

A photograph of the President of Pensacola State College, an older man with white hair wearing a dark blue suit and a purple tie, standing on a paved walkway and talking to three students. One student is a young man in a black t-shirt with a graphic, another is a young woman in a patterned jacket and black boots, and the third is a young man in a bright blue t-shirt and jeans with a backpack. The background shows a building and trees with autumn foliage. The text "PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE" and "PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014 | 2015" is overlaid on the image.

# PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014 | 2015

**Vision** Pensacola State College educates and nurtures students through a dynamic and supportive learning environment which enhances the development of all students intellectually, culturally, and socially, propelling them to succeed within the global community.

**Mission** Pensacola State College, under the governance of a local Board of Trustees, is one of 28 public colleges in the Florida College System committed to affordable, open access to educational opportunities. The College offers baccalaureate and associate degrees, career oriented certificates, developmental education, adult education, GED preparation, and standard high school diplomas. In addition, the College provides specialized business and industry training, recreation and leisure courses, and community outreach and services. Pensacola State College is dedicated to maximizing educational opportunities through a variety of delivery methods that develop the academic, career, personal, and aesthetic capabilities of individuals for the benefit of themselves and the global community.





From the White House to the State House to dinner conversations in our own homes, the viability of a college education is being scrutinized as never before. The debate often focuses on the costs associated with getting a degree and how successfully that degree earns a return on investment by leading to gainful employment.

For many years, research has consistently shown that those who earn college degrees fare better in the job market than those who do not. Recent labor forecasts predict that by 2018, nearly two-thirds of American jobs will require a postsecondary degree or certificate.

Interestingly, recent studies are showing that two-year associate degrees can lead to high-paying careers as quickly as four-year bachelor's degrees. According to Forbes, the three bachelor's degrees with the highest starting salaries in 2013 were business at \$55,100, computer science at \$59,100, and engineering at \$62,600. However, the top three two-year degrees were web developer at \$62,500, registered nurse at \$65,470, and dental hygienist at \$70,210.

At Pensacola State College, we are providing a range of programs that equip students for a competitive workplace, whether the path to that workplace requires certification, an associate degree, or bachelor's degree. We are pleased that PSC programs often are trendsetters in the academic and workforce communities.

For instance, our engineering technology students are manufacturing their own designs using a new, cutting-edge 3D color printer, putting them well ahead of current workers in the field. Meanwhile, our organic chemistry students are using a high-tech Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer to process data from their experiments. This hands-on experience with the NMR is usually reserved for graduate-level students and those in scientific research.

Our close relationships with the local business and educational communities are a hallmark of Pensacola State and ensure that the college is offering diverse programs that benefit students preparing for immediate employment or university transfer.

In the past year, we responded to numerous industry needs presented by the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce. In particular, we began an innovative welding program using computerized welding simulators and live welding machines, housed in two tractor-trailer trucks that can literally take the program to areas where training is needed.

We further responded to community needs through partnerships with our sister educational institutions to benefit students of all ages. One example is our recent partnership with the Escambia and Santa Rosa county school districts and the University of West Florida to facilitate the Career Pathways campaign. This program provides information to help students navigate from middle school through post graduate degrees in our area's in-demand careers in the aerospace, construction, health care and advanced manufacturing industries, among others.

As always, our programs along with our clubs and service organizations focus on preparing our students to be well-rounded, productive citizens. Add in the contributions of a highly-qualified and dedicated faculty and staff, and it is easy to see why Pensacola State again received national recognition as a Top One Percent college for affordability, a Top 100 college for producing associate degrees, and a Top 15 Percent Military Friendly School.

As you read about the accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff and programs, you will see why Pensacola State is continuing to lay the foundation for students to become workers, innovators, leaders and life-long learners, benefitting themselves, their families and the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Meadows". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

C. Edward Meadows  
Pensacola State College President

# ALUMNI

## Alumni Association Welcomes New Leaders

The recently reorganized PSC Alumni Association welcomed a new slate of officers and board members in 2014.

Working with Executive Director Patrice Whitten are President Jerry Maygarden (PSC 1972), Vice President Ted Kirchharr (PSC 1973), Secretary Lane Harper (PSC 1982) and Treasurer Deryl Hargett (PSC 1984).



Maygarden



Kirchharr



Harper



Hargett

## Outstanding Alumni

In the past year, four PSC alumni received recognition for their leadership in the community.

Beverly Zimmern and Jerry Maygarden received PACE Awards from the Greater Pensacola Chamber for their significant contributions to overall economic progress in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

Zimmern, a former mayor of Gulf Breeze, was named Community Leader of the Year, and Maygarden, a former mayor of Pensacola and former Florida state legislator, received the 2015 Pioneer Award.

The combined Rotary Club of Greater Pensacola recognized Ted Kirchharr with the Ethics in Business Award. Kirchharr, a Landrum Professional vice president and COO, received the award for businesses of 50 or more employees.

Carol Carlan, president of Sacred Heart Foundation, was selected as chair of the Greater Pensacola Chamber Board of Directors for 2014-15.

## Alumni Night Scores a Homer

About 170 PSC alumni and friends anchored on the party deck at the Bayfront Stadium in search of a hearty good time, Aug. 8, 2014.

President Edward Meadows, Alumni Board members, and Pirate coaches and athletes were on deck to welcome all to an evening of food, fun and cheering for the Blue Wahoos as they made the Jackson Generals walk the plank, 5-1.

Sponsored by Margie Moore/Merrill Lynch, the alumni membership kickoff event was free and packed with game-night festivities and door prizes.



## Women's Basketball Alumni Celebrate 35th Anniversary

About 36 alumni Lady Pirates from across the country gathered at the Lou Ross Center to celebrate 35 years of PSC women's basketball, Dec. 13, 2014.

The festivities began with a fun-filled Lady Pirates alumni game, an introduction of the alumni players and a ceremonial presentation to Coach Vicki Carson, who began

the program in 1980 and led the Lady Pirates for 25 years.

After the current Lady Pirates defeated Louisiana State University-Eunice, 61-60, the celebration concluded with a display of Lady Pirates' memorabilia, a greeting time, and a dinner for all players, coaches and guests. Lady Pirates Head Coach Penny Jones was on hand

to welcome guests and share memories.

"This was truly an alumni celebration where the Lady Pirates alumni were joined by many more PSC alumni who donated food, created special alumni T-shirts, and volunteered as photographers and servers," said Alumni Affairs Executive Director Patrice Whitten.

## First Continental Pheasant Hunt

The first alumni fundraiser, a Continental Pheasant Hunt, was held at beautiful Dennis Lake Wing Club in Alabama, Nov. 15, 2014. PSC Alum Gerry Goldstein initiated the event for sportsmen to enjoy a day of hunting and raising funds for the PSC Alumni Association. Alumni Board members Mike Thomas and Joe Herring chaired the committee that included Lane Harper, Deryl Hargett, Chris Jones, Vaughn Nichols and President Meadows.



# Students

## STUDENTS



### Zone 34 Rotaract Award

PSC's Rotaract Club topped off its inaugural year by winning the 2014 Zone 34 Rotaract Award recognizing clubs in Georgia, Florida and the Caribbean that exemplify leadership and service. Shown above, PSC Rotaract President John Robson, far right, and Rotaract Advisor Patrice Whitten are congratulated for the Zone 34 Rotaract Award by PSC President Edward Meadows, far left, and PSC Board Chair Herb Woll.

### PSC Student Interns in Washington D.C.

PSC student Lindsey Steck was selected for the Florida House Internship Program in Washington, D.C. in summer 2014 and received a \$6,000 scholarship from the Northwest Region of the Florida House to be used for program expenses.

During the six-week internship, Steck worked three days a week assisting with educational and cultural activities at Florida House and two days each week in the

office of Congressman Ted Yoho who represents Florida's Third District.

Steck, a dual enrollment student, received her PSC Associate in Arts degree in May, her Tate High School diploma in June, and then entered the University of West Florida as an 18 year-old junior the following August.



2014 National Gold ADDY winner

2014 National Silver ADDY winner



### Adding Up ADDYs

In 2014 American Advertising Federation national competition, PSC visual arts students Libby Castellani and Blake Jones won Gold and Silver ADDYs, respectively.

PSC students also won five Gold ADDYs and five Silver ADDYs in district AAF competition. In local competition, the students won 41 out of 50 ADDYs, including Best of Show, three Judge's Choice, six Gold and 31 Silver.

In 2015 local AAF competition, PSC students again won 41 ADDY awards including Best of Show, a Judge's Choice award, 11 Gold awards, and 30 Silver awards. Advancing to regional competition were Best of Show, Joe Chisenall, and Judge's Choice, Bara'ah Jaraiseh, along with other Gold ADDY winners Brad Barker, Glendon Thomson, and Michael Daw.



### HOSA Winners

In 2014 competition for Health Occupations Students of America, PSC student Laura Fletcher earned a National Gold medal. PSC students also earned two Gold medals, five Silver medals and one Bronze medal at state competition and eight Gold, five Silver and four Bronze medals at regionals.

In 2015 HOSA competition, PSC students won a Gold, a Silver and a Bronze medal at the state conference and five Gold, two Silver and three Bronze medals at regionals.

### BAS Graphic Design Student Exhibition at National Museum

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Naval Air Station Pensacola, seniors in the Bachelor of Applied Science Graphic Design program created an exhibit for the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard NAS Pensacola.

Thousands of visitors viewed their works, "The Journey: Then, Now, Tomorrow," on display Nov. 17–Dec. 31, 2014. Students featured in the show were Brad Barker, Joe Chisenall, Erin Cook, Megan Fuller, Jennifer Heriot, Ashley Ritchie and Ashley Spencer.



### Student Excellence Awards

In 2014, 122 Student Excellence Awards were bestowed at PSC's Honors Day ceremonies and in 2015, 159 Student Excellence Awards were given. Students were recognized for exemplary performance in areas of Leadership, Scholastic Achievement, Department Scholars, Program Scholars and Service.



2015 Service Award recipients: Cortney Stotts, Ashton Murphy, Robert Obassi, Annamaria Reynolds, Edward Morris, Pablo Campos, Heather Anderson, Mary Whitman, Lola Brown



2015 Program Scholars: Rhonda Sawyer, Kana Maeji, Michael Listau, Haley Seabrook, Sandy Nguyen, Peyton Sandoval, Tiffany Gosnell, Johnathon Noski, Ashley Roberts, Nadine Baldrige, Erica George, Hope Van Noske, Carol Bryan, Anja Delvalle, Melissa Roberson, Leslie England, Lauren Moore, Ruth Albright, Amelia Leikness



## SkillsUSA State Winners

In 2014, PSC students won 57 medals at the SkillsUSA State Conference held at the Pensacola Bay Center. They amassed 31 Gold medals, 10 Silver medals and 16 Bronze medals.

2014 marked the third consecutive year that PSC hosted the largest-ever SkillsUSA State Conference and Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo. More than 1,850 students from across Florida competed in 119 events based on workforce skills, leadership and service.

The Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo, featuring more than 70 workforce vendors, was toured by more than 2,000 students from Escambia and Santa Rosa County school districts as well as numerous public visitors.

In 2015, PSC students won 22 medals at the SkillsUSA State Conference held in Lakeland. They garnered 8 gold medals, 6 silver medals and 8 bronze medals. Gold medal winners advanced to national competition.



## The Write Stuff

The 2014 Walter F. Spira Writing Competition winners are, above from left, Matthew Daniel, Brooke Tanswell, Jenni Carpenter, Mary Whitham, Laura McBay, Roxana Resendiz-Garcia, Taylor Young, and Nikol Garner. Not pictured is Benjamin Lowrimore.

Ben Sheffler, student editor of The Corsair newspaper and Hurricane Review literary magazine, was published nine times in USA Today's online college section over the summer 2014. He also was a finalist in USA Today's Collegiate Correspondence Program.

Tyler Bare published his third installment for "50 Levels," a series of adventure books geared for children in third through fifth grades, before his May 2014 graduation with an associate in arts degree in computer information systems.



2015 PSC Gold team from left, Kathryn Browser, Justina Tungol and Taylor Moore



2015 All-Florida Academic Team from left: Matthew Posey, Amanda Tanner, Matthew Willis and Kylee Copeland. Not pictured: Mary Furney.

## All-Florida Academic Team

Each year, the All-Florida Academic Team recognizes outstanding students in the Florida College System for academic achievement, leadership and service to the community.

The All-Florida Academic Team included PSC students Rachel Gibbons and Devin Justice in 2014 and PSC students Kylee Copeland, Mary Furney, Matthew Posey, Amanda Tanner and Matthew Willis in 2015. They received medallions at a statewide awards ceremony.

## SkillsUSA National Winners

Nine PSC students won medals and recognition at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in Kansas City, Mo. More than 6,000 students competed in 99 hands-on occupational and leadership contests.

Dental hygiene students Katherine Griffin, Linda Irwin and Yvonne

Williamson won Silver Medals. Crime scene students Rosalyn Knaust, Kari McWhirter and Justina Tungol won Bronze Medals.

Alma Rogel, Blayne Barsuhn, and Daniel Powers received Skill Point Certificates for earning exceptionally high scores in competitions.

# Programs

## PROGRAMS



### Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

Pensacola State College hosted the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with master musician Wynton Marsalis in concert at the Saenger Theatre, July 2014.

Often hailed as the greatest trumpeter of all time, Marsalis became the first jazz musician ever to win the Pulitzer Prize for music in 1997. The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, with Marsalis as artistic director and trumpeter, includes 15 of the best soloists, ensemble players and arrangers in jazz.

The audience basked in an evening of musical perfection — from jazz to blues to swing — and the event raised more than \$100,000 for PSC Performing Arts programs.



*Top: Wynton Marsalis greets a Belmont Youth Band member before the show*

*Bottom: Wynton Marsalis and Don Snowden, Performing Arts chair*



### New Classical Piano Series

The PSC Performing Arts Department launched the new Sid and Jeannie Kamerman Piano Series, bringing renowned classical pianists to campus each year. The inaugural concert season in 2014 featured Mark Markham, Svetozar Ivanov and Michael Gurt.



## Best Value Top Degree Producer Military Friendly

### Outdoor Gallery

In July 2014, Pensacola State College launched an outdoor gallery with a 15-foot by 20-foot reproduction of the Dutch masterpiece, "Girl with a Pearl Earring," hanging from Building 14.

National Geographic photographer Steve McCurry's image, "Boy in Mid-Flight," went up on Building 4 a few weeks later. Both works of art are easily visible from Ninth Avenue, a main public thoroughfare, and a variety of additional works are planned for installation.



Lamar Advertising partnered with the college to create these huge prints that allow viewers to see the fine details that are on the actual painting. PSC is believed to be the first college in the nation to have this type of outdoor gallery.



### Learning in 3-D

PSC students in architectural design and construction programs are staying abreast of the latest manufacturing trends with hands-on experience using a new high-tech, 3-D color printer. The \$48,000 machine uses granulated compounds to make a variety of objects that can be stationary or have moving parts.

Several students put their knowledge into practice by creating a replica of the college's M.J. Menge Bell Tower, which they presented to President Edward Meadows at a PSC District Board of Trustees meeting.

#### New Programs

##### Associate Degrees

Cyber Forensics

##### Advanced Technical Certificates

Human Resources Management

Law Enforcement Administration

Project Management

##### College Credit Certificates

CNC Machinist Operator/Programmer

Engineering Technology

Support Specialist

##### Vocational Certificates

Applied Welding Technologies

### PSC Ranks Nationally as a Best Value

Pensacola State College is once again listed as a best value among public four-year colleges and universities, according to the U.S. Department of Education's annual ranking in June 2014.

In the DOE College Affordability and Transparency annual report, Pensacola State College ranked 20th in lowest tuition (\$2,704) and 63rd in lowest net cost (\$6,755).

Computations are based on data from fall 2012 and spring 2013.

### Top 100 Degree Producer

For the sixth straight year, Community College Week magazine named Pensacola State College to its list of Top 100 Associate Degree Producers in the nation out of about 5,500 two-year and four-year institutions.

In the Aug. 18, 2014 issue, Community College Week also ranked PSC in two Top 50 lists for specific areas: Health Professions and Related Programs; and Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Research and Clinical Nursing.

The ranking is based on data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics in 2012-2013 academic terms.

### Military Friendly

Pensacola State College has been named a 2015 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media. This honor goes to the top 15 percent of the nation's colleges and universities that are providing veterans and active duty military students with resources to succeed in the classroom and after graduation.

PSC has earned the distinction each of the six years since Victory Media began this recognition.

### 100 Percent Pass Rate

Paramedic students in the December 2014 graduating class had a 100 percent pass rate on their certifying exam.

**100%**  
**80** EMT Program  
Makes Top 80 List

Pensacola State College is listed in the Top 80 out of 1,100 colleges in the nation providing the best return on investment to emergency medical technician (EMT) graduates, according to Fire Science Online. PSC ranks 30th in the country and sixth among 20 Florida colleges on the list. Programs were ranked using national salary, tuition, enrollment, and accreditation data.



### Visiting Artist

Visiting artist Dee Peppe engaged Visual Arts students and faculty in photography workshops and field trips, such as their venture to Naval Air Station Pensacola in March 2014. A professor at the University of Maine, Peppe has photographs displayed in museum, corporate, and private collections across the country.



### PSC2UWF

Pensacola State College in partnership with the University of West Florida launched PSC2UWF, a program to enhance the process for students who complete an associate's degree at PSC and transfer to UWF for a bachelor's degree.

PSC President Edward Meadows and UWF President Judy Bense introduced the program at a signing ceremony June 30, 2014. PSC and UWF share joint coordination of the program, which includes outreach to high school students and community members, encouragement to pursue an associate's degree through PSC, and tailored advising that places students on a path toward a bachelor's degree from UWF.

### Career Pathways

In February 2015, PSC signed a Career Pathways partnership with the University of West Florida and the Escambia and Santa Rosa county school districts to help students plan and prepare for their careers.

The educational institutions will work together providing information to help students navigate from middle school through post graduate degrees while preparing for high-demand careers in the aerospace, construction, health care and advanced manufacturing industries, among others.

### Middle School Girls Explore Science at PEGASUS Camp

Building telescopes and seeing colors in shadows were just a few activities in store for 26 middle school girls attending PEGASUS, a new science and technology camp at Pensacola State in June 2014.

The brainchild of PSC science faculty, PEGASUS activities focused on a different subject each day: astronomy, geology, physics, chemistry and biology. PEGASUS campers were selected by their science teachers and attended the five-day camp at no cost.



*PEGASUS camper Sammie Kinney completes the final assemble of her telescope.  
Photo by Tony Giberson, courtesy of Pensacola News Journal*



*Sichan Siv*

### Celebrating Diversity

Pensacola State College along with the PSC Black History/Multicultural Committee and the African American Heritage Society presented numerous programs celebrating diversity, such as:

**Who Are Your People:** discovering African ancestry with nationally recognized geneticist Rick Kittles.

**African American Magicians:** the fascinating history of African American magicians presented by master magician William Gross.

**From the Killing Fields to the White House:** the incredible journey of former Ambassador Sichan Siv, from escaping Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge in 1976 to his new life in the United States.

### PSC Alert

Keeping with Pensacola State's commitment to safety, the college launched a new emergency alert system in November 2014. PSC Alert allows the college to notify students and personnel about important or potentially dangerous situations via cell phones, landline phones, emails, social media, PSC website and PSC digital signs. Family members or other significant individuals also can be added to receive emergency alerts regarding the college.



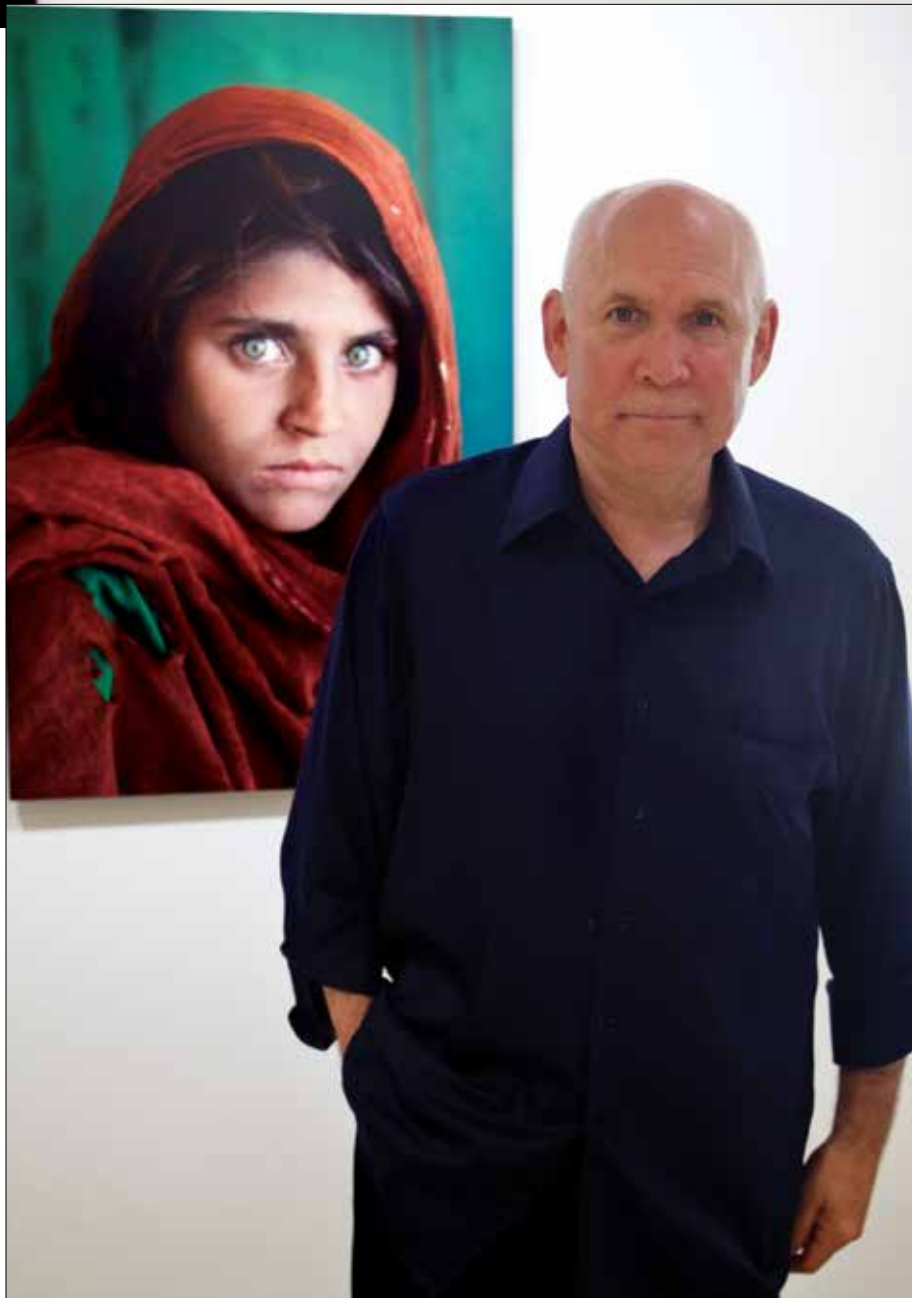
### Medical Boot Camp

Fifty middle and high school students in the PSC Medical Boot Camp program participated in activities presented by Radiography Professor Peggy Ward and her students on the Warrington campus.

# Steve McCurry



THE IMPORTANCE OF ELSEWHERE



## National Geographic Photographer Steve McCurry

Pensacola State College hosted acclaimed National Geographic photojournalist Steve McCurry in a presentation, "The Stories Behind the Photographs," at the Saenger Theatre, August 2014.

McCurry shared an array of his acclaimed photographs, including his celebrated "Afghan Girl" image that became an iconic National Geographic cover.

The audience was enthralled with his personal stories of intrigue and perseverance in capturing the images, and more than \$100,000 was raised for PSC Visual Arts programs.

Prior to the presentation, McCurry visited the college's Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts and spoke with students and faculty.

More than 70 of McCurry's large-sized works also were displayed at the Switzer Gallery in a solo exhibition from Aug. 18 to Dec. 12.



## Continuing Education Kids' College

The 24th year of Kids' College brought 405 children ages 6-12 years to the Pensacola campus for a total of 2,095 enrollments.

Students in Theatre Camp wrote and performed their own original production, "Letters from School," on the closing day of 2014 Kids' College.





## Center for Corporate and Professional Development

Pensacola State provides training for business, industry, government and management at the college's Center for Corporate and Professional Development in the PSC Downtown Center. During 2014,

the CCPD served 1,892 clients with 2,735 students enrolled. Among the clients served were Escambia County School District, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Navy Federal Credit Union, and Ascend.



## Health Career Fair

More than 600 students from local high schools explored their options at PSC's 18th annual Health Career Fair in October 2014. PSC faculty and students presented information on 15 programs at PSC that lead to rewarding careers such as pharmacy technician, dental hygiene, paramedic and emergency medical technician, nursing, physical therapy assisting and veterinary science.



## Summer Dance Workshop

The 33rd Annual Summer Dance Workshop drew 222 students, ages 10 years through adults from 12 states. This was a 20 percent enrollment increase over last year. For the first time, the workshop included a guest performance by a professional dance group, the Wylliams/Henry Contemporary Dance Company based in Kansas City, Mo.



## Welding Meets Workforce Needs

Pensacola State responded to workforce needs in summer 2014 by offering a new mobile welding program using two high-tech tractor-trailer trucks. Students begin learning to weld using welding simulators, or virtual welding machines, then move on to live welding with real-world materials. The three semester program prepares students for certification that can lead to a lucrative career.



# Foundation



Aaron West

## Executive Director's Message

**Thank you is never enough. Let's keep the momentum going!**

The Pensacola State College Foundation is rooted in a rich tradition of community support due to outstanding volunteers and generous donors. Through the years, the Foundation has raised much needed dollars not covered by the state budgeting process.

The Foundation continues healthy growth with more than \$22 million in assets. Support for the campus community consistently exceeds \$1 million annually. In just the last 10 years, the PSC Foundation has contributed more than \$13 million to support campus, academic and student needs.

2014 ended on a great note with \$2.8 million in gifts and pledges to the PSC Foundation. Our goal is to continue supporting students and their dreams of receiving an education from Pensacola State College. We are also

assisting the college in overcoming barriers to recruitment and retention by streamlining scholarship application processes.

In 2015, our focus remains on completing a \$3 million campaign to expand the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts. The campaign also includes the creation of a \$1 million endowment to enhance visual arts programs.

You can join the effort and follow along with campaign plans by visiting [foundation.pensacolastate.edu](http://foundation.pensacolastate.edu) and clicking on the "Campaigns" button.

To further stay engaged, check out our new Facebook site featuring "All Things Good" happening at the Foundation. Search for Pensacola State College Foundation and be sure to "like" us and share with your friends.

When considering your philanthropic support this year, remember a gift to the PSC Foundation will enhance this dynamic institution and invest in the future of our community and students who live, work and play in this wonderful part of Northwest Florida.



## \$1 Million Gift Expands Palette of Progress for Visual Arts

The Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts is a giant step closer to becoming recognized as a Regional Arts Center, thanks to a lead gift of \$1 million from the Lamar, Reilly and Switzer families.

Pensacola philanthropists and businessmen Bobby, Charlie and John Switzer presented the gift to President Edward Meadows and the District Board of Trustees at a Switzer Center ceremony in August 2014.

The \$1 million gift has been matched and the resulting \$2 million goes toward construction of the Charles W. Lamar Studio at the Switzer Center. With a projected opening in 2016, the 7,000-square-foot studio is part of a vision to create a Regional Arts Center accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM).

The Visual Arts gallery's first step toward meeting AAM standards began in 1998 with an extensive renovation and expansion that also was initiated with a lead gift of \$1 million from the Lamar, Reilly and Switzer families.

"The latest \$1 million gift was given to cap off the Anna Lamar Switzer Center and to finish what we started in 1998," said Bobby Switzer.

"The Lamar, Reilly and Switzer cousins got together and decided to make a gift to honor C.W. Lamar, our grandfather and great grandfather, who began Lamar Advertising about 110 years ago," stated Charlie Switzer, who also is a member of the PSC Foundation Board of Governors.

Bobby and Charlie Switzer said they were looking forward to the rest of the campaign — raising another million dollars to endow the operation of the facility and enhance the Visual Arts program at Pensacola State.

"The Switzer, Lamar and Reilly families have long been supporters for Pensacola State's Visual Arts program," said President Edward Meadows. "This major gift creates the momentum needed to propel the college's Visual Arts program

as a desirable regional destination for art lovers and students alike.

Krist Lien, department head of Visual Arts, added that the new studio can accommodate exhibits that require more security than is possible with the existing open gallery.

"Our gallery has a history of attracting top artists such as Christo and Steve McCurry," Lien said. "With the new, more secure space, we will be able to attract even more nationally and internationally recognized artists and exhibitions."

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— Krist Lien



**“Our family is proud to be a part of the history of the college.”**

— Kees Barfield

*Mrs. Sheila Barfield along with her sons Kees and Chris and their families presented a gift creating the Barfield Family Endowed Scholarship in 2014.*

### Scholarship Honors Barfield Family Legacy at PSC

A commitment to education that is woven throughout the history of Pensacola State College is being recognized through the Barfield Family Endowed Scholarship.

When Pensacola dentist, Dr. Clement W. Barfield, passed away in 2014, his wife Sheila and their sons, Kees and

beginning. His father, Jesse T. Barfield Jr., was instrumental in preparing the documents necessary for PJC to become Florida’s first public junior college created under 1947 legislation and set the stage for Florida’s future 28 community colleges. When PJC opened in 1948, Jesse Barfield was a faculty member and became the college’s first registrar, a position he held for many years.

Although Dr. Clement Barfield was a young boy when PJC first opened its doors in the Aiken Boarding House, he had fond memories of that time. In 2011, he attended the dedication of the Florida Heritage Site marker commemorating PJC’s first home at the corner of Palafox and Cervantes streets.

At the dedication, Dr. Barfield reminisced about the pioneer spirit of the college’s founders.

“It took a lot of creativity to turn the old Aiken house into a school. I remember that my father taught a class while standing in a closet and the students were seated in what had been a bedroom. Everyone worked together to make the college a success,” he recalled at the event.

By the time Dr. Barfield became a PJC student, the college had moved to new facilities on Ninth

Avenue, where the main campus is today. After PJC, he graduated from Emory University School of Dentistry in 1965 and married his beloved Sheila Kirby later that year. Next, he served as a U.S. Army Captain before settling in Pensacola where he enjoyed a successful career as a dentist until his retirement in 2012.

Over the years, Dr. Barfield’s ties to the college remained steadfast and included serving on the Board of Trustees from 1983 to 1987.

When Mrs. Sheila Barfield and her sons established the Barfield Scholarship, they shared memories of their connections with Pensacola State.

“The college has been an integral part of our family for generations,” said Mrs. Barfield. “Besides the role it played for Clem and his father, it gave me an opportunity to take accounting courses when our sons were young. That

allowed me to finish my accounting degree at the University of West Florida and have a career as a CPA for many years. And, of course, both of our sons attended PJC as well.

“We are so pleased to give back to the college through the scholarship,” she added.

Kees Barfield said he first realized the extent of his family’s roots in the college when Building 7, an original structure on the main campus, was named the Jesse T. Barfield Administration Building in honor of his grandfather at the 1986 Honor’s Day ceremony.

“Our family is proud to be a part of the history of the college,” Kees said. “My grandfather was a teacher and my brother Chris is still teaching. Education has always been important to our family and we want to support students who are trying to improve their lives with a college degree.”

### IN MEMORIAM

The Pensacola State College family mourns the passing of Mrs. Sheila Kirby Barfield on May 12, 2015. She will be remembered for her adventurous and courageous spirit and above all, for her devotion to her family. In the last year of her life, Mrs. Barfield and her sons established the Barfield Family Endowed Scholarship to celebrate the Barfield legacy at PSC and to help future students on their PSC journey.

*Dr. Clement Barfield, far right, attended the 2011 dedication of the Florida Heritage Site marker commemorating Pensacola State’s first location at the Aiken House. Shown from left are Patrice Whitten, Mayor Ashton Hayward, President Edward Meadows, Charles and Clora King, Mike Wiggins and Dr. Barfield.*



*Flag raising ceremony at Pensacola Junior College’s original site, the Aiken House.*

Chris, established the scholarship as a fitting tribute to his legacy at Pensacola State.

Dr. Barfield began his college journey in 1959 at Pensacola Junior College, now PSC, but his connection to the college reaches back to its very

Chris Barfield echoed the family's commitment to the college.

"Pensacola State is a part of our heritage and it means a lot to our family," Chris said. "When I changed careers to become a teacher, I went back to PSC for additional courses. I'm proud that my grandfather was a founder of the college and I'm proud that my dad set the example for us when he went there."

PSC President Edward Meadows remembered Dr. Clement Barfield as always being supportive of the college.

"Toward the end of his life, he arranged for the college to receive an Aiken House cornerstone that had been preserved by his neighbor, Judy Braden, when the Aiken House was torn down years ago," Dr. Meadows said.

"Dr. Barfield wanted to share this artifact to remind future generations of the college's rich history. He will be missed!"



## Molly McGuire Martin's Recipe for Life Continues with Culinary Arts Scholarship

Molly McGuire Martin possessed that special ingredient that added flavor to any dish and turned simple gatherings into memorable events.

When she passed away in 2014, her family honored her unmatched hospitality through the Molly McGuire Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship at Pensacola State College.

Together, Molly and her husband McGuire Martin established and ran McGuire's Irish Pub that has been a Pensacola landmark for more than 35 years. They also built other well-loved and world-celebrated restaurants: Flounders and Crabs on Pensacola Beach, as well as McGuire's Irish Pub and Vinny McGuire's Pizza, both in Destin.

All who knew her agree that Molly "held the house" as the consummate hostess, waitress and charismatic entertainer for millions of local fans and visitors from around the world. A talented vocalist since childhood, Molly's singing could be heard throughout her Irish restaurants.

Her warm spirit and sparkling personality filled every space that she entered, especially McGuire's Irish Pub in Pensacola, which always held a special place in Molly's heart. The patrons and staff of her restaurants were not strangers or employees; they were her friends and family.

As future PSC culinary students strive to follow in Molly's footsteps, they no doubt will receive a heaping measure of inspiration along with financial assistance from the Molly McGuire Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship.

## ANNUAL GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### President's Circle

The Fund for Excellence at Pensacola State College is the cornerstone for our fundraising efforts. As President's Circle donors, you provide the foundation for our success in enhancing educational programming and scholarship opportunities for deserving students.

Bound by a shared commitment to PSC, President's Circle members afford the College the flexibility to meet evolving needs of our student population. Membership is open to any person wishing to contribute a minimum of \$400 annually to the Fund for Excellence. These unrestricted funds allow us to respond to opportunities and needs as they present themselves.

### Athletics Boosters

PSC Athletics invites you to become a member of the Pirate Boosters. Member support helps PSC coaches and staff to ensure that each student-athlete enjoys a successful college experience, on and off the court.

Booster memberships directly support athletic scholarships, equipment, travel and other necessary items for men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, cheer and dance.

### Anna Society

The Anna Society is a group of individuals who are passionate about arts education and cultural enrichment along the Gulf Coast. This group advocates for and provides dollars to support the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, enriching our community at large.

Anna Society members make a difference to Pensacola State College by annually contributing their time, talent and treasure towards the cultural heritage and artistic future of Northwest Florida.

### Friends of Performing Arts

Friends of Performing Arts is a group of individuals who are dedicated to keeping the performing arts alive in our community and enhancing the quality of performance education at Pensacola State College.

Through this group's support, the Performing Arts Department at Pensacola State College is able to provide students with top-notch equipment, software, instruments, and facilities. Your participation goes a long way toward supporting a first-class education.

**For information on joining and for donation levels for any of these special giving societies, visit:**  
<http://foundation.pensacolastate.edu/annual-giving/>

# EVENTS



Chuck Landers

## Day of Clays Sporting Clay Fun Shoot

The sixth annual Day of Clays Sporting Clay Fun Shoot, chaired by Ron Jackson, was once again hosted at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center, Oct. 4. About 124 participants joined the fun and raised more than \$40,400 to benefit program development and student scholarships to help deserving students attend PSC.



Top: PSC athletes

Right: Charles Wade, Caleb Smith, Julia Smith, Bill Smith, Zac Smith



Warren Whitfield, Court Connally, Cade Connally, Stan Connally



Michael Price



Grover Robinson IV



## Holiday Grande Gala

The 2014 Holiday Grande Gala, held at Sanders Beach-Corrine Jones Community Center Dec. 3, was a great success. The glamorous evening, chaired by Jim Reeves, included master of ceremonies and auctioneer Sandy Sansing talking his way to raising a record \$89,000. Proceeds went to the Foundation Fund for Excellence.





Pen Air Federal Credit Union team:  
 Greg Litton,  
 David Errington,  
 Steve Mack,  
 Mike Heller



James Corrigan,  
 Attorney at Law team:  
 Jim Corrigan,  
 Danny Zimmern,  
 Chuck Woolly,  
 Marty Ladner



## Quail Hunt

Now in its fourth year, the Quail Hunt is an annual networking and fundraising event benefitting the Foundation Fund for Excellence. Held at beautiful Dennis Lake Wing Club in Bay Minette, Ala. Feb. 6-8, this weekend event included meals and service prepared by PSC President Edward Meadows and Foundation Governor Gerry Goldstein.



## Jack Kugelman Big Break Golf Classic Presented by Cox Communications

More than 140 golfers hit the green for the 10th annual Jack Kugelman Big Break Golf Classic presented by Cox Communications, March 20. PSC President Edward Meadows welcomed the crowd and kicked off a fun-filled day of golf, prizes and friendship.

Chaired by Dr. Greg Woodfin, the event raised more than \$50,000 to benefit PSC students and programs.



Above: Gulf Power employee Deryl Hargett prepares to set out for another day in the fields at Dennis Lake Wing Club.

Top: PSC President Edward Meadows, former PSC Foundation Governor Ralph Emerson and PSC Foundation President Vincent Andry enjoy lunch and friendship following their hunt.

PSC Foundation Vice President Gary Sammons relaxes before taking to the fields at Dennis Lake Wing Club.



## Universal Scholarship

Like many PSC students, Emily Boswell, 31, is a busy wife and mother who works full time while trying to better her life with a college education. Her goal is to graduate in December 2015 with a degree in registered nursing.

Although Emily has an income and plenty of support from her husband Matt and son Asher, paying for tuition, books and supplies is beyond reach for their family budget.

"If I didn't have the Universal Scholarship, I would be putting my class costs on my credit card or getting a student loan," Emily said.

Nationwide, the rising costs of college have resulted in looming debt for many students. The Universal Scholarship addresses this need by being available to students who often fall through the cracks of traditional financial aid.

"I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Pensacola State College Foundation and the wonderful faculty and staff for this amazing opportunity!" Emily added.

**"I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to the Pensacola State College Foundation."**

— Emily Boswell

## A Lasting Influence

"Pay it forward" is much more than a catchy phrase for PSC supporter Betty Roberts. Her community involvement, heart for education and spirit of giving are already at work improving opportunities for Pensacola State College students.

Through estate planning, Roberts' positive influence at the college will continue in perpetuity.

"As I review my life, there are many significant milestones that have provided me with the basic skills to lead a productive life and professional career," Roberts said. "Counting family support and values first, I feel that my success is based largely on the education that I received at Pensacola State College.

"For me, PSC holds a special place in my heart as I was a student and then later, an associate professor at the college. There is the feel-good of home when I visit the campus."

Roberts often encourages young people and adults in the community to attend PSC and to pursue the good things that come out of an education.

With extensive professional experience in the business world, Roberts has seen first-hand the importance of managing one's affairs and planning for the future.

"I chose planned giving as it is a way to ensure that I can give back to the organization that helped me, and I can pave the way for those who need a boost in tuition costs to attain the tools for a lifetime of success," Roberts said.

"Estate planning offers a way to get one's house in order while you can make the important decisions. It is a good feeling to know that I can help another person get a college education and be on the way to a successful career."



## Leaving a Legacy

Many of Pensacola State's dedicated supporters contribute every year to the success of students and programs. Several of these donors also have ensured that their commitment to the college continues to be funded even beyond their life.

The Cornerstone Society at PSC is the college's way of recognizing donors who have created a legacy of support by including the college in their estate plans.

Whether a donor uses cash, life insurance, a retirement plan or another avenue, planned gifts offer creative, flexible strategies for estate and charitable planning. Some plans even provide donors with income, and many plans can reduce taxes.

By including PSC in their estate plans, donors can be honored during their lifetime as well as leave a legacy of philanthropic support at PSC.

To learn more about gifts the college can use today, gifts that benefit donors, and gifts that support future needs, visit [www.foundation.pensacolastate.edu](http://www.foundation.pensacolastate.edu) and click on Ways to Give.

# EMPLOYEES

## 2014 Faculty Promotions

PSC District Board of Trustees approved promotions for 18 faculty members, effective fall 2014.

### PROFESSOR

Betty Persons,  
History, Languages,  
Social Sciences

Chris Turner,  
Mathematics

Elizabeth Yelverton,  
Biological Sciences

### ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Shirlaura Bremer,  
Collegiate High School

Angela Sanders,  
Nursing

Rita Thrasher,  
Biological Sciences

### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Sharon Adams,  
Mathematics

Molly Amber Carey,  
History, Languages,  
Social Sciences

Tamara Cockfield,  
Developmental Studies

Elizabeth Evett,  
Business

Roberta Harvey,  
Biological Sciences

Linda Lewandowski,  
Adult Education

Olga Darlene Mosley,  
History, Languages,  
Social Sciences

Christine O'Donnell,  
Developmental Studies

Melissa Sears,  
Collegiate High School

Reginald Todd,  
Developmental Studies

Daniel Ward,  
Business

Casey Williams,  
Mathematics



App



Hathway



Regan



Smudde



Work



Carey



Holder



Shumway



White



Yelverton



Hecht



Reitz

## Teaching Excellence Winners

Established in 1986, PSC's prestigious Academy of Teaching Excellence inducts faculty members who have exhibited sustained excellence in instruction.

### 2014 HONOREES

#### Full-Time Faculty

Cynthia App,  
Visual Arts

Tim Hathway,  
Physical Sciences

Kristen Regan,  
Visual Arts

Chad Smudde,  
Mathematics

#### Adjunct Faculty

Paula Work,  
Visual Arts

#### Outstanding New Faculty

Amber Carey,  
History, Languages  
and Social Sciences

### 2015 HONOREES

#### Full-Time Faculty

John Holder,  
History, Languages  
and Social Sciences

Donna Shumway,  
Allied Health

Stephen White,  
Allied Health

Elizabeth Yelverton,  
Biological Sciences.

#### Adjunct Faculty

Steve Hecht,  
Mathematics

#### Outstanding New Faculty

Barbara Reitz,  
Biological Sciences

## Legends Class of 1989

Each year, Pensacola State recognizes its Legends — employees who have worked at the college for 25 years. Honorees that joined the PSC family in 1989 are: Patricia Cohron, Admissions and Registration, office assistant; Gael Frazer, Institutional Diversity, vice president; and Raymond Wolf, English and Communications, associate professor.



## Graffiti Bridge Project

PSC Visual Arts adjunct instructor and PSC alum, Rachael Pongetti, photographed and chronicled the constantly changing images at Pensacola's legendary Graffiti Bridge/17th Avenue Train Trestle every day for a year.

Her images from "The Graffiti Bridge Project" have been compiled into a soon to be published book. Photo selections were exhibited at the First City Art Center and the Pensacola Museum of Art from April to June 2015.

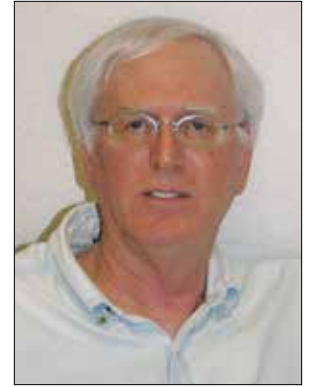


## Poet Laureate of Northwest Florida

The West Florida Literary Federation inducted PSC English Instructor Jamey Jones as the seventh Poet Laureate of Northwest Florida in October 2014.

Jones' interest in poetry took root when he was a PSC student in the 1980s and spent hours reading poetry in the college library.

A postmodern poet, Jones is the author of "Blue Rain Morning" as well as several chapbooks. His poems have appeared in numerous journals including The Brooklyn Rail, Fell Swoop, Zen Monster, Big Bridge, and Brooklyn Paramount.



## Freedoms Foundation Honors Patrick Rowe

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge recognized PSC Visual Arts Professor Patrick Rowe with a George Washington Honor Medal on Stand Public Communications at a ceremony in January 2015.

The award was presented to Rowe for his exhibit, "The Design of War: World War I and World War II Posters and Flags," at the Pensacola Museum of Art in 2014. The 125-piece collection showed an array of the nation's efforts to support the war effort.

The project's purpose was to teach American history, raise funds for a scholarship program at PSC for veterans studying in the art program, and to inform the public of inadequate educational funding for veterans.

## Supervisor and Employee of the Year

For more than 40 years the PSC chapter of the College Association of Educational Office Professionals has recognized a Supervisor and Employee of the Year.

2014 honorees were Bill Waters, eLearning Department, Supervisor of the Year; and Billy Jackson, eLearning Department, Employee of the Year.

2015 honorees were Sara Wilson, Milton campus Student Services, Supervisor of the Year; and Frances Jackson, Comptroller's Office, Employee of the Year.

## Best Big Sister

PSC General Psychology Instructor Laura Bryant was named 2014 Big Sister of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida. Since August 2007, Bryant has enjoyed introducing her Little Sister Shay to playing chess, learning pottery, eating sushi, planting a vegetable garden and going to Disney World. They share a love of books and spend time together at the library and local bookstores.



Big Sister Laura Bryant and her Little Sister Shay

Photo courtesy of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida

## Faculty Spotlight

U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller recognized three PSC Performing Arts faculty for their exceptional services to people with disabilities. Those receiving a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition were Don Snowden, department head; Robert Gandrup, technical director; and Rodney Whatley, assistant professor and theatre director. Additional

certificates of appreciation were also presented by Warren Jernigan, chair of the Disabilities Summit Council.

PSC Visual Arts Department Head Krist Lien was honored as a Champion for the Arts by the Escambia County School District at a ceremony in March 2015. In particular he was recognized for partnering

with the school district's Fine Arts department to bridge the path from high school to college preparedness in the field of visual arts.

PSC Theatre Director Rodney Whatley was named to the board of the Florida Theatre Conference, Inc., the largest theatre conference in the state. He also serves as the State

Theatre Advisor for the Florida College System Activities Association and is a judge for District One Thespian Competition.

PSC Student Services Representative Michele Stiffin participated in an education panel at the 2014 Progressive Black Women's Seminar. She spoke on the importance of a college education and the steps to admission.



### Art Professor Bill Clover Receives U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award

PSC Visual Arts Professor Bill Clover received the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award for contributing more than 7,000 hours of service to Manna Food Pantries.

Clover was recognized for his work in creating about 6,500 hand-crafted bowls over the last seven years for Manna's fundraising events at PSC — Pick a Bowl held each November and Fill a Bowl held each January. He also donates all the clay used to make the bowls.

An award-winning artist, Clover produces about 900 bowls annually that are earmarked for the Manna events. He works year-round on the bowls, often arriving at 5 a.m. to fire the kilns at the PSC Visual Arts Department before classes begin.

*Visual Arts Department Head Krist Lien, Visual Arts Professor Bill Clover and Manna Executive Director DeDe Flounlacker*

### President's Leadership Institute Class of 2014

The second President's Leadership Institute class graduated in June 2014. The rigorous year-long PLI seminars focused on improving leadership skills and understanding various functions of Pensacola State and the Florida College System.

PLI graduates were Becky Adkins, Cassie Boatwright, Kirk Bradley, Butch Branch, Dan Busse, Chad Davis, Kathy Dutremble, John Holder, Paula Byrd, Joe Kyle, Sheila Nichols, Mark Nisbett, Erandi Sanchez-Perez, Juanita Scott, Kathy Van Dyck, Aaron West, Stephen White, Sara Wilson and Doug Wymer.



### President Meadows Elected to SACAD Board Leadership Position

PSC President Edward Meadows was elected vice president/president-elect of the Southern Association of Colleges with Associate Degrees. SACAD, formerly SACJTC, provides a support network of more than 300 two-year colleges in the eleven state region, through which ideas and information can be shared as community college presidents face the challenges of the 21st Century.



### Debbie Douma Receives National Campus Impact Award

PSC Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Grants, Debbie Douma, received the national Campus Impact Award for Outstanding Grants Professional at the 47th annual Council for Resource Development conference in Washington, DC.



Douma was recognized for her role in securing and managing an \$8.5 million Health Profession Opportunity Grant to provide low-income individuals with education, training and support services needed to prepare them for careers in nursing and other health care fields.

### HR Director Receives Nevis Herrington HR Excellence Award

PSC Director of Human Resources, Tammy Henderson, received the 2014 Nevis Herrington HR Excellence Award presented by the Florida Colleges' HR Council.



Henderson was recognized for her efforts in providing workshops for the state group as well as the College, serving as the Florida Colleges' HR Council Chair, and several other leadership roles.

# Athletics

## ATHLETICS

### Winning in the Classroom

#### NJCAA Academic All-American

**Exemplary Honors** (3.6-3.79 GPA)

**Baseball:** Ben Emery

**Women's Basketball:** Margaret Perdue

#### FCSAA Academic All-State

**Softball:** Rebecca Calloway, Sydney Dixon, Kayli Evans, Kinsley Mason, Renae Palacios, Emily Pettigrew

**Baseball:** Ben Emery, Stephen Penrose, Alex Stephens

**Volleyball:** Ali Gerzina, Taylor Linton

**Women's Basketball:** Kristen Dickerson, Shomari Kendrick, Margaret Perdue

#### FCSAA Academic All-Conference

**Softball:** Quierra Bradford, Rebecca Calloway, Sydney Dixon, Kayli Evans, Aimee Leduc, Kinsley Mason, Renae Palacios, Emily Pettigrew, Jennifer Smith

**Baseball:** Tyler Chapman, Ben Emery, Will Gerdes, Hunter Hall, Stephen Penrose, Alex Stephens

**Volleyball:** Kylie Badgley, Caitlin Chapman, Ali Gerzina, Taylor Linton, Rylee Preston

**Men's Basketball:** Oskars Reinfelds, Denzel Richardson, Darrion Stokes

**Women's Basketball:** Kristen Dickerson, Shomari Kendrick, Margaret Perdue

### Scoring Team Recognition

#### FCSAA All-State Teams

**Softball:** Emily Pettigrew

#### FCSAA All-Panhandle Conference Teams

**Softball:** Quierra Bradford, Kinsley Mason, Renae Palacios, Ashley Peters, Emily Pettigrew, Dominique Rodriguez

**Baseball:** Marcus Morrisette, Thomas Huston

**Men's Basketball:** Leonard Livingston, RaAnthony Sanders, Shamar Johnson, Oscar Reinfelds

**Women's Basketball:** Teadra Jones, Tyisha Moore

**Volleyball:** Caitlin Chapman, Taylor Linton



### Taking Hoops to the Street

Pirates and Lady Pirates basketball players and coaches took their hoops to the street in support of National Night Out, an event for the community to connect with local law enforcement and to pass out free school supplies to underserved children. PSC athletes organized games, played hoops with the children, and spoke to several groups at the Brownsville Community Resource Center.



### PSC Celebrates 35 Years of Women's Basketball

Pensacola State celebrated 35 years of women's basketball with a 61-60 win over Louisiana State University-Eunice Dec. 13, 2014.

The Women's Basketball Alumni Classic Weekend also included recognition of Vicki Carson, PSC's first full-time women's basketball coach.

Coach Carson began the PSC women's basketball program in 1980 and retired in 2005 with 515 wins, more than any other community college coach in Florida. She led the Lady Pirates to a state championship in 1985, nine Panhandle Conference titles and 15 state final-four contests.

Known for her motto, "books then ball," Coach Carson emphasized academic success along with basketball skills. Over the years, she coached 100 athletes, 98 percent of whom graduated from PSC and completed their degrees at four-year universities, often with scholarships.

### Pirates are Good Sports

Each year, Pirate athletes score a big win with community service projects benefitting Manna Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, Breast Cancer Mall Walk, Heart Walk, and One Blood, to name a few.



### Pitching In

For several years, the PSC softball team has participated in "Fill the Mayflower" food drive for Manna Food Pantry. In November, the baseball team also pitched in to help stock the van with canned goods before the holiday season.

**Pirates Basketball Team Named 2014 Panhandle Conference Co-Champions**

PSC men’s basketball team brought home the Panhandle Conference Co-Championship banner in February 2014. This was Pensacola State’s first conference championship since 1998.

Head Coach Pete Pena was named Panhandle Coach of the Year. Assistant coaches were Joey Murdock, DeAntoine Beasley, Michael Dimick and Dwayne Kelley with Scott Jackson heading basketball operations.

Sophomores Leonard Livingston and RaAnthony Sanders were named to the First Team All-Panhandle Conference. Freshman Shamar Johnson and sophomore Oscar Reinfelds made the Second Team All-Panhandle Conference. Roxelle Nix received honorable mention.

In 2015, the Pirates advanced to the state tournament for the second straight year. PSC men’s basketball season concluded March 5 in a 70-67 defeat to NJCAA #6 Eastern Florida State College.



**Alumni Spotlight**

Jeff Mullahey, PSC men’s basketball guard 2010-2012, was a nominee for the 2014 Allstate NABC Good Works Team that recognizes a select group of men’s college basketball student-athletes for their charitable achievements and community involvement. While a Pirate, Mullahey made the NJCAA Academic All-American Team and earned a scholarship to Troy University.



**Baseball Player of the Week**

Freshman short stop Romero Greer was named Baseball Player of the Week, March 2-8, by the National Junior College Athletics Association Region 8/Florida College System Activities Association. Greer batted .550 with four runs scored, four doubles, one triple and three RBIs in six games during the voting period.



**Women’s Basketball Player of the Week**

Sophomore forward Tyisha Moore was named Women’s Basketball Player of the Week, Nov. 18-24, by the National Junior College Athletics Association Region 8/ Florida College System Activities Association. She averaged 19 points, 12 rebounds and 2 assists in three games during the voting period, including a pair of contests against Region 8 opponents.



**Volleyball Spotlight**

Taylor Linton completed her PSC volleyball career as the All Time Career Assist Leader with 1,852 assists. She also tallied 25 kills, 234 digs and 61 blocks.

# Service

## COMMUNITY SERVICE



### Wigged Out for Cancer Awareness

Cancer awareness has special significance for Frances Yeo, PSC Recreation and Leisure Coordinator (second row, far left). While undergoing treatment for her sixth bout with cancer, Yeo wore a wig every day. On Halloween, the last day of Cancer Awareness Month, Yeo's colleagues in Building 96 surprised her by wearing wigs to show support.



### First National TRIO Day of Service

For the first time, PSC students and staff celebrated National TRIO Day in March by helping Manna Food Pantries. They bagged hundreds of pounds of rice, sorted thousands of pounds of canned goods and worked in the organic garden to help provide food for 2,744 people.

More than 35 volunteers participated from Pensacola State's four TRIO projects: Educational Talent Search, Veteran's Upward Bound, Educational Opportunity Center and Student Support Services.



### September Heart Walk

PSC Lady Pirates, students and staff raised \$900 through T-shirt sales to contribute to the American Heart Association.

### One Warm Coat

PSC's Student Support Services Club collected 212 coats and 100 other winter items for the national One Warm Coat drive in November. All donations were delivered to the Waterfront Rescue Mission for distribution to the area's homeless.



Photo by Ben Twingley, Pensacola News Journal

### Honoring Vets

PSC students, faculty and staff wrote personal notes of appreciation on 2,000 cards that were delivered to U.S. military veterans and active duty service members in recognition of Veterans Day. The project was held in the Student Center at each location and then the cards were delivered to USO Centers at NAS Pensacola, Northwest Florida Regional Airport and Pensacola International Airport for distribution on Veterans Day.





From left, PTK Advisor: Jessica Petersen; PTK Officers: Ryan Adams, Randall Johnson, Matthew Posey and Amanda Tanner.



### Free Little Libraries

Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society students installed Little Free Libraries at three local elementary schools and the PSC Child Care Center. Children are encouraged to take and leave books as they please.

PSC carpentry students built the little libraries with materials donated by the carpentry program. Phi Theta Kappa members held a campus-wide book drive to collect books for the libraries, raised money for paint supplies, and hand painted the libraries.

### Florida's Oldest Annual Relay for Life

PSC Milton campus hosted the 20th Annual American Cancer Relay for Life in April 2015 with 500 attendees, including 115 cancer survivors, and raising more than \$65,000.

The Santa Rosa County Commission issued a proclamation and U.S. Congressman Jeff Miller sent a letter recognizing the event as the first and longest existing Relay for Life in Florida.

Founders of the Milton/Pace Relay, Ray Davis and Aleta Hoodless, have worked with PSC Milton campus staff and students as well as community members to keep the relay going for two decades.



Photo by John Blackie, courtesy of Pensacola News Journal



### Sweet Sale for Scholarships

The Black History/Multicultural Committee held Valentine's Day bake sales and cake auctions on each campus, raising \$345 for the African American Memorial Endowment Scholarship fund.

### Saturday in Century

The PSC Century Center hosted the first Saturday in Century, bringing 8,000 pounds of free food to more than 200 local families (about 650 people) in November 2014. PSC partnered with the Pensacola News Journal to organize the event and the Bay Area Food Bank provided the food. PSC cosmetology students were on hand to give free haircuts.

The second Saturday in Century, held in April 2015, provided more than 9,500 pounds of free food, professional clothing for job seekers, and volunteers on hand to help with writing resumes and preparing for job interviews.



*More than 70 visitors joined PSC astronomy enthusiasts in viewing the uncommon solar eclipse.*



### Solar Eclipse

Escambia Amateur Astronomers Association members and PSC Astronomy Club students set up telescopes outside the planetarium and hosted safe viewing of the solar eclipse for the public, Oct. 23, 2014.



### Bowled Over

PSC's two signature events benefitting Manna Food Pantry were a huge success. In November, Pick-a-Bowl raised more than \$12,000 and in January, 2015 Fill-a-Bowl raised about \$16,500. Each year, PSC art faculty, students and

local professionals create and donate more than 1,000 unique, hand-thrown bowls to be purchased at these two fundraisers.

In the past year, PSC students, faculty and staff also donated 31,485 pounds of food to Manna.

### Volunteer Service Awards

Throughout the year, PSC students participate in numerous events and activities for the betterment of the community and are honored at the annual Student Excellence Awards Ceremony in April.

2014 recognition for exemplary volunteer

service went to David Darago, individual award; and the Pensacola campus Student Government Association, group award.

2015 recognition for exemplary volunteer service went to Brittany Hockey, individual award; and the Volunteer Activities Board, group award.

2015 also marked the first time that PSC students were recognized with the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award based on cumulative hours of service during the year. PSC recipients were Gary Bogers Jr., Kimberly Bogers, Brittany Hockey, Robert Pacheco and Jacob Shattock.



# Facilities

## FACILITIES



### PSC Weathers Historic Flood

When a record-breaking, 26-inch rain fell unexpectedly at the end of April 2014, PSC suffered roughly \$7 million in damages spread over its six locations.

The Warrington campus felt the most severe blow with ground floor flooding in six of eight buildings. The Pensacola campus had partial flooding in five buildings and the Downtown Center sustained partial flooding on the first floor.

After closing only the day of the deluge, April 30, PSC reopened at all locations, continued the final exam schedule, and held spring graduation four days later. The summer term began on schedule and repairs were completed or accommodations were made for fall semester classes and students services. In large part, the progress was due to the diligent work of faculty and staff to accommodate students, coupled with an immediate and aggressive cleanup plan.



### Welcome to Milton Campus

A new digital sign welcomes students, staff and visitors at the Milton campus main entrance. A second campus entry also was constructed to address a major traffic safety problem and add more parking spaces.

### Facilities Upgrades

Following are some of the facilities improvements during 2014:

- Began replacing all exterior lights with LED lights
- Completed new computer lab, control room, and four debriefing rooms on Warrington campus.
- Renovated cosmetology lab and computer lab on Milton campus
- Renovated computer labs in Building 10 and Building 4 and added two new computer labs in Building 4
- Installed new classroom furniture and carpet in Building 14
- Renovated pool with a new liner, heater, filters, freshly painted deck and new flooring in the dressing room lobby
- Replaced rigging system for scenery and lighting in Ashmore Auditorium
- Cleaned and painted the planetarium dome

### New Charles W. Lamar Art Studio

A \$1 million gift from the Lamar, Reilly and Switzer families in August 2014 laid the foundation for funding the Charles W. Lamar Studio addition to the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts.

Construction is slated for 2015, with the 11,000-square-foot studio opening in 2016. The addition will provide much needed space for classrooms and art exhibits, bringing the Switzer Gallery closer to recognition as a regional art center.

### Planning a STEM Facility

In 2014, the Florida Legislature appropriated \$1 million for planning an energy-efficient, high-tech facility to replace the Mary Ellison Baars Building 1, built in the 1950s.

Besides housing the college's math, cyber security, and applied engineering degree programs, the new STEM building also will be home to workforce training programs for Northwest Florida's growing aerospace industry.



# WSRE

## Imagination Station Receives National Award

The National Educational Telecommunications Association honored the WSRE Imagination Station with the 2014 NETA Award for Community Engagement Based on a Local Project with judges siting the provision of a safe place to learn for kids and parents who cannot afford the latest technology.



## WSRE Receives Two Bronze Telly Awards

In April 2015, WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast, was awarded the bronze Telly Award for two local productions: "The Blue Angels Air Shows" episode of "In Your Own Backyard" and "An Evening with Tommy Emmanuel," a music special recorded live at WSRE's Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio.

"In Your Own Backyard," hosted by Sherri Hemminghaus Weeks, takes viewers to the skies over Pensacola with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team. The program covers the summer show over Pensacola Beach and the season finale Homecoming Air Show at NAS Pensacola's Forrest Sherman Field.

"An Evening with Tommy Emmanuel" documents a concert performed in 2013 by the two-time Grammy Award nominee. Emmanuel, one of Australia's most respected musicians, is known as a legendary guitarist with a career spanning five decades.

Founded in 1978, the Telly Award honors excellence in video and television production, recognizing distinction in creative work.

Since 2002, WSRE's locally produced programs and documentaries have been awarded three Emmy Award nominations, one silver Telly Award and 12 bronze Telly Awards.



## A Banner First Year for the WSRE Imagination Station and PSC Learning Lab

In its first two years of operation, the WSRE Imagination Station engaged 17,600 people in fun, hands-on learning activities at Pensacola Bayfront Stadium in downtown Pensacola. The facility is shared with the PSC Learning Lab, where WSRE also hosts educational workshops for parents and teachers.

The Imagination Station is free and provides access to family learning activities designed for children from birth through age 8. Parents and guardians accompany their children and experience an activity center like no other in this region and unique to PBS nationwide.

Meet-and-greet events with popular PBS KIDS characters, like Buddy

from "Dinosaur Train" and Daniel Tiger from "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," have drawn hundreds of families to the stadium.



## Teacher Training "Appstravaganza!"

WSRE partnered with the Escambia County Instructional Technology Department to host "Appstravaganza!" — a technology-based workshop for area educators — at the PSC Learning Lab and WSRE Imagination Station. Approximately 100 K-12 teachers participated, touring some of the most useful common core standards mobile applications available for classroom use, including those designed and hosted by PBS.

The teachers also explored PBS LearningMedia™ — the free go-to online platform for instant access to thousands of classroom-ready, digital learning resources including videos, games, audio clips, photos, lesson plans and more.



Cody Carroll, Roland Mesnier and Samantha Carroll



### WSRE Celebrates Legendary Wine and Food Classics!

WSRE commemorated the Wine and Food Classic 25th Anniversary in October 2013 with a weekend of spectacular festivities for lovers of wine, food and public television. Former White House Executive Pastry Chef Roland Mesnier and "King of Louisiana Seafood" Chef Cody Carroll were the featured guest celebrity chefs joining Northwest Florida's top local chefs for a showcase and sampling of culinary masterpieces.

In October 2014, the 26th Wine and Food Classic spotlighted three celebrity chefs from Atlanta, Kevin Gillespie, Todd Richards and Duane Nutter, serving their signature southern cuisine and holding cooking demonstrations at Commendancia Slip downtown.



Gillespie

Richards

Nutter

### WSRE's Original Productions Spotlight People, Attractions and Issues of Local Impact

**AWARE!** included a town hall meeting in the WSRE Amos Studio for a two-part program, "Affordable Care Act: Getting the Facts Straight." Host Dee Dee Sharp moderated this topical non-partisan discussion among national and local experts with a live studio audience.

**Conversations with Jeff Weeks** is a weekly show that gives viewers an up-close look into the lives and accomplishments of both local and national newsmakers.

**Pensacola State Today**, hosted by Drexel Gilbert, explores PSC academic and athletic programs, stories about student achievement and the college's community engagement.

**RALLY** gives viewers an unfiltered look at the candidates running for political office at local and state levels.

**In Your Own Backyard** host Sherri Hemminghaus Weeks explores local events and unique attractions.

**Legislative Review: Dialogue with the Delegation**, produced at the start and end of each legislative session, informs viewers about issues facing the Florida legislature and engages them with their elected representatives and senators.

The WSRE special, **Connecting the Community: After the Flood**, was produced in response to the devastating flood experienced by the station's coastal viewing area in April 2014. It provided information about current flooding, where to find assistance, transportation issues and next steps for the area's recovery.



WSRE's music series, **StudioAmped**, completed its sixth season of concert productions featuring the original material of regional artists and bands recorded live as performed on the Amos Studio stage.



### Fans Flock to Downton Abbey Themed Events

Local fans of the MASTERPIECE Emmy® and Golden Globe® award-winning hit drama "Downton Abbey" flocked to the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio to watch the first hour of the new season before its PBS premiere. Guests also enjoyed light refreshments and door prize drawings. This annual free event is open to the public, and many guests come dressed in period fashions as their favorite characters from the show.

Michelle Huxtable, "The Gathering of Friends" author and chef, was WSRE's special guest for the "Delicious Afternoon: A Gathering of Friends" tea party in April. This fundraising event was held at the Versailles Event Center in Downtown Pensacola and featured a presentation by Huxtable and book signing. On the eve of the event, SoGourmet hosted a meet-and-greet and cooking demonstration for friends of the station with Huxtable.



Randy McKenzie, Michelle Huxtable (author of "The Gathering of Friends" cookbook series) and Rishy Studer

# GRANTS 2014-2015

Through the efforts of Pensacola State College Institutional Effectiveness and Grants Office, the college was awarded \$4,053,357 in grants from a variety of sources.

## Florida Department of Education

Adult General Education — \$195,011

Adults with Disabilities — \$42,500

Carl D. Perkins, Career and Technical Education Postsecondary — \$665,458

English Literacy/Civics Education — \$36,987

Florida Master Teacher Seminar — \$15,000

Mass Communication/Emergency Notification System — \$79,500

## Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Byrnes JAGC — \$15,900

## Florida Health Coalition

Florida Health Literacy Initiative — \$5,000

## Florida IT Career Alliance

FITC Alliance Project — \$27,000

## Florida Theatrical Association

Florida Theatrical Association — \$6,000

## Fish Florida

PSC Fish Florida Kids Summer Camp — \$2,200 and 120 fishing poles

## Florida Campus Compact

AmeriCorps\*VISTA — 1 VISTA volunteer position

## U.S. Department of Education — TRIO

Student Support Services — \$328,176

Educational Opportunity Center — \$403,564

Veterans Upward Bound — \$231,687

Educational Talent Search — \$328,114

## U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Health Professions Opportunity Grant — \$1,671,260

# PROFILES 2014-2015

## Student Body Profile 2014-2015

Full-Time Students	34%
University Transfer	26.3%
Special Objective	19.9%
Occupational Credit	13.3%
Baccalaureate	3.0%
Certificate Programs	2.7%

## Students

Day Students	62%
Evening Students	12%
Female Students	61%
Male Students	38%
Non-Minority Students	67%
Minority Students	31%

## Faculty Profile 2014-2015

<b>Full-Time Faculty</b>	<b>206</b>
Non-Minorities	79.4%
Minorities	20.6%
<b>Part-Time Faculty</b>	<b>419</b>

## Staff Profile 2014-2015

<b>Full-Time Staff</b>	<b>433</b>
Career Service	48.5%
Administrative/Professional	51.5%
Non-Minorities	70%
Minorities	30%

## New Board of Trustees Members

Governor Rick Scott announced new appointments to the Pensacola State College District Board of Trustees in 2014 and 2015.

Frank White is the general counsel and a business analyst at Sandy Sansing Dealerships and co-founder of CollegeFrog. He currently serves on the board of directors for Baptist Hospital.

Chip Simmons is the chief of police for the City of Pensacola. He currently serves as a member of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the FBI National Academy Associates.

Patrick Dawson is the general manager for G4S Secure Solutions (USA) Inc. He is a retired command sergeant major with the U.S. Army Military Police and a combat veteran.

Kevin Lacz is a physician assistant for Regenesys LLC. He was a platoon sniper, breacher and medic with the U.S. Navy SEAL Team 3 and a combat veteran.



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