

PSC President Ed Meadows, center, thanks the participants of the Alumni Association's Annual Quail Hunt and Pheasant Shoot held in November.



More than \$23,000 was raised during the Pensacola State College Alumni Association's Annual Quail Hunt and Pheasant Shoot held Nov. 6 and 7 at Dennis Lake Wing Club in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Nine participants turned out for the quail hunt on Nov. 6. The event began with lunch before the hunters headed into the fields with the help of Dennis Lake guides and trusted bird dogs.

The Dennis Lake Wing Club is owned and operated by Hamilton Smith, a longtime and generous supporter of PSC.

On Nov. 7, overnight guests joined a fresh group of hunters at the venue's clubhouse for the pheasant shoot. Nearly 30 hunters participated in the shoot.

"Thanks to great weather and the wonderful hosts at Dennis Lake Wing Club, participants spent two days enjoying the outdoors and each other's company all while raising money," said Hailey Lotz, the College's Director of the Alumni Association and Booster Club Operations.

Top: Gerry Goldstein, far right, his son Maury Goldstein, and John Adams, are pictured at the 2020 Alumni Association Quail Hunt and Pheasant Shoot.

Below: A group of hunters are ready for the 2020 Alumni Association Quail Hunt and Pheasant Shoot. Faithful PSC supporter Gerry Goldstein helped PSC President Ed Meadows and the Alumni Association bring the pieces together that made the event a success.

The participants included husbandwife teams, several individuals, and groups from Synovus and Gulf Power Co. The Alumni Association extended special thanks to Goldstein, JP Whibbs, Vaughn Nichols and Mike Thomas for contributing to the annual fundraiser.



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# FOUNDATION

lo-Ann Price at the inaugural "Change Maker" reception

# CHANGE MAKERS DONATE \$175,000 FOR PSC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

More than \$175,000 was donated to help Pensacola State College students during the inaugural Change Maker — Expanding Possibilities reception held Dec. 9 in the Baars Technology Building on the Pensacola campus.

"Education is one of my primary concerns. Pensacola State changes lives and I am enamored by all of the programs at the College," said Jo-Ann Price, a former educator, who along with her husband, Michael, founded the Change Maker program and contributed \$100,0000 for student scholarships.

Major supporters of the College's annual Holiday Experience which was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, the Prices met with PSC President Ed Meadows and PSC Foundation Executive Director Andrea Krieger to create the Change Maker program to assist students who lost jobs and income during the pandemic.

To maximize support, the Prices encouraged College administrators to use their gift to inspire four other donors to each give \$10,000 which they matched. They also suggested using the final \$10,000 to match \$1,000 gifts from 10 other donors for universal scholarships.

The fundraising venture went beyond the Prices' expectations. The \$10,000 Change Maker program donors who established endowed scholarships were:

- The Sandy Sansing Foundation. Sansing, a PSC alumnus and owner of 10 Gulf Coast automobile dealerships, increased funding to the Sansing Scholars Program established in 2002.
- The Morette Family. A longtime PSC supporter, Michael Morette is president of the Morette Company and serves on the PSC Foundation Board of Governors. Morette and his wife, Laura Rae, and his sister, Nikki, and husband, Rob Bell, created an endowed scholarship to honor their mother, Sharon S. Morette — a PSC alumna.
- Rich and Beth Williams. The couple provides financial support to numerous educational initiatives and Take Stock in Children.
- Innovation Coast. When the organization disbanded, Foundation

Board Member Bill Wein and other Innovation Coast members established a scholarship at Pensacola State with remaining funds.

Their endowment will help support students pursuing careers in technology.

• Walmart. Several Walmart Supercenters and Neighborhood Markets in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties stepped forward to support the Change Maker program.

Ten other donors also helped students overcome challenges associated with COVID-19, Hurricane Sally and a difficult 2020. Their gifts were combined with matching dollars to bolster the Universal Scholarship Fund by \$20,500.

Contributing to the Universal Scholarship Change Maker fund were Jenn Cole, Steven Del Gallo, Doug Herrick and Sharon Hess-Herrick, Joe and Beverly Kinego, Navy Federal Credit Union, Betty Roberts, Mayor Grover and Jill Robinson IV, "Flash" Gordon and Betty Sprague, Dee Strickland and Herb and Ann Woll.

# **95%** of all PSC students graduate debt-free

#### MARTIN FAMILY AND IRISH POLITICIANS CLUB

Members of the Irish Politicians Club (IPC) and relatives of restaurant matriarch Molly McGuire Martin contributed \$50,350 to PSC's Molly McGuire Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship on Nov. 5. The scholarship endowment principal is now more than \$350,000. Molly's husband, McGuire Martin, along with family members and IPC friends established the scholarship in 2015 in her memory. Pictured are PSC President Ed Meadows and Jim Martin holding the ceremonial check along with other contributors and college representatives. Pictured, from left, are Hal George, Lisa Hilliard and Judge Robert Hilliard, Jim Reeves, Amy Martin, Andrea Krieger, Billy and Joyce Martin, "Flash" Gordon Sprague, Ray Palmer and John Adams. Over four years, the endowment has supported 16 students with scholarships.





#### **VETERANS NATIONAL HOMECARE**

On Sept. 3, PSC received a \$5,000 donation from Veterans National Homecare to support first generation scholarships for veterans. A total of \$15,000 was pledged and matched with \$30,000 to provide \$45,000 in scholarships. At this check presentation Veterans National Homecare owners presented the donation to PSC President Ed Meadows. Pictured, from left, are Laura Hill, PSC Foundation Donor Relations Manager/ Events; Meadows; Denis McKinnon Jr.; Denis McKinnon Sr.; Andrea Krieger, PSC Executive Director of Institutional Development; Wade Wilson; Mikenzie Francis, PSC Foundation Donor Relations Manager; and Courtney Reed, PSC Foundation Senior Administrative Assistant.

#### PEN AIR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Pen Air Federal Credit Union continued its generous support of the College with a \$5,000 sponsorship of Pensacola State's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards. This gift was in addition to a \$100,000 endowed scholarship established in 2015. Katherine Castle, pictured here, was a 2020 recipient of the scholarship. Attending the check presentation, from left, Robert Jacobson, Pen Air Board Chair; Shirley Harris, Pen Air Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Stu Ramsay, Pen Air's President and CEO; Pam Hatt, Pen Air's Vice President of Marketing; Ed Meadows, PSC President; and Andrea Krieger, PSC Executive Director of Institutional Development.



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## AAMES, LIVE YOUR DREAM SCHOLARS

Nine PSC students were awarded scholarships during the annual African American Memorial Endowment Scholarship Program and the Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins Live Your Dream Scholarship Banquet. Held Feb. 28, three students — Kiara Betts, Kaytrenia Boyd and Shanel Gainey — received the Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins Live Your Dream Scholarship. Six students received the African American Memorial Endowment Scholarship: Bryanna Bush, Alvin Gordon Jr., Akira Hunter, Jalan Pratt, Makya Richardson and Alexus Turner. Pictured are Gordon, from left, Bush, Richardson, Betts, Hunter and Gainey with PSC President Ed Meadows.

## SANDY SANSING SCHOLARS

Pensacola businessman Sandy Sansing spent an afternoon with a few of the recent 33 Pensacola State College Sansing scholars. The 2020 scholars are Alexis Spears, Billiejo Bernal, Catherine Royce, Chase Rogers, Chrystia Robinson, Gabrielle Jones, Haleigh Allen, Kimberly Bradley, Nikolas Randall, Regina Young, Sherrell Williams, Kaylee Atkins, Yvonne Asante-Nkansa, Elizabeth Askfeldt, Jorge Astudillo, Banisha Blake, Akhyra Brown, Kaleb Cabe, Allison Dugas, Keshia Dunklin, Ashley Finnegan, Noah Fortner, Theresa Graham, Ariel Island, Giang Le, Coby Myers, Daven Perry, Matthew Roy, Lindy Schofield, Amanda Thomas, Emily Wade, Michael Watkins and Troy Watts. Pictured are PSC President Ed Meadows, Mikenzie Francis, PSC Foundation Donor Relations Manager, and Sansing with scholarship recipients - Young, Rogers, Williams, Dugas and Blake.

#### MCMAHON PLEDGES \$250,000 TO CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM

Donald "Donnie" McMahon III pledged \$250,000 to Pensacola State for the College's cybersecurity program.

In 2020, Mahon initially donated \$127,500 toward the \$250,000 pledge that supports students pursuing cybersecurity or computer-based degrees. To honor his generosity and legacy, the PSC District Board of Trustees named the Donald McMahon Center for Cybersecurity and degree program in his honor. A former member of the PSC Foundation Board of Governors, McMahon distinguished himself by leadership that included his role as president and scholarship donor. His gift will be added to an endowed scholarship he established in 1999.

After retiring from the Board of Governors, McMahon was selected as Governor Emeritus in 2008. A community leader, he is the owner of several businesses including McMahon Hadder Insurance and Pensacola Bay Oyster Co.



## **GULF POWER FOUNDATION**

The Gulf Power Foundation presented \$30,000 to the PSC Foundation on Nov. 13 as part of the company's pledge to the PSC Nonprofit Center for Excellence and Philanthropy. The donation was a payment toward Gulf Power Foundation's \$150,000 commitment to help establish the training center to serve area nonprofit organizations. Pictured are, from left, Susan Peaden, Kim Davis, Mikenzie Francis, Courtney Reed, Andrea Krieger, Wesley Hudgens, Rick Byars, Laura Hill and Marianne Common.

## **GENE AND MAUREEN VALENTINO**

On Oct. 14, the PSC District Board of Trustees dedicated the Gene and Maureen Valentino Lecture Hall in Building 10 honoring a \$270,000 gift made in 2019 to establish an entrepreneurial program. PSC President Ed Meadows, left, is pictured with Maureen and Gene Valentino.



#### PSC FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES STUDENT RELIEF FUND DURING PANDEMIC

The PSC Foundation established a Student Relief Fund in Spring 2020 to help students struggling to afford living expenses and educational costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to a College-sponsored survey, 50 percent of Pensacola State students responded they had been laid off, lost their jobs or feared losing their jobs because of the pandemic. Past due rent/mortgage payments along with necessities, such as utilities and food, totaled more than \$120,000 for the students, said Andrea Krieger, PSC's Executive Director of Institutional Development.

Using donor contributions, the PSC Foundation awarded over \$75,000 to students for childcare, course materials, food, healthcare, housing, technology, transportation and utilities.

When the College transitioned to onlineonly classes in March many students did not own laptop computers or have access to the internet. Thirty-two percent of funds were earmarked to provide technology materials to 47 students.

A majority of the funding — 68 percent — went to food for 100 students and their families. Utility payments to 96 students made up 65 percent of the funding; 59 percent was used to help 88 students with course materials for classes; and 55 percent went to 82 students for housing assistance.

Childcare expenses to 32 students made up 22 percent of the awards, healthcare for 31 students used 21 percent, and transportation for 68 students took up 46 percent of the funds.

CARES Act funding also helped students in need.

According to Dr. Lynsey R. Listau, Executive Director of Institutional Equity and Student Conduct, \$2,617,200 from CARES Act funding was awarded to 2,708 students.

"The College is continuing to award emergency grants to eligible students through CARES Act funds and is working with the PSC Foundation to establish a permanent Student Emergency Fund to assist students in need on an ongoing basis," she said.

PSC students who were enrolled in classes as of March 13, 2020, and were Title IVeligible qualified for the federal funding.

Funding could be used to assist with the educational disruption caused by COVID-19. Students were able to indicate their financial needs, in regard to, childcare, course materials, food, healthcare, housing, technology and transportation and could use the CARES Act funds for those needs.

Students were extremely thankful for the assistance.

".... For the first time in a long time, I don't feel like I've fallen through the cracks, and for that, I am grateful," said one student in a thank-you note.



#### DAY OF CLAYS

Pensacola State College's 12th annual Day of Clays generated more than \$90,000 for the PSC Foundation Fund for Excellence. Presented by Trane, more than 110 shooters took part in the Oct. 3 fundraiser which supports PSC students and programs. The event was held at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center in Pace.

Planning Committee members were Todd Alford, Lewis Bear III, Diane Bracken, Jimmy Bradley, Barry Cole, Jon Green, Eric Hanssen, Evan Helinski, Event Chairman Ron Jackson, Mike Morette, Eddie Norris, Adam Purdy and Chris Roney. Breakfast was sponsored by Hewes and Company and lunch was compliments of Chet's Catering, Morette Company and The Lewis Bear Company. Rockhill Farms and the Jerry Pate Company were cart sponsors. Ajax Building Co. also sponsored a gun cleaning station.

Pictured above are members of the Lewis Bear Company Team: Lewis Bear III, Jenn Bear, Lindsey Engle and Corte Minto with PSC President Ed Meadows, PSC Executive Director of Institutional Development Andrea Krieger and Ron Jackson.



Overall Shooters: Course A and Course B Donald Goolsby and Russ Harris

**OVERALL WINNING TEAMS** 

#### **Course A**

FIRST-PLACE: The Lewis Bear Company Lewis Bear III, Jenn Bear, Lindsey Engle and Corte Minto

SECOND-PLACE: Ready Mix USA/Cemex David Snyder, Henry Scott, Nate Snyder and Donald Goolsby

THIRD-PLACE: Bill Smith Electric Bill Smith, Caleb Smith, Charles Wade and Jerry Moore

#### Course B

**FIRST-PLACE: Elite Mechanical** James Solliday, Michael Solliday, Randy Hendricks and Russ Harris

SECOND-PLACE: HG Engineers Caleb Leonard, Kyle Schnieder, Steve Leonard and Seth Leonard

THIRD-PLACE: Sun Farm Energy Doug Herrick, Boo Rawson, Cody Rawson and Greg McWherter

MEN'S OVERALL Course A and Course B First-place: Lewis Bear III and Russ Harris Second-place: Donald Goolsby and Mike Morette Third-place: Henry Scott and Randy Hendricks

LADIES OVERALL Course A and Course B Ladies Overall: Boo Rawson First-place: Lindsey Engel and Katie Ranya Second-place: Jenn Bear Third-place: Corte Minto

JUNIOR OVERALL Course A and Course B First-place: Carson Lane and Cooper Crawford Second-place: Clinton Green





#### **QUAIL HUNT**

The PSC Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Quail Hunt was a huge success. Held in February at Dennis Lake Wing Club, proceeds from the event benefitted the College's Fund for Excellence. Over the past 10 years, the quail hunt has generated more than \$121,900 for the College. Twenty-three hunters participated in guided hunts with retrieving dogs and unlimited quail at the Bay Minette, Alabama, venue. The event was chaired by Gerry Goldstein. In left photo are PSC President Ed Meadows with supporter Mike Morette. Pictured on right are PSC supporters Lowell Larson and Gene Valentino.

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# NONPROFIT CENTER HOSTS SERIES OF FUNDRAISING WORKSHOPS

#### **2020 TRAINERS**



Cathy Brown



Pam Hatt



Chandra Smiley

#### NONPROFIT CENTER'S MISSION REMAINED FRONT AND CENTER DURING COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic affected the Nonprofit Center for Excellence and Philanthropy at Pensacola State College.

In 2020, most trainings were virtual, and eight sessions were hosted by the nonprofit center — opened by the College and founded by Gulf Power Foundation. Overall, the Nonprofit Center for Excellence and Philanthropy provided training for 118 attendees from 27 nonprofits in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Okaloosa and Walton counties last year.

Training began on Jan. 29 with "Donor-Centered Proposals and Presentations" with speaker Cathy Brown. A Pensacola resident, Brown is the associate director of education at The Fund Raising School in the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Donor centricity, testing communication and the components that matter in a fundraising relationship were among the topics discussed at the workshop.

The nonprofit center held a virtual Lunchand-Learn addressing fundraising on May 5. Michelle Buchanan, a principal with Dini Spheris, hosted "Solid Ground Webinar: Reorienting Expectations and Discovering Hope in the COVID-19 Era."

On May 20, Brown returned to host the virtual Lunch-and-Learn session, "Fundraising From The Business Sector."

"Volunteer Management 101" was the title of a June 3 webinar with presenters — Kendrick Doidge, vice president of Business and Public Relations, West Florida Hospital; Kristin Fairchild, founder and executive director, Chain Reaction; and Sandy Sims, director of External Affairs, Gulf Power and Executive Director, Gulf Power Foundation.

Andrea Krieger, PSC Executive Director of Institutional Development, was the speaker at a "Grant Writing — Resources and Research Tools to Help Write Winning Grants" webinar held June 16.

On Aug. 4, "Collaborations That Work — Building Your Collaborative Team For Big Wins!" webinar was held with presenters Dede Flounlacker, executive director, Manna Food Pantries; Dr. Kimberly Krupa, executive director, Achieve Escambia; and Chandra Smiley, CEO and executive director, Community Health Northwest Florida.

In the fall, "Nonprofit Leadership — Creating and Sustaining Organization Capacity to Excel" webinar was held Oct. 6 with speaker, Thomas Greek, vice president of Learning and Development, Navy Federal Credit Union.

And on Nov. 17, Pam Hatt, vice president of marketing, Pen Air Federal Credit Union, hosted the virtual Lunch-and-Learn webinar, "Ask Me Anything About Marketing."

The Nonprofit Center for Excellence and Philanthropy was launched with a founding grant funded by the Gulf Power Foundation.

The center strives to help strengthen nonprofit and philanthropic organizations through education designed to support board governance, enhance the business practices of the nonprofit organization, and expand the nonprofit's sector influence.

# **STUDENTS**

Pictured, from left, are Zaniah Heath, parliamentarian, Pensacola High; Bailey Saulsberry, vice president, Washington High; Kamariya Cornish, sergeantat-arms, Pensacola High; Justin Aultman, advisor, Pensacola High; Jennifer Ponson, PSC SkillsUSA advisor and Region 1 coordinator; Brian Quinn, advisor, Washington High; Juliette Fontaine, secretary, Washington High; and Samantha Gates, historian, Washington High.

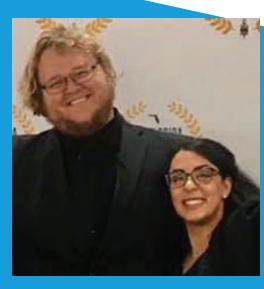
## **PSC SKILLSUSA CHAPTER EARNS GOLD MEDAL DISTINCTION**

Pensacola State College SkillsUSA chapter was named a 2020 Gold Medal Chapter of Distinction. The SkillsUSA Chapter Excellence Program honors chapter achievement relative to the organization's framework of developing personal, workplace and technical skills.

Chapters achieve status as a Quality Chapter – Bronze, Silver or Gold Medal Chapter of Distinction. The highest chapter honor is the Model of Excellence designation.

Also, four PSC employees were recognized for their service to the College and SkillsUSA:

- Rebecca Gunter, an office assistant in the Student and Program Outreach Department, received the SkillsUSA Honorary Life Award of the Year.
- Theresa Hoang, an office assistant in the Student and Program Outreach Department, was named Alumni of the Year for a second year.
- Sonja McCall-Strehlow, coordinator of the massage therapy program and facial specialty program, received the SkillsUSA Region 1 Advisor of the Year Award.
- And Jennifer Ponson was named the SkillsUSA Florida Region 1 Champion of the Year.



## **5 PSC STUDENTS NAMED TO 2020 FCS ALL-FLORIDA ACADEMIC TEAM**

Five Pensacola State students were selected to the 2020 All-Florida Academic Team by the Florida College System.

Sydney Bates, Kameron Hoak, Faith Thompson, Miriam Villa and Emily Ward

Kameron Hoak, left, and Miriam Villa are pictured at the 2020 All-Florida Academic Team recognition ceremony. Not pictured are Sydney Bates, Faith Thompson and Emily Ward. were among the more than 100 FCS students selected for the honor.

Selection to the All-Florida Academic Team is based on the students' academic achievement, leadership and service to their communities. Students are nominated by their respective colleges to the All-USA Academic Team competition sponsored by USA Today and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

## PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE WINS MORE THAN 90 ADDYS AT COMPETITION

Pensacola State College graphic design student Jay Dunham won a gold and silver American Advertising Award at the national level in 2020.

An intern in the College's Marketing and Information Department, Dunham also won a Judges Award, seven gold and eight silver ADDYs at the local level. Dunham's accolades were among the 95 awards — 34 gold, 58 silver and 3 Judges Award — the College received at the February 2020 ADDY ceremony.

Courtney Goodman and Lam Nguyen also won Judges Awards at the local level.

*Note:* Some students won multiple awards.

Other PSC winners were:

Gold Medal: Courtney Goodman, Sarah Goolsby, Devin Bonner, Sandra Morris, Darwin Martinez, Kayla Wood, Bailey Walker, Mindy Cramlet, Omar A. Forty, Derek J. Breaux, Karli Kimmons, Alana Cox, Lindsi Hicks, Cheryl Sturges, Katherine Ford, Aaron Cleveland, Kylie Crowell and Elizabeth Carver.

Silver Medal: Amanda Schmidt, Renee Bates, Jared Barrow, Kristian Breeze, Spencer B. Clark, Goodman, Eileen Torres, Nick Bridges, Daniela de Castro Sucre, Goolsby, Nguyen, Bonner, Morris, Martinez, Wood, Walker, Cramlet, Breaux, Kimmons and Crowell. In the professional category, Zachary Blessing, a PSC graduate and graphic designer in the College's Marketing and Information Department, won three silver medals.

At the state/District 4 level, Dunham also won a Best of Show award as well as three gold and three silver medals.

Overall, five PSC students won seven Gold ADDYs and several silvers during the District 4 competition which includes colleges and universities in Florida and the Caribbean.

## **100 PERCENT VET TECH PASS RATE**

All nine Pensacola State College Veterinary Technology graduates — Ashlee Arneson, Hannah Flint, Heather Fox, Courtney Green, Allyson Griego, Mari McDaniel, Gena Medley, Taylor Shipley and Christina Zaccardi achieved 100 percent pass rate on the 150-question Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE). It was the second 100 percent passing rate for a class from the PSC Veterinary Technology Program since 2013. The exam is used by most states and agencies to evaluate competency of entry-level veterinary technicians. The passing rate for PSC students taking the exam over the previous three years was 88 percent. The national average for passing the VTNE over the same threeyear period was 70.31 percent.



# **HURRICANE SALLY**



Gulf Power Co. tent city on Pensacola campus



Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts damage

Uprooted trees on PSC's Pensacola campus

## HURRICANE SALLY DAMAGES PENSACOLA STATE CAMPUSES, CENTERS

Hurricane Sally caused extensive damage to Pensacola State College campuses in September.

Classes resumed at the College on Sept. 28 following the category 2 hurricane that hit the Florida Panhandle and coastal Alabama on Sept. 16. Damaged structures included:

**Pensacola campus** — The Lou Ross Center and Hartsell Arena, the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, the maintenance building and the Jean and Paul Amos Performance Studio all received significant roof damage.

Some buildings sustained water damage and were dried using industrial dryers and

moisture-removing machines. Numerous trees were uprooted or had limbs and branches ripped away by Sally's winds. Some fences also were damaged.

Gulf Power Co. also used the campus to house out-of-town workers from Florida Power and Light who came to the area to help restore electricity to the region.

Large tents were set up in front of Building 10 where several hundred Florida Power and Light linemen rested, spent their evenings and slept during work breaks.

**Warrington campus** – The climate control was disabled by the hurricane but was repaired before classes resumed.

Buildings 3000 and 3200 also were temporarily closed due to water damage.

**Milton campus** – Building 4400 sustained water damage.

**Downtown Center** – The center had extensive roof damage and flooding. Staff members were relocated to the Pensacola campus. CO-LAB tenants also were relocated.

There was no damage at the Century or South Santa Rosa centers.

BrightView Landscape Services and BELFOR Property Restoration overseen by the College's Director of Facilities Diane Bracken performed the hurricane cleanup and restoration work.



#### **CHANCELLOR VISIT**

On Sept. 21, Pensacola State President Ed Meadows welcomed Florida College System Chancellor Kathryn Hebda; Alex Jordan, Deputy Director, Facilities Planning and Budgeting; and Northwest Florida State College President G. Devin Stephenson to the College to assess damage caused by Hurricane Sally and to share best practices. Pictured are, from left, Jordan, Hebda, Meadows and Stephenson.

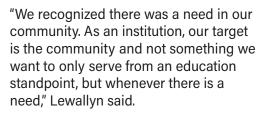
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More than 50 Pensacola State studentathletes and coaches helped families recover from Hurricane Sally in September.

The category 2 hurricane hit the Florida Panhandle and coastal Alabama on Sept. 16 bringing wind, rain and storm surge.

Members of Pensacola State Athletics helped residents clear debris, remove tree limbs and waterlogged furnishings and other items from their homes and property, said Pensacola State Baseball Coach Bryan Lewallyn, who spearheaded the effort.



Softball Coach Lyndsey Angus, Assistant Basketball Coach Sagar Kapoor and their players also helped with the cleanup.

Lake Charlene subdivision residents, Melvin and Terri Maxwell, were among the residents the student-athletes helped.

> "They came as a huge group, and we didn't even know they were in the front yard working until our dog started barking," Terri Maxwell said. "By the time we made it to the front, the boys were already raking and hauling debris to the street. I saw Coach Lewallyn, and he told me they were there to help."

Avery Beauchaine, a softball team pitcher, said helping neighbors in her hometown was fulfilling.

"The first house we worked at was in the Lillian, Alabama-Perdido area. The homeowner lived on a canal and lost everything," said Beauchaine, a Pensacola native. "We helped her clean out her house, her garage, and around her house. She was so grateful to us. She couldn't thank us enough."

All in all, the College's Athletics Department volunteered nearly 1,400 hours of community service, said Hailey Lotz, the College's coordinator of Booster Clubs.

"Our student-athletes love, support and believe in this community," Lotz added. "Helping others is part of our culture in the Athletics Department, and we have student-athletes who are always willing and ready to step up."

Softball Coaches Lyndsey Angus and Caroline Powell and players are pictured with homeowner Renee Valdez.

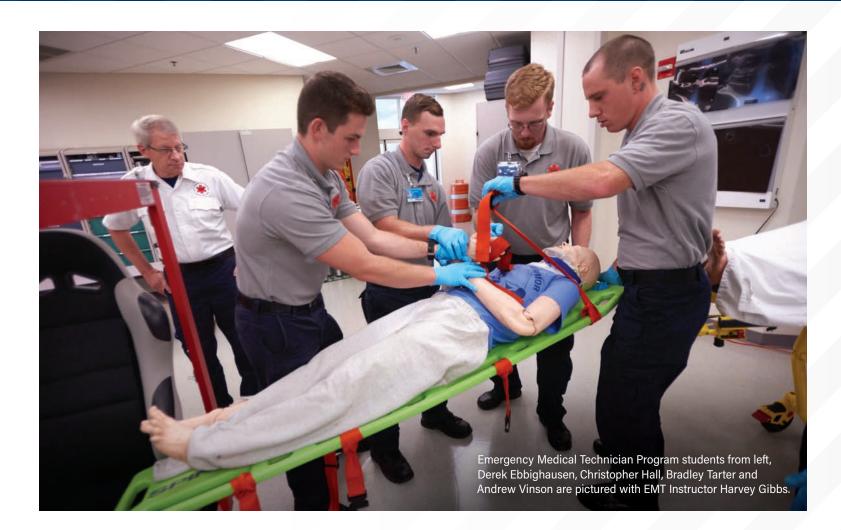
PSC men's baseball and basketball teams volunteered to

PSC softball players helped a resident clear her vard of hurricane debris.



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# **GRANTS AND AWARDS**



## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING**

In September, Pensacola State College was awarded \$726,388 grant to help students enrolled in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) fields.

The Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund will provide \$105,000 for CTE scholarships and about \$500,000 for new, state-of-theart equipment that will bolster a variety



of the College's CTE programs which offer training and routes to industry credentialing in high-demand fields.

The GEER Fund is provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and is aimed at, according to the grant statement, assisting "Florida College System institutions and postsecondary technical centers in their

> ability to enroll and complete students in short-term, indemand workforce/career and technical education credentialing and certificate programs."

The CTE programs that will be affected can all be completed in a year or less. The programs are Commercial Vehicle Driving, CNC Machinist Operator/ Programmer, CNC Composite Fabricator/ Programmer, CNC Machinist/Fabricator, Electrocardiograph Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Engineering Technology Support Specialist, Infant/Toddler Specialization, Mechanical Designer and Programmer, Medical Assisting, Medical Information Coder/Biller, Nursing Assistant, Paramedic, Phlebotomy, Practical Nursing and Preschool Specialization.

Two truck driving simulators, a hard-shell chest compression system (paramedic and EMT), advanced pediatric simulator (paramedic, EMT and LPN), electrocardiograph (EKG Technology) and an advanced fiber laser cutting machine are among the new equipment to be purchased with grant funds.

PSC Phlebotomy Program Coordinator Wilma Duncans-Burnett helps a Phlebotomy Technician Program student.

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## COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVING PROGRAM ISSUED \$1.6M FINANCIAL BOOST

The U.S. Department of Commerce awarded a \$1.6 million grant in September to Pensacola State College to help construct a truck driving training facility in the Santa Rosa County industrial park.

The truck driving program currently operates near Blue Angel Recreation Park. The new facility should open in 2022. The grant was issued through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration and must be matched with \$2.9 million in local funds.

The American Trucking Associations (ATA) reported there is a nationwide shortage of commercial truck drivers.

In 2018, the trucking industry was short roughly 60,800 drivers, and the ATA predicted that if current trends hold, the shortage could swell to more than 160,000 by 2028. The 2019 median pay for heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers was \$22.29 an hour.

PSC initiated its truck driving program in September 2019.

Students in the program will drive at least 1,000 miles in training. When students complete the 320-hour Commercial Vehicle Driving course, they can earn a Florida Class A Commercial Driver License.

Pictured below are, from left, Shannon Ogletree, Executive Director of Economic Development in Santa Rosa County; Erica Grancagnolo, Assistant Director of Economic Development in Santa Rosa County; Jamal Allen Sowell, Secretary of Commerce, President and CEO, Enterprise Florida; Michael Walsh, Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce; Ed Meadows, President, Pensacola State College; Joel Frushone, Director, Office of External Affairs and Communications, U.S. Department of Commerce; Scott Luth, President and CEO, FloridaWest; and Herb Woll, Chair, Pensacola State College Board of Trustees.

#### TRIO PROGRAMS AWARDED 5-YEAR FEDERAL GRANTS

The College's TRIO-Student Support Services program was awarded a five-year \$1.89 million grant (\$379,197 each year) while TRIO-Veterans Student Support Services received a five-year \$1.25 million grant (\$125,000 each year) in September 2020.

"These grants help us serve students who we normally wouldn't be able to assist," said Debbie Douma, the College's dean of Grants and Federal Programs. "One adviser might normally have 400 or 500 students to assist, but this allows the College to provide more support so an adviser might only be working with 110 students. That way the student receives more intensive and intentional guidance and assistance."

Student Support Services and Veterans Student Support Services are two of the five federally-funded TRIO programs available at the College. The programs offer assistance based on academic need to first-generation college students, low-income students and students with disabilities. However students in the TRIO Veterans Student Support Services must be U.S. military veterans who have received a discharge other than dishonorable.

Each program offers qualifying students a variety of services and opportunities including advising and counseling, cultural field trips, grant aid, peer coaching, college visits and more.

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Debbie Douma,
 Dean, Grants and
 Federal Programs

# PROVIDING THE BEST AT PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

#### 2020 U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

Pensacola State College's online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program was listed among the best in Florida and nation by U.S. News and World Report for the second consecutive year. In the "Best Online Bachelor's Programs 2020 Edition", the online BSN program was ranked third among Florida College System institutions. PSC also tied for 9th among Florida colleges and universities and was ranked 73rd in the U.S. Also, PSC tied for No. 9 in Best Colleges for Veterans, was No. 26 in the Regional Colleges South and ranked No. 20 in the Top Performers on Social Mobility category.

#### **2020 MILITARY FRIENDLY**

PSC was acknowledged as a top school for military veterans. The College was named one of 625 "Military Friendly Schools" for 2020-2021 by VIQTORY, a veteran-owned company that connects former military members to civilian employment and educational opportunities.

#### 2020 BEST FOR VETS

PSC was named one of Military Times' 2020 Best for Vets Schools. The College ranked 100th among 134 four-year universities and colleges in the listing. More than 600 postsecondary institutions submitted data for the rankings which are the result of a comprehensive survey of veteran and military student services.

#### **2020 STANDARDS**

PSC was one of the top-performing schools in the Florida College System in 2020. The College exceeded the FCS average in 23 of 30 evaluated metrics that measure student success and graduation rates, enrollment, transfer performance, college preparatory outcome rates and job placement of students who graduate or complete educational programs, according to the PSC Approved Accountability Measures Plan Evaluation compiled by Michael Johnston, PSC Executive Director of Institutional Research.

#### **2020 MEDICAL ASSISTANT**

Pensacola State College's Medical Assistant Program was named one of the best in Florida by medicalassistantadvice. com. Of the 91 Medical Assisting Programs in Florida, PSC was ranked No. 2 by the online resource. The rankings were based on graduation rate, net price, admission rate, retention rate, number of enrolled students and the reputation of the school.

BEST ONLINE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

**RANKED #9** BEST COLLEGES FOR VETERANS

**U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT** 

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PSC IS RANKED AMONG THE BEST REGIONAL COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

> BEST MEDICAL ASSISTANT PROGRAMS IN FLORIDA

2020 MEDICAL ASSISTANT ADVICE



# **COVID RESPONSE**

## **PSC HELD SPRING-SUMMER GRADUATION**

In the midst of COVID-19 pandemic, Pensacola State College gave spring and summer 2020 graduates a ceremony to remember.

The College held two commencement ceremonies on Aug. 1 at the Pensacola Bay Center. A 10 a.m. ceremony was exclusively for Associate of Arts degree graduates with a 3 p.m. event for other degree and certificate graduates.

"One of the most significant milestones for our students is celebrating the completion of their degree or certificate at commencement," Pensacola State College President Ed Meadows said.

"We wanted to acknowledge the students and their accolades as we always had done in the past. The two ceremonies were a safe and responsible way to salute our students and their successes." Graduates were limited to six guests each to ensure social distancing. For those who could not attend, the ceremonies were livestreamed on Facebook.

Also, there were no guest speakers and a limited number of administration members, including Meadows, were on stage. Everyone who attended including guests — were required to wear face masks.

"Safety was the first priority," Meadows added. "And we knew we could do it safely if we were all vigilant and followed the social distancing and face mask guidelines from the Department of Health and the CDC."

Some graduates who hoped for a spring 2020 commencement exercise were grateful to finally don a cap and gown for this milestone celebration.



"My Mom was more upset than I was (regarding the May postponement)," said Abigail Bott, who has earned an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education.

"It's a pretty big deal because PSC has been important to me. I learned how childhood education works and how to be professional. I learned team-building skills and had a lot of opportunities."

A former PSC Student Ambassador, Bott is now the College's interim coordinator of Student Engagement and Leadership.

#### PENSACOLA STATE RESPONDS TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The year – 2020 – was challenging for Pensacola State. Like the rest of the world, the College dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic which led to many changes at the institution.

In March, the pandemic forced the College to transition to online classes for the remainder of the term, with students and most employees studying and working from home. The onlineonly classes continued throughout the summer, with some face-to-face classes added in the fall.

The College also adhered to most Centers for Disease Control guidelines regarding face masks, social distancing, hand washing and other cautionary safeguards.

About 300 sanitizing stations were installed on the six campuses and centers. The College also installed purifying air filters in buildings to add another layer of protection. Tom Gilliam, PSC's Vice President of Administrative Services and General Counsel, was responsible for tracking the College's COVID-19 cases.

The College even provided mental health services for students with the Pirates CARE Team — professional staffers who offered counseling and other resources to help students deal with situations that might affect their academic performance and overall well-being.

Pirates CARE Team are Lynsey Listau, Executive Director of Institutional Equity and Student Conduct; Jessica Johnson, a Pirates CARE Wellness Case Manager; Brittney Clark, PSC's Coordinator of Mental Health Services and service animal handler; and Julie Riser, Student Helper. Milly, a Labrador/Golden Retriever mix, was the service animal but has been replaced by Rudy.

# AT A GLANCE

PSC purchased numerous supplies to combat the spread of COVID-19:

- 31,000 face masks
- 4,000 face shields
- 500 N95 masks
- 410 plexiglass shields
- 500 gallons of hand sanitizer
- 500 25-count packs of hand wipes
- 5,000 100-count canisters of disinfecting wipes
- 1,500 80-count Lysol wipe packs
- 2,000 keyboard skins
- 240 cans of spray disinfectant
- 300 sanitizing stations
- 510 refills for sanitizing stations
- 200 100-count boxes of Latex or Nitrile gloves

# **EMPLOYEES**

## ACADEMY OF TEACHING EXCELLENCE INDUCTEES



Pensacola State College recognized its 2020 Academy of Teaching Excellence inductees during a May ceremony. The inductees were Andrew Barbero, Amber Carey, Domenick Grasso and Deborah Woods. The Academy of Teaching Excellence also named Lauren Rogers, Natural Sciences instructor, as Outstanding New Faculty Member.

Barbero and Carey both teach in the History, Languages, Social Sciences and Education Departments, Grasso is in the Natural Sciences Department and Woods is a Mathematics instructor. Rogers is a Natural Sciences instructor.

The Teaching Excellence awards are designed to recognize outstanding classroom instructors who demonstrate sustained teaching excellence as measured by four criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge of and enthusiasm for subject matter
- Good rapport/relationship with students
- Effective course content and organization
- Effective instructional methods



## **PSC EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR**

Pensacola State College recognized its 2020 Employees of the Year during a ceremony held in October. The Professional Employees of the Year were Ella Barker, Butch Branch, Paul Chaney, Michael Johnston and Patrice Whitten. The 2020 Career Service Employees of the Year were Shannon Crawford, Ricky Enfinger, Teresa Jackson and Mel Miner.

Pictured are Enfinger, from left, Branch, Chaney, Jackson, Barker, Miner, Crawford, Johnston and Whitten.



#### PENSACOLA STATE SELECTED AFC CHAPTER OF THE YEAR FOR 2020

Pensacola State College was named the Association of Florida College's Chapter of the Year for 2020.

The statewide award was among the many accolades the College received during the 71st Virtual Annual Meeting and Conference.

Two PSC administrators — Tammy Henderson and Juanita Scott — each received AFC 2020 Distinguished Service Awards. Henderson, Director of Human Services, and Scott, Director of Program and Staff Development, were awarded the accolades in recognition of extraordinary service, commitment and dedication to the AFC.

> Pensacola State also earned 2020 AFC Communications and Marketing Commission Awards of Excellence in several categories:

- Foundation Annual Report: Gold for 2019 Impact Report.
- Foundation Campaign (Less than 10,000 FTE): Gold for "Your Community, Your Legacy Capital Campaign".
- Outdoor Single (Less than 10,000 FTE): Gold for Art Faculty and Staff Exhibition Banner; Silver for Art Student Honors Exhibition Banner; Bronze for Commercial Truck Driving Vehicle Wrap.
- Poster Single (Less than 10,000 FTE): Gold for Pensacola State College Women's Basketball Poster; Silver for Pensacola State College Softball Poster.

Pictured are AFC members Zack Blessing, Mel Miner, Obi Kalu, Tanesha McCreary, Shannon Crawford, Ted Young, Donna Davidson, Monica Williams, Lanatta Barrett, Roland Hyacinthe, Tammy Henderson, Madeline Heller, Fred Holt, Nicole Wilson, Aaron Ryan and Lindsey Self.



Juanita Scott



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Tammy Henderson

# **RISING STARS**

In January, Scott Bemiss, Kathleen Hudon and Melissa Jernigan were selected InWeekly's 2020 Rising Stars. Bemiss is the College's Recruiting Coordinator. Hudon is the Director of Student Services. Jernigan is the Workday Testing and Training Specialist. InWeekly's 2020 Rising Star edition spotlights young professionals who will have a meaningful impact on the community and help the Pensacola area grow and improve.

Pictured are Bemiss, from left, Hudon and Jernigan

# FACILITIES

## **CONSTRUCTION OF BAARS TECHNOLOGY BUILDING COMPLETED IN 2020**

Construction of Pensacola State College's new state-of-the-art Baars Technology Building was completed in 2020.

The \$15 million — 23,839-square-foot — two-story facility is home to the College's

STEM programs, including cybersecurity, mathematics, computer science and other high-tech fields of study.

It replaces the Mary Ellison Baars Building that was demolished in 2019. The Mary Ellison Baars Building was 60 years old and the College's oldest structure. It was named in honor of the Baars family matriarch for making the original property available to the College.

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The new facility is Phase I of a project that will eventually include a Phase II west-wing building that will house other high-tech programs such as advanced manufacturing. The total cost for both wings is estimated at around \$35 million.

The new facility has a cybersecurity center, Cyber Warfare Range, classrooms, laboratories and offices.

Ajax Building Co. was the general contractor for the project, which Florida Architects designed.

BAARS TECHNOLOGY BUILDING





# **PSC CLEARS CROSS-COUNTRY TRAIL ON MILTON CAMPUS**

If you build it, they will come, and they will run.

And that is exactly what Pensacola State did when the College, with the help of PSC truck driver Richard Whatley and women's cross-country coach Julie Burger, cleared a cross-country track course on the Milton campus.

The 3.1 mile cross-country trail was used for the first time during the 49th Annual Washington High School Wildcat Invitational. The high school was looking for a new cross-country course for the fall 2020 meet. Whatley, Burger along with Washington High cross-country coaches not only marked the course, the group also trimmed back tree branches and cleared the trail of obstructions for the runners.

Members of the PSC women's crosscountry team now train on the course.

Whatley is well-known in Pensacola cross-country circles. His son, Richard Whatley Jr., was a Pine Forest crosscountry runner and is now a studentathlete at Cowley College in Kansas.

It was through cross-country relationships that Whatley learned the Wildcat Invitational was looking for a new course. He approached Burger, and, with the PSC administration's blessing, got to work on the Milton campus course.

"He's so amazing," Burger said of Whatley. "I'd love to take credit (for the course), but it was Richard out there with the Washington coaches doing most of the work. He's always been so willing to help us."

Whatley, who threw the shot put and discus, as well as running track as a high school athlete, said he feels a fondness for the PSC team.

"I think they're going to improve each year," he added. "Coach Julie is doing a good job, and I'm trying to introduce

her to as many coaches and athletes as I can. Hopefully we can continue to build this cross-country program."



One of the mile markers found along the trail

Members of the PSC cross-country team are pictured at Pensacola Beach. They are, from left, AnnaMaria Yanas, Trinity Maracle, JulieAnn Morgan, Jabria Brothers and Samantha Scallan.

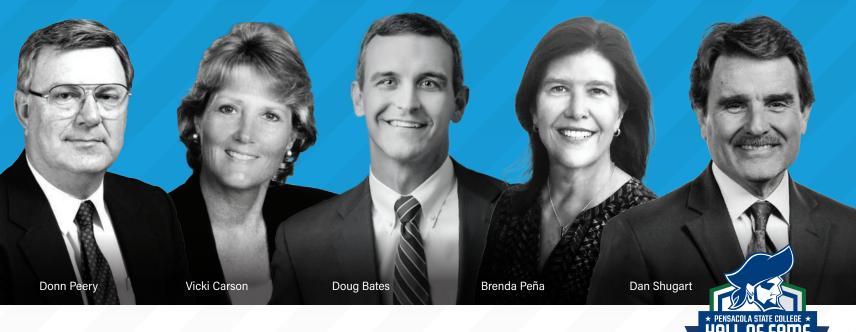
**Richard Whatley** 



Julie Burger



# ATHLETICS



## **5 INDUCTED INTO PSC 2020 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME**

Five legends were inducted into the Pensacola State College's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2020.

The inductees were Doug Bates, former baseball player, recipient of 1998 Lea Plarski Award and past president of the PSC Foundation; Vicki Carson, former Lady Pirates women's basketball coach whose team won 1985 FCAA State Championship and was named 1985 FCAA Coach of the Year; Dr. Donn Peery, former athletic director and military veteran; Brenda Peña, former softball player, former head softball coach and 2003 Panhandle Conference Coach of the Year; and Dan Shugart, longtime PSC athletic supporter and WEAR-TV 3 sports director.

- Bates is a 1998 PJC graduate who played two years on the college's baseball squad. From PJC, Bates joined the Birmingham-Southern College Panthers and played in the 1999 and 2000 NAIA World Series tournaments. He set a national record in hits by pitches for the NAIA in 2000, a record he is proud of because he helped his team by getting on base.

While a student-athlete, Bates was selected an NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American in 1997 and 1998, received the national Lea Plarski Award in 1998, chosen for All-Conference Teams in 1998 and 2000 and named an NAIA Academic All-American in 2000 while playing for Birmingham-Southern College.

 Carson spent nearly 35 years at Pensacola State with 25 of those years (1980-2005) as the Lady Pirates' head basketball coach.

During her tenure, her teams won the 1985 Florida College Athletic Association (FCAA) State Basketball Championship and she was named FCAA Coach of the Year. She compiled a 515-189 record and had a national tournament appearance.

- The Lady Pirates under Carson's helm also made 15 State Final Four appearances, was a state championship runner-up and won nine Panhandle Conference Championships.
- Peery, who lives in The Villages, was honored for his longtime leadership at the College.

A 1957 Pensacola Junior College graduate, Peery was a police officer in the U.S. Army. He taught in Miami public schools before joining Miami-Dade Community College.

In 1978, he was named the PSC Director of Athletics. He also served as Physical Education Chairman, District Dean of Student Affairs, Interim Vice President of Academics and Provost of the Community Campus.

Peery also was the Panhandle Conference Chairman of Athletics for 15 years, vice president and president of the FCAA, a member of the executive board for National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators and the founding president of the Florida Council of Athletic Affairs.  Peña, a star athlete at now-closed Woodham High School, came to PSC as a student-athlete, graduating in 1982. She transferred to the University of Florida where she was a member of the Gators state championship team, which finished third in the NCAA tournament.

As player and coach at PSC, Peña has 924 combined wins and was the 2003 Panhandle Conference Softball Coach of the Year.

- Shugart, a UCLA graduate, has covered PSC athletics since 1981.

He began his broadcasting career in 1980 at WBSR-1450 AM in Pensacola. That fall, he was the play-by-play announcer for the Pensacola Wings semi-pro football team, which led to his hiring at WEAR-TV 3 in 1981. He was promoted to sports director in 1982.

He also freelanced for WSRE's broadcasts of PSC basketball and baseball. Shugart was inducted into the Pensacola Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

## PENSACOLA STATE STUDENT-ATHLETES INK SCHOLARSHIP DEALS

Fourteen Pensacola State College student- Cowart and Rosario graduated from athletes committed to Division I, Division II and NAIA institutions during 2020.

#### BASEBALL

Dominick Miller, Logan Miracle and Xavier Bussey signed with Division I Troy University, Nicholls State University and North Carolina A&T University, respectively.

Miller, a left-handed pitcher, is from Pensacola. Miracle, a right-handed pitcher, is from Alabama. Bussey, an outfielder, is from North Carolina.

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Shawndarius Cowart, Carlos Rosario and Bryce Waterman signed with Division I Hofstra University, McNeese State University and Purdue University-Fort Wayne, respectively.

The three were named to the All-Panhandle Conference First Team. Cowart also was selected to the Region VIII All-State Team.

Pensacola State in spring 2020. Cowart, a Pensacola High graduate, is a guard. Forwards, Rosario and Waterman, are from New York.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Kaiya Burnett, ZaMaria Polk and Lenaejha Evans signed with Division I Jacksonville State University, Cleveland State University and Rider University.

Burnett was named to the All-Panhandle Conference First Team and Polk was named to the Second Team.

Burnett, a guard, is from New Jersey. A forward, Polk is from Detroit and Evans, a quard, is from South Carolina.

#### SOFTBALL

Kat McGlamry and Madison Myers both signed letters of intent with Division I Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama.

As a freshman, McGlamry was selected to the NJCAA All-Academic Third Team, FCSAA All-Academic Team and named a Panhandle Conference All-Academic, A catcher, McGlamry is from Crawfordville.

An outfielder, Myers is from Brownsville, Tennessee.

#### VOLLEYBALL

Beaudine Verweij, Jordan Wood and Madison Fisher signed with Division I University of North Carolina-Greensboro, NAIA University of Mobile and Division II University of West Alabama.

A middle hitter, Veweij is from the Netherlands. Wood, also a middle hitter, is from Mobile and Fisher, an outside hitter, is from Belleview.

#### STUDENT-ATHLETE ACHIEVEMENTS

Fifteen Pensacola State College studentathletes were recognized by the NJCAA for academic performance.

Madelyn Childs (softball), Sajarie Jones (softball), Reilly Landreneau (volleyball), Jordan Wood (volleyball) and Ashley Velncia (softball) were named to the NJCAA All-Academic First Team (4.00 grade point average).

Kylie Chambers (softball), Samuel Knowlton (baseball), Bailey Patterson (volleyball), Lauren Raines (volleyball), Lindsey Stewart (volleyball) and Beaudine Verweij (volleyball) were named to the NJCAA All-Academic Second Team (3.80-3.99 grade point average).



Dutch Burkhead (baseball), Lenaejha Evans (women's basketball), Seth Killam (baseball) and Bryce Waterman (basketball) were named to the NJCAA All-Academic Third Team (3.60-3.79 grade point average).

#### **FCSAA ACCOLADES** 2019-2020 HONOREES

Numerous Pensacola State studentathletes also were recognized by the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 State Baseball Tournament was canceled, and All-Conference and All-State awards were not voted on for the 2020 season.

Basketball player Shawndarius Cowart was selected a FCSAA/NJCAA Region VII All-State Team.

Cowart along with Carlos Rosario and Bryce Waterman also were named to the All-Panhandle Conference First Team.

Josh Williams and Rodney Smith were named to the All-Panhandle Conference Second Team.

Women's basketball players Kaiya Burnett was named to the All-Panhandle First Team and Zamaria Polk was chosen for the All-Panhandle Second Team.

Volleyball players Alex Pierre, Reilly Landreneau, Lindsey Stewart and Madison Fisher were selected for the All-Panhandle First Team.

Beaudine Verweij was selected for the All-Panhandle Conference Second Team.

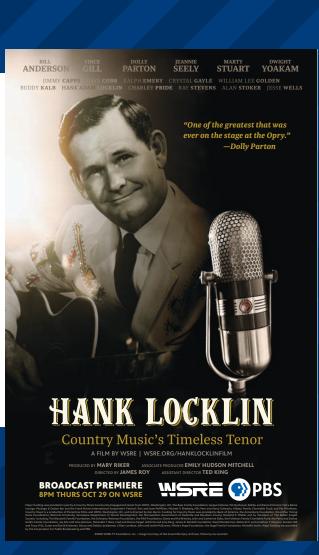
# WSRE

# **ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS**

WSRE productions are key to providing meaningful content for local viewers.

"Hank Locklin: Country Music's Timeless Tenor," a new documentary by WSRE, was fed to other PBS stations through the National Educational Telecommunications Association. This film about the Grand Ole Opry Star from Santa Rosa County was funded by a "Country Music" Community Engagement Grant from WETA (Washington, D.C.), a local grant from The Bear Family Foundation and gifts from individual donors to the WSRE-TV Foundation. Locklin's story is told by a cast of country greats including Bill Anderson, Vince Gill, Dolly Parton, Jeannie Seely, Marty Stuart and Dwight Yoakam.

Other notable achievements include distribution of "Nightmare Theatre" to six other markets and a Bronze Telly Award for "StudioAmped: Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival Songwriters' Special."



# **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

PBS KIDS, America's leading media brand for children, is delivered by WSRE to local families and schools through the WSRE PBS KIDS channel with live streaming, games and apps; **WSRE Imagination Station** early learning activity centers; and community events like WSRE PBS KIDS & Family Day at Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park and Hit a Home Run for Early Learning at Blue Wahoos Stadium. A portion of WSRE's main channel broadcast is also dedicated to PBS KIDS programming.

Another valuable resource is PBS LearningMedia, an on-demand service for direct access to thousands of classroom-ready, curriculum-targeted digital assets aligned to state standards for enhancing classroom instruction.

In response to mass remote learning brought on by COVID-19, WSRE launched an At-Home Learning daytime TV schedule of standards-aligned programming for grades PreK-12 and a one-stop website linking teachers, students and parents to a plethora of online libraries and educational games and apps to help facilitate the transition from classroom to screen time instruction.

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## PBS MEMBER STATION IS A VALUED MEDIA PROVIDER

Licensed to the Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees, WSRE public media positively impacts local communities through education, entertainment and engagement.

As a Public Broadcasting System member station, WSRE is part of America's most valued and essential media provider, serving as critical source of trusted information and a safe media space for children to grow and learn while also playing a vital role as part of the nation's emergency response system.

Accessible to everyone, over the air and digitally, WSRE serves a population of 1.5 million people in Northwest Florida and South Alabama with four over-theair channels: WSRE PBS, WSRE World, WSRE Create and WSRE PBS KIDS. Original productions, local shows and special events provide opportunities for civic engagement, enlightening conversation and exposure to the arts.

Production facilities are in the Kugelman as director of Educational Services Center for Telecommunications and include the 10,000-square-foot Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio, which serves as a live broadcast and event venue.

WSRE relies on gifts from individual members and corporate funders for programming, production and the capital required to meet the constant demands of innovation in communications technology. In support of public service projects furthering education, public safety and civic leadership, WSRE also receives public funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Jill Hubbs

Jill Hubbs was appointed to serve as Interim General Manager of WSRE and Executive Director of the WSRE-TV Foundation in January 2020. Hubbs had previously served

and Outreach, joining the station in 1996. She also has been the awardwinning executive producer of several WSRE productions.

During her first year at the helm, Hubbs led WSRE through the impact of COVID-19 on station operations and service area communities. WSRE's kev resource of providing educational media and digital resources to local families and schools became most essential as communities experienced school closures and quarantine challenges.

Throughout the pandemic, local productions have continued with remote technology, and special "inStudio" episodes covered "Coping with COVID-19" and "The Regional Economy and COVID-19."

WSRE's role as a window to the world - accessible to all from the comfort and safety of home - has never been more vital.

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#### **Grants and Federal Programs**

Through the efforts of Pensacola State College Grants and Federal Programs, the institution was awarded \$9,242,082.99 in grants from a variety of sources.

Bank of America – Workforce Scholarships
Bank of America \$7,000
Fish Florida
Fish Florida Equipment
Grant
Fish Florida Grant\$2,850
Florida Department of Education
Adult General Education \$189,986

Adult General Education	\$189,986
Carl Perkins	\$522,792
English Literacy/	
Civics Education	\$37,711

Florida Theatrical Association Florida Theatrical Association \$7,000
National Science Foundation NSF ATE Research (FSU/TCC)\$15,000
Substance Abuse and

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 Office on Violence Against

 Women ......\$100,000

#### **U.S. Department of Education**

Educational Opportunity Center\$450,65	38
Educational Talent Search\$382,65	98
Student Support Services\$386,024.	05
Title III \$449,989.	01
Veterans Student	
Support Services \$289,416.	93
CARES Act — Student	
Emergency Relief Grant \$3,002,4	70
CARES Act — Institutional Grant \$3,002,4	69
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