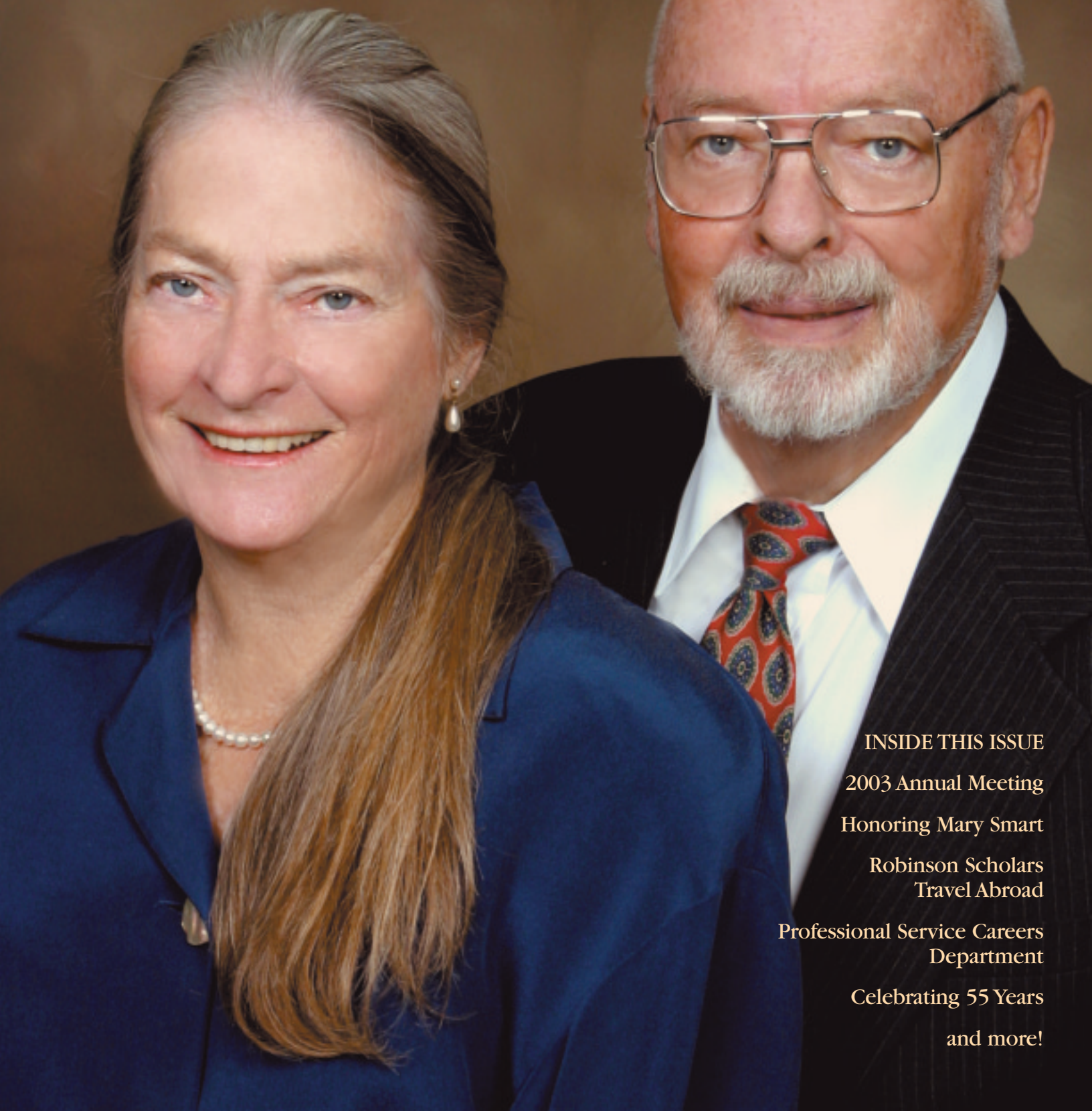


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MILLER CALDWELL
PJC Foundation
President

Pensacola Junior College is celebrating its 55th year of providing educational excellence to the Northwest Florida community. Many changes have occurred since PJC's inauspicious beginnings — changes in location, facilities, size and technology. One thing we have not changed is the college's commitment to meeting the diverse educational needs of the community. We have filled a critical need for our community's future and for our children's future.

In addition to providing premier academic and technical programs, PJC offers much toward improving the quality of life in the community. In fact, in the last 55 years, PJC has touched our lives in countless ways.

It's virtually impossible to be in a crowd and not meet someone who has taken a class at the college, or cheered for the Pirates at a ball game, or strolled through the Switzer Visual Arts Gallery, or sat awestruck through a Science and Space Theatre event, or posted a job at the Career Center, or watched Sesame Street with a squirming toddler, or had their teeth cleaned at the dental clinic.

For more than half a century, our community has come to depend on PJC — as a stepping stone to higher education; as a first step into the job market; as a source for intellectual and cultural entertainment — and PJC has been unwavering in its commitment to the community.

We are doing well at PJC and our family needs to continue to stand unwavering in our commitment to the college. There are tremendous needs in unrestricted giving as well as gifts toward scholarships, teaching chairs, programs and facilities which we must fulfill. Please join me in making this commitment a reality.

I've been privileged to serve as your president and to work with countless volunteers who have dedicated many hours to improving the college. I've witnessed great generosity from the community in support of PJC's students, faculty and programs. I look forward to continuing those efforts with your help this year. I'm also proud that we serve with a wonderful staff at the College Development and Alumni Affairs office and we work under the great leadership of Dr. Tom Delaino.

PJC has a proud history of demonstrating its commitment to the community. Let's continue to demonstrate our commitment to the college through our service and our gifts.

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The PJC Foundation promotes the annual giving program of the college and solicits funds for various projects which the college cannot otherwise fund. In addition, donations are sought for scholarships and other worthwhile projects which assist Pensacola Junior College and its students.

As a tax-assisted institution, Pensacola Junior College cannot meet all needs with state and student support. The PJC Foundation assists in obtaining private support to supplement college budgets. The PJC Foundation is a 501(c)3 tax deductible nonprofit corporation and a direct support organization chartered by the state of Florida to provide private support to the college.

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Foundation Announces New Governors

Danyelle Kennedy, Assistant Treasurer, brings her financial expertise as chief financial officer for Network Telephone. She has responsibility for all areas of finance, accounting, purchasing, warehouse and facility functions. She joined Network Telephone in March 1999 as controller and was promoted to senior vice president of finance in 2001.

Ted Kirchharr, Board of Governors, brings knowledge and experience in the education field. After serving many years with the Escambia County School District, he is now director of strategic initiatives for Amstaff. Prior to this he juggled many other hats throughout the years for the Escambia County School District resulting in numerous innovations in district operations.



Danyelle Kennedy

Margaret T. Stopp, Board of Governors, brings legal expertise as a member of the firm Moore, Hill & Westmoreland, P.A. She also has served as an assistant county attorney for Escambia County. Her areas of practice include real estate, small business law, election law and local government-related issues.

Elba Robertson, Board of Governors, has spent her entire lifetime serving others — something she wholeheartedly enjoys. Among her many different avenues of serving are the PJC Foundation Guild, WSRE Board, PACE Center for Girls, Main Street Milton, the Opera Board, the City of Milton's Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board, and the newly formed Santa Rosa Arts and Culture Foundation.



Elba Robertson

Sandy Sansing, Board of Governors, demonstrates that education is a top priority through his ongoing involvement in a host of community activities. As owner of Sandy Sansing BMW, Chevrolet and Nissan, Sansing sponsors Communities Caring at Christmas, Escambia and Santa Rosa Annual Spelling Bee, Partners-in-Education with six Escambia and Santa Rosa schools, United Way "Cram the Van," Little League Teams (over 50 yearly), Children's Home Society, Big Brothers-Big Sisters and many more.

Pamela "Michelle" Grier, M.D., Board of Governors, is realizing her lifelong dream of making a positive difference in the Pensacola community. She is a board certified pediatrician,

fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and 1989 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School. She owns and operates First Steps Pediatrics at Sacred Heart Hospital and is very active in many community organizations.



Sandy Sansing



Left to right:
Michelle Grier, M.D.;
Margaret Stopp;
Ted Kirchharr

VOLUNTEER CORNER



MARGIE MOORE

I have enjoyed serving on the PJC Foundation Board in various capacities over the past 11 years. The Foundation has developed into a dynamic and integral part of the college and community.

I treasure the relationships and friendships I have made through serving on the Board of Governors. Patrice Whitten began her tenure as Executive Director a few months into my term as president. It has been wonderful to see her develop an excellent team of employees and community volunteers to grow the Foundation and expand the scholarship programs, endowed teaching chairs, and community events.

PJC serves our community in so many ways. I would encourage everyone to give back to PJC. Financial gifts or gifts of your time and talents are truly needed and always welcomed.

Although these are trying times for our colleges and universities, I am proud and excited about the future of Pensacola Junior College.

Leave a Legacy

*Join our Cornerstone Society
and remember PJC
in your will.*

*Please contact Patrice
Whitten at 850-484-1560
about a personal visit
or other assistance
if you are interested
in estate planning.*

Healthy Futures Begin with Gifts Today

"Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, and today is the present. That's why they call it a 'gift.' Time is a precious commodity which should not be taken for granted, and no where is that more evident than within the PJC Foundation itself," said Foundation President Miller Caldwell at the annual meeting in June.

More than 200 Foundation friends gathered at the Pensacola Country Club to celebrate a successful year and plan for a healthy future.

Caldwell took the audience back in time for a brief look at the tremendous accomplishments already realized through much hard work by the PJC family and community. From endowed teaching chairs and scholarships to visiting artists and lecturers, a spacious visual arts gallery and a state-of-the-art health complex, he recognized the magnitude of benefits coming from these programs and technology.

Despite numerous successes, Caldwell encouraged supporters to continue to address the ongoing needs of many students who are not qualified for financial aid and yet still are unable to afford tuition and books.

"It is clear this is just the beginning," said Caldwell. "We must continue to work diligently through the many different avenues to promote 'Healthy Futures' not only for our generation, but others still to come.

"I ask you to make it your duty to ensure that education is at the top of your priority list and to continue to find your own unique way of helping. Education improves the well-being of the future. Let's make sure it's a healthy one for all concerned," he added.

PJC President Thomas Delaino congratulated each member of the Foundation and thanked them for their dedication to the college.

"Your efforts have never been as important as they are now," Delaino pointed out. "The Florida Legislature validated your good work by making a fiscal policy decision to put almost \$24 million into the community college matching programs this session.

"PJC will be receiving more than \$900,000 in matching funds. This is the result of your good work," Delaino said.

The evening's highlight was a surprise ceremony honoring Mary Smart. The Board of Governors recognized Smart as a very deserving Woman of Character, honoring

her unique, successful role as a mother and educator. A portrait of Smart will grace the wall in PJC's Hall of Fame, which recognizes donors who support PJC with major financial gifts. Smart also was presented a beautiful bouquet by her daughter, Patty Smart.

The Foundation welcomed incoming board members: Michelle Grier, Danyelle L. Kennedy, Ted Kirchharr, Elba Robertson, Sandy Sansing and Margaret Stopp.

Officers for the coming year are Miller Caldwell, president; Tom Owens, vice president; Carolyn Davis, secretary; Grover Robinson, IV, treasurer; Diane Appleyard, immediate past president; and Patrice Whitten, executive director.



Top: Cal and Betsy Moore
Right: Liz Greenhut



Left: Gerald and Sheerie McKenzie



Right: Mike and Ann Mazenko

Below: Rachel Elledge, Joan Ziel, Elaine Elledge

Bottom left: Clarence Clark

Bottom right: Dick and Shari Fulford



Honoring Mary Smart

**“For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.”
— William Ros Wallace**

Some say that being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried occupations since the payment is pure love. That surely holds true for PJC family member Mary Ekdahl Smart who was honored at the Foundation Board of Governors annual dinner.

In a surprise ceremony set up by her family, Mary Smart was recognized for devoting a lifetime of love, devotion and sacrifice as a full-time wife and mother.

“The whole thing was a total surprise,” exclaimed Mary Smart. “Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine it. My husband set it all up. I have to give him the credit.”

Many know of Mary Jean Ekdahl Smart as the wife of Bill Smart, who is a local benefactor and an American success story. He is known for his achievements in the community and his career successes as former president of Ross Laboratories and an executive with Abbott Laboratories.

Knowing that he couldn't have achieved these successes in his career and personal life without the support of his loyal, loving wife, Bill Smart sought to honor her in a special way.

“Too often, women, who in large measure are responsible for the successes of their spouses and children, don't receive the recognition and accolades associated with a highly successful professional career,” said close family friend, John Appleyard.

The establishment of the Mary Ekdahl Smart Endowed Chair in Health Sciences on PJC's Warrington campus and the Mary Ekdahl Smart Endowed Scholarship in Health Sciences will be a step forward in an effort to correct that shortcoming.

“I feel very fortunate to have been able to be involved with my family like I was,” said Mary Smart. “Times have really changed. So many mothers these days have to work outside the home to survive. I believe there are expectations these days that we didn't have in days gone by.”

Mary Smart was born in 1933 to John and Karin Ekdahl as the third of five daughters. She enrolled at the University of Illinois planning to major in occupational therapy. She joined Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and met William Smart in the middle of her sophomore year.

Bill Smart was a graduate of Northwestern University and had become an assistant instructor and graduate student at the University of Illinois in the Chemistry Department. Mary and Bill dated for almost two years before marrying in August 1953. By then Mary had completed her junior year.



Mary Smart and John Appleyard

After completing her senior year with straight A's, Mary received her bachelor's degree in June 1954. Mary and Bill's first child, Patricia Susan was born in July. Two years later in May 1956, a second daughter, Rebecca Louise was born. Robert John joined the family in January 1959 followed by William Donald Jr., in August 1960.

Little did Mary and Bill realize their family was yet to welcome additional children into their fold. In February 1962 the family was devastated to learn that Mary's oldest sister, Anne, and her husband, Dr. Jerome Uram had been killed in the crash of a commercial airliner in the Andes Mountains of Peru, South America.

The Uram's two young children came to live with the Smart family. Mary's 7-year-old niece, Ellen, and 5-year-old nephew, Eric, were quickly integrated into their new home with their new family, and Mary became their court appointed legal guardian. In September 1963, Mary gave birth to Deborah Anne and the Smart family was complete.



Bill and Mary Smart

*“Her love of children,
and her appreciation
of education, illustrate
why this new chair
and scholarship have
been created.”*

— John Appleyard

“Mary was active in PTA, Girl Scouts, Indian Guides, Sunday School, little league baseball, music lessons and many other typical family activities,” said Appleyard. “She also was the family chauffeur, putting over 100,000 miles on more than one station wagon. She has never had second thoughts about the potential professional career path that was not pursued by her although there is little doubt of success if she had chosen to do so.”

The success of Mary's children is, indeed, a tribute to her careful nurturing and persistent loving care. All seven have completed various college degrees and have been successful in their personal and professional lives.

“If there were a Nobel Prize category for Motherhood, Mary Smart would not be the only candidate, but she would be a very strong contender for such an award,” said Appleyard. “Her love of children, and her appreciation of education, illustrate why this new chair and scholarship have been created.”

When Mother Teresa received her Nobel Prize, she was asked, “What can we do to promote world peace?” She replied, as would Mary Smart, “Go home and love your family.”

CONGRATULATIONS!

On November 19, Bill and Mary Smart were selected as 2003's Outstanding Philanthropists by the West Florida chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. PJC Foundation nominated the Smarts for their extraordinary dedication to both the college and the community.



Robinson Honors Program is a World Class Experience

It is one thing to read about the culture of another country and to see photos in a book. It is quite another to experience it first-hand. Ten PJC Robinson Honors Scholars did just that when they participated in the International Summer School at the University of Cambridge in England last summer.

"For students like ours who have not traveled, this is an excellent opportunity to study abroad," said trip coordinator and English professor Marian Wernicke. "There is a big difference between learning from afar and being part of a travel experience such as this."

PJC English professor Guangping Zeng, who accompanied the students, wholeheartedly agrees.

"Each teaching day found students attending a plenary lecture from a major interdisciplinary series, which in 2003, took Time as its central theme," Zeng said. "Contributors to the series — eminent figures within the University and invited guests — interpret the theme from a range of exciting scientific, political, historical, literary and other perspectives. In addition, students could choose two or three special subject classes which met every weekday and attend evening lectures."

For Carolyn Mayeaux it was her first trip to England.

"It was incredible," said Mayeaux. "The colleges were awesome. They are really set up differently there. We were based at Selwyn College. We were in class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, Monday through

Friday. We would study in the afternoon, pick up any reading materials, eat, see the town and nap."

Of the 300 students from more than 30 countries in attendance, there were 150 Americans. That often led to some interesting in-class discussions.

"Everyone took different classes," said Rebecca Cox. "It was amazing the big discussions that would incur. There would be 20 people from 10 different countries and everyone would be voicing their individual opinions. There was a lot of discussion about various countries' governments."

"There was some discussion about the American government," said Brad Thompson. "Some voiced criticism of our American policy. Others didn't."

Some of the intellectually stimulating topics included acting (delivery and timing), brain functions/memory systems, evolution versus eternity, and space/time/universe.

"The trip was very worthwhile for me," said Amanda Vanderwall. "I am a journalism major. I took two politics classes and learned a lot. I would definitely recommend it to other students."

"We got to see Scotland, London, Stonehenge, Dover, Paris, Calais, Amsterdam and Germany," said Trista Swauger. "We could travel on the weekends. Everyone in Europe walks everywhere, too."

In all, the students agreed the trip had been a once in a lifetime experience, and the best part was making friends with

others from all over the world. They also agreed that they learned a lot about themselves.

As part of the "world class" experience, each has been tasked with producing a journal and three papers. The class as a whole will produce a video that will be shown to next year's students who are considering the trip.

PJC students attending the Cambridge 2003 Trip were Gwen Carney, Rebecca Cox, Jesse Glasshoff, Kad Henderson, Robert Lynch, Carolyn Mayeaux, Chris Skytte, Trista Swauger, Brad Thompson, and Amanda Vanderwall. Florida State University student, Will Vannerson, also attended with the group.

The Robinson Honors program is funded through the generosity of Jill and Grover Robinson IV in memory of their parents Sandra and Grover Robinson III.



Robinson Scholars Explore Art and Life in Italy

There is a Neapolitan saying “once you’ve seen Naples then you can die.” In a sense that phrase can be applied to all of Italy.

No country’s contributions to the arts rivals Italy’s and few countries can equal Italy’s diverse natural beauty. From the bays, volcanoes and islands of Naples to the Alps and the Italian lakes they feed, the Italian topography is breathtaking.

This is where some of PJC’s Robinson scholars have studied the past two years. Last summer the Robinson Honors coordinator, Charlie Schuler, accompanied nine Robinson scholars on a 16-day tour of Italy.

The students began the trip in Naples where they stayed in a pensione directly on the sea. While in Naples, Schuler gave lectures at Pompeii, the Amalfi coast, and on the isle of Capri at ruins of the Emperor Tiberius’ massive palace the Villa Jovis.

From Naples the students spent four days in Rome studying Roman, Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture. They toured the Vatican Museum and attended lectures about Roman history at the Palatine Hill, on the banks of the Tiber river and in the shadow of the Colosseum.



Left: In front of Trevi Fountain in Rome, left to right; Maria Didanato; Danika Fink; Kelly Noles; Nannette Chandler

Below left to right: Kelly Noles, Nannette Chandler, Suzanne Wing, Maria Didanato, Brandi Snodgrass, Danika Fink on the Isle of Capri.



The next stop was the capital, Florence. The Robinson scholars studied works by Michelangelo, Botticelli, and Leonardo da Vinci, as well as the splendid architecture of the Renaissance.

Then it was onto Venice. The students stayed on an island on the Adriatic and took water taxis to Venice where they studied the impressive Byzantine art of the period.

The trip ended in Milan where the students rode a train to Lake Como and toured the lake on a boat enjoying the matchless scenery of the Alpine mountains that form the lake’s borders.

Schuler likes to view the Italian tour as a two part learning experience.

“One part,” he explains, “is the obvious academic advantage of being right in front of a Michelangelo sculpture or standing in the middle of a 2000 year old amphitheater! The other education is one of personal growth.

“These students had to order their food, ask for directions — basically survive in a culture that doesn’t speak English. I was very proud of them,” Schuler said.

Student traveler James Hagan said, “The 16 days I spent in Italy easily rank as the highlight of my life. The art and structures I saw, such as the Sistine Chapel and Botticelli’s ‘Birth of Venus,’ showed me beauty that only Italian culture can provide. The trip was the most rewarding and educational excursion I can imagine anyone taking.”

“Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?”

Her real name is Baby Jane Jones...but she prefers to be called Jane. She is the namesake of the character portrayed by Bette Davis in the old 1960s thriller “What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?” co-starring Joan Crawford.

“I have been extremely fortunate to receive assistance for my college education through the Sharon Kerrigan Adult Basic Education/ GED Scholarship.”

— Jane Jones

However, she found herself out of work when the company closed shop. They offered her the option of commuting to work at their Crestview location which she accepted. That, too, was short-lived when it closed, but Jane wasn't a quitter. She found herself working next at Vanity Fair. Once again, however, history repeated itself and she was out of work. Jane refused to give up hope. She was determined these challenges weren't stumbling blocks, but stepping stones.

“Although I had experienced many doors being closed on me career-wise,” says Jane, “the next one swung open wide. It was probably one of the best things that has happened to me.”

Jane decided to take Vanity Fair's offer to pursue a vocational certificate through PJC. She successfully completed the course and graduated with a certificate in office supervision. She still lacked her high school diploma, however, and next began working toward her general education development (GED).

“I graduated with my GED and then decided to pursue a college degree,” Jane explained. “I am happy to report that I will be graduating from PJC with a business major in 2004! I

have been extremely fortunate to receive assistance for my college education through the Sharon Kerrigan Adult Basic Education/ GED Scholarship provided through the PJC Foundation. The scholarship not only helped my family financially, but also gave me the desire to work hard and keep my grades up in hopes that the scholarship support would continue.”



Jane Jones

The movie was one of her mother's favorites. Jane is happy to report, however, that she doesn't have to deal with a psychotic sibling.

Although Jane is originally from the Philippines, she and her husband, Russell, are happy to call Pensacola home. After coming to the United States in 1983, they settled here following his retirement from Raytheon Corp.

Jane put her talents to work outside the home for six years as a seamstress with the Russell Corp.

PJC Employee Honors Father New Electronics Scholarship Makes Things Work

“He was always interested in how things worked. There were very few things he couldn't fix at home or at work,” said Sue Halfhill, fondly remembering her late father, Tommy Ted Halfhill.

Mr. Halfhill spent his lifetime working with electronics. To honor his memory Sue Halfhill has set up a new scholarship to assist others who have that burning desire to become educated and work in the electronics field.



Tommy and Ellen Halfhill

She is the director of PJC's Center for Information and Engineering Technology. The Center offers programs in Engineering Technology, Information and Electronics Technology and Computer Science.

“My dad was born in Kansas in 1925,” explained Halfhill. “He left high school in the 11th grade to join the Navy and go to war. My father met my mother in Pensacola while he was stationed at the Gunnery Range near

what is now the InterCoastal Canal. There wasn't a lot to do back then. They met at a church social, fell in love and were married.”

The Navy later gave Mr. Halfhill a chance to train to become an electronics technician. The training was tough for a young man who had not completed high school. The college algebra and electronics courses were rigorous but the young sailor applied himself and was very successful.

While serving in the Navy Mr. Halfhill worked in various aspects of the electronics field including missiles and other sensitive jobs. The different assignments allowed him to see the great variety of jobs available for someone with his training.

Upon retirement, Mr. Halfhill returned to Pensacola and went to work at the Naval Air Reworks Facility at N.A.S. He worked on the electronics equipment of military planes and helicopters.

“All through my father's career he saw the usefulness of having an electronics technician background. The knowledge served him well in other areas of his life as well as at work. The gene pool, however, went dry when it came to me having any of his electronics talent,” joked Halfhill.

Dr. Halfhill set up a scholarship to help the student studying electronics who may not qualify for other forms of financial aid. Two scholarships will be given each year.

“This will make a world of difference for those students,” said Halfhill. “I am hopeful this will inspire more people from other disciplines to set up additional small scholarships.”

For more information on the electronics technician scholarship, call 850-484-1949 or visit the Information Technology Department in Room 1760.

Switzer Scholarship Draws Top Talent to PJC

Students choose to attend PJC for a lot of reasons. For Pace resident Kyra Cresswell the picture was very clear. Everything seemed to keep drawing her in that direction.

"PJC looked the best in the area," explains Kyra. "I also chose PJC because of its reputation in my family. My mother and father are both PJC alumni. I'm happy to be following in their footsteps."

Very early the pitter patter of Kyra's own little footsteps began in an artistic direction. She attributes that in large part to her artist mother.



Kyra Cresswell

"I was immersed in art from the time I was very young," says Kyra. "My mother had been a painter before I was born. She used to draw me sometimes and she encouraged me to paint and draw on my own using her supplies. She kept all my work. I recently looked at some of those early works and was surprised to find most of those similar to the drawings I do now!"

Around age 10 Kyra realized how much she really enjoyed art. At age 13 she knew she wanted to become an artist and

worked even harder in her art classes at school. She began participating and winning awards in shows such as the Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival and Santa Rosa Celebrates the Arts.

Kyra's association with the college's art department and its professors was another deciding factor in choosing PJC.

"I met many of the professors at past art shows and while I was taking dual enrollment classes," Kyra said. "PJC is a sister school to Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia, which I'm hoping to attend following my successful completion here. They offer a large variety of art degrees from fine arts to industrial design and film. I'm excited to be continuing my education at PJC to further my art abilities. With education and practice I hope to become an accomplished artist."

"The art faculty is looking forward to working with Kyra full-time starting next semester," said Allan Peterson, PJC Visual Arts Department chair. "Kyra has already been an outstanding dual enrollment student."

Her dreams are being turned into realities thanks to the Anna Lamar Switzer Endowed Scholarship. "Not only is Kyra following a family tradition, but Anna Lamar Switzer, for whom the Center complex is named, also had a long interest in the arts," said Peterson. "Her family, in creating this memorial to her, fittingly continues that tradition."

Sertoma Endowment Benefits Santa Rosa Students



Bobby DePew

Students from Santa Rosa County hoping to attend PJC now have an additional opportunity for financial assistance. The Gulf Breeze Sertoma has established an endowed scholarship in memory of former Pensacola businessman and community leader, Bobby DePew, who died from cancer about two years ago.

"Bobby would be proud that we are honoring his memory this way and that the funds will go to students trying to improve the quality of their lives through advancing their education," said his wife, Vicky.

"Bobby was a very special person who was instrumental in the success of many organizations in the area including Fiesta of Five Flags, Mayoki Indians, Pensacola and Pensacola Beach Yacht Clubs, and the Gulf Breeze Sertoma," said current Sertoma President Skip Prange. "He and Vicky were extremely active in the local boating community. We chose to do something to honor his memory for his many contributions to the community. What better way than to have an endowed scholarship in his name at PJC for perpetuity?"

As the Gulf Breeze Sertoma's first president, Mr. DePew was instrumental in starting the organization and continued being a major contributor throughout the years. He was also the respected owner of Pensacola Motorsports in Car City and part owner of Banana Bob's on Pensacola Beach where the Gulf Breeze Sertoma Family Fishing Rodeo was held every summer. Mr. DePew was the club's major fundraiser with all proceeds going back to Gulf Breeze and other Santa Rosa County communities.

Following military service in the 1960s, Mr. DePew attended PJC graduating with a degree in business administration in 1969. Mr. DePew is survived by his wife and one beloved daughter, Heather.

The goal is to have the scholarship fully endowed at the \$10,000 level within two years. Annual deposits will come from proceeds of the Gulf Breeze Sertoma Family Fishing Rodeo.

"The funds will go to students trying to improve the quality of their lives through advancing their education."

— Vicky DePew

If you wish to help students realize their educational dreams by assisting them with a scholarship, please call Kat Miller at 850-484-1564.

ALUMNI PROFILE



Ted A. Kirchharr

EDUCATION:

Pensacola Junior College, History, A.A. 1973
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Central Michigan University, Administration, M.S. 1989

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Pensacola Employ the Handicapped Council, Vice President
Private Industry Council of Escambia County, Board
Pensacola-Escambia Clean Community Commission, Board
Reading Is Fundamental, Escambia County Chapter, Chair
Escambia Association of Administrators in Education, President
Pensacola Suburban West Rotary, President
Combined Rotary of Pensacola, President
Rotary International, Paul Harris Fellow

PJC EXPERIENCE:

Leadership Scholarship recipient
Student Government Association
Young Democrats
Intramural Basketball and Water Polo
Member of student delegation recognized by President Nixon

"PJC gave me the best opportunity for education after high school. Courses offered at PJC compared favorably with freshman and sophomore offerings at any four-year college. It was local, I could afford it, and I could arrange my classes around my work schedule. This was especially important since I worked my way through school."

PJC THEN AND NOW

First the World, Then PJC

How ya gonna keep 'em down on the farm after they've seen Par'ee?

The year was 1970 and Ted Kirchharr (A.A. 1973) was a typical student beginning his senior year at Pensacola High School.

But the times were not typical. Our country was embroiled in conflict in Southeast Asia as well as on the home front. When Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot visited Pensacola that summer and challenged young people to "make a difference," Ted Kirchharr was among those who took this challenge seriously.

By December, Kirchharr and eight other local students were flying over the Atlantic Ocean, headed to the Paris Peace Talks. The students, who came to be known as the Pensacola Nine, each represented a different local high school with one representative, Ben Blanchard, from PJC. They had raised funds for the trip largely with the help of WBSR-AM radio station. Their mission was on behalf of prisoners of war.

Kirchharr recently reminisced about their week in Paris, spent visiting embassies of countries that had an interest in the Vietnam conflict.

"At each embassy we told the dignitaries that we were not there as war protestors, but as average American kids who were concerned about the treatment of prisoners of war," Kirchharr said. "We expressed the need to treat prisoners humanely and to consider an early release for them."



Ted Kirchharr (standing, second from left) brought an international perspective to PJC's student government meetings.

Kirchharr recalled that the group was treated cordially at each embassy and they were even invited to visit the North Vietnamese embassy, a feat that had not been accomplished by Washington dignitaries.

The success of the Paris trip paved the way for another trip in the spring of 1971. Once again, WBSR helped with fundraising and this time Kirchharr was one of five students to visit embassies in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Moscow, and Vientiane, Laos on behalf of prisoners of war.

Soon after their return to the States, President Richard Nixon recognized the students for their humanitarian efforts. The students also were honored with a proclamation from the state of Florida.

By the fall of 1971, Kirchharr was a typical student beginning his freshman year at PJC — a typical student who had been part of an international peace initiative and now was travelling to Dallas for a leadership conference at the invitation of H. Ross Perot.

Looking back, Kirchharr doesn't see a huge inconsistency in traveling the world during high school and then coming home to the local junior college to continue his education.

"I wanted to attend PJC because of its reputation for academics and because of its accessibility," he said.

Although Kirchharr's travels certainly had been part of world history in the



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Those were the days PJC in the Fabulous Fifties

There wasn't a computer anywhere on the Pensacola Junior College campus. Notebooks were not electronic, they were spiral bound. Not one student could be seen with headphones plugged into his CD player. Not one driver had a cell phone.

Instead of body-piercing, tattoos, and bare midriffs, the back-to-school look ran closer to button-down shirts

and pressed slacks for the guys. Sweaters with peter pan collars topped pencil-straight or flouncy-full, mid-calf skirts for the coeds. Instead of \$200 sneakers, everyone walked to class in saddle oxfords or penny loafers.

All the girls looked like Grace Kelly.

The era was 1958 and 1959. Jean Thomas Calvert was a PJC student and she remembers loving every minute of it.

"We just had so much fun at PJC," Jean recalls. "There was always something going on — picnics at Floridatown, cook-outs, the Sadie Hawkins dance, and formal dances at Christmas and Valentines."

Although PJC was barely 10 years old, the college already offered a full array of activities.

Jean especially enjoyed being part of the Buccaneers drama group, directed by one of her favorite

teachers, Dr. Carl Zerke. She played a leading role in their production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She also worked on both the college newspaper, *The Corsair*, and the college yearbook, *The Tide*.

Thumbing through her issue of the 1959 *Tide*, it is hard to miss the full page photo of Jean wearing a formal gown, long white gloves, and a dazzling smile. She was chosen the college's top beauty from a group of seven young women, each representing a PJC club or organization.

However, the accolades and recognition seem no more than an afterthought in

Jean's fond memories of her years at PJC. The important memories involve her lifetime friends.

"Pat Baker Drlicka, Faye Williams Groves, Ed Moore and I were very

close friends at PJC and we still are," Jean said. "I knew Ann Barrineau Murray at PJC and I just met her again after all these years."

A Pensacola native, Jean says attending college with her friends from high school and church was a plus.

"When I graduated from high school, PJC was the place to go," Jean reminisced. "It was fun to go on to college with friends I had grown up with. The small classes at PJC also made it easy to develop new friendships that have been lasting as well."

Over the years, Jean says she has been pleased with the changes that have taken place at the college, in particular, the beautiful landscaping.

"We walked from one building to the next on dirt paths — or muddy paths when it rained," she said. "Now the sidewalks and landscaping make it a beautiful place to walk."

Jean and her husband Bill, a retired physician, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in June. With a blended family that includes seven grown children and 17 grandchildren, the Calverts are busy with family activities. One of their favorite vacations is a yearly family camping trip to the Great Smokey Mountains. It takes four lots to accommodate all of their campers and tents.

Activities at Trinity

Presbyterian Church and volunteering at United Ministries add to an already full



A Page From the Past

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"When I graduated from high school, PJC was the place to go."

— Jean Thomas Calvert

"We enjoyed PJC but we were there because it provided a good education, a good foundation before going to a university."

— Pat Baker Drlicka
1958 Tide Yearbook Editor
and PJC Beauty



Jean Thomas Calvert

"Academically, PJC was difficult but the classes were small, the teachers were sharp and everyone was helpful."

— Ann Barrineau Murray, 1958 Corsair
Newspaper Editor and PJC Beauty

schedule for Jean but she continues to find time for PJC as a volunteer for the PJC Foundation Guild.

"I just finished a computer class and Bill has taken several math classes since his retirement," Jean said.

"From living in Pensacola all my life, I've seen PJC grow into a great institution with a great reputation," Jean said. "The changes have made me proud. PJC has been blessed with good leaders — it's just a great place to go to school!"



Jean Thomas Calvert



Pat Baker Drlicka



Ann Barrineau Murray

Hats Off to a Good Cause

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Pensacola chapter, recently donned their most interesting hats for a festive fundraiser attended by 500 people. The event netted \$7,500 and provided 15 cash scholarships, one PJC scholarship, and two University of West Florida scholarships.

"These scholarships help to encourage young people and give them the belief that they can succeed in realizing their dreams," said Sadiqa Ali, chapter president and administrative assistant in PJC's Business Department. "Education is an important part of our (Pensacola chapter) mission."



Lady Pirates in the Fast Lane

The Lady Pirate fast pitch softball team enjoyed a 25 game winning streak, set numerous PJC records, and finished their season as Panhandle Conference Champions — a first for PJC fast pitch. They also were ranked third in the state and eighth in the

nation. Named to the All-State First Team were Courtney Golson and Dana Gilmore. Named to the All-Conference First Team were Kim Hoffer, Golson and Gilmore. Brenda Pena has coached the Lady Pirates softball team for seven years.

In Honor of Sue Straughn

Dr. Tom Delaino proudly announces that the efforts of WEAR-TV General Manager Carl Leahy and the PJC Foundation have established the Sue Straughn Endowed Scholarship, benefiting African American students in the two county area.

Contributions are being accepted now. If you wish to donate call 850-484-1560, go online at www.pjc.edu/foundation or send your gift marked "Sue Straughn Endowment" to the PJC Foundation, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32504.

According to Dr. Delaino, "Hundreds of students are unable to make their dreams of higher education a reality. This scholarship will go a long way toward helping students in our area. We look forward to community participation with this scholarship fund in honor of Ms. Straughn's 30 years of service to the community."



Sue Straughn

A Donor of a Different Kind

It doesn't cost a dime to donate, but it could mean the difference between life or death.

PJC Alumna (A.A. 1956) Barbara Reed is making a difference one pint at a time. Reed, age 74, is proud to hold a spot on the Northwest Florida Blood Center's 10-Gallon Club wall of recognition.

"Since high school graduation in the 50s, I have given 10 gallons and 3 pints," Reed says proudly. "The Lord blesses us and we should help others in return. Giving is the reward itself. Donating is the gift of life."

Though Reed, of Pensacola, isn't the only person who has given to that extent, she is the only black woman to hold that distinction across the Panhandle and South Alabama...something she would like to see changed.

Reed started donating blood before her children were born. Following a hiatus during her childbearing years, she started giving again in 1962. It was then she noticed there were black men, white men and white women in the Ten Gallon Club, but no black women.

"I thought why not me?" explains Reed. "And I just kept coming. I took it upon myself that it would be me. There is a real need for an increase in donations from black residents in the community."

Reed who has worked at Pensacola High School as a substitute teacher for many years is also active in other areas of the community. She is the second vice president of the local chapter of the NAACP and a member of the National Council of Negro Women.

She is active in her church and an avid bowler still striving for her '300' game. She provides daily loving care for her 98-year-old mother, Hattie Maxwell, and is looking forward to her retirement in May 2004.



Barbara Reed

Honesty Is the Best Business Policy

A lifetime of hard work, honesty and integrity has not gone unnoticed for William Hunt, founder and chief executive officer of Gulf-Atlantic Constructors.

Recently Hunt was honored with the “Combined Rotary of Pensacola Ethics in Business Award” presented by the Combined Rotary of Pensacola, the University of West Florida College of Business and the New Orleans Saints.

Although Hunt’s list of accomplishments is impressive, the words of praise that he receives from others in the business sector speak volumes more.

Thomas Bizzell, certified public accountant with Bizzell, Neff and Galloway, wrote the following in his letter nominating Hunt for the ethics award:

“In the 30-odd years that I have known Bill Hunt, I have known him to be fair in all his dealings with business associates, employees, family and friends. Even when his financial situation was much leaner than it is today, he never tried to keep afloat by pushing someone else down.”

Bringing ethical standards to the local business community has been a priority for Hunt since he moved to Pensacola in 1955. After working a few years in local construction, Hunt began his own company, Gulf-Atlantic Constructors, on the premise that honesty is the best business policy. Over the years, his exemplary work ethic has produced a sound company that has remained stable even when the economic times were not.

Hunt’s dedication to the construction industry has been evident since his graduation from Auburn University with a degree in Building Sciences. He is a past president of the Northwest Florida Chapter of Associated General Contractors and has been an active member for 40 years. He is also a member of the executive board for Auburn University’s College of Architecture and Design Construction.

Pamela Hunt Caddell, the fourth of six daughters born to William and Ann Hunt, has followed in her father’s footsteps graduating from Auburn University as a civil engineer and now working at Gulf-Atlantic.

Observing her dad’s business practices on a daily basis has given Caddell a renewed appreciation of his character. She says the ethics award was not a surprise to those who know Hunt.



Bill and Ann Hunt

“Anyone who knows Dad knows that he is a man of his word. He does not play games and likes to keep the cards on the table, as they say,” Caddell said. “My sisters and I are really proud of his many accomplishments, especially this one, because this particular award is about a man’s character.”

Although honesty and integrity were staples in the Hunt household while she was growing up, Caddell points out that her father always had help in putting these values into practice.

“If we had more people with the ethical standards of Bill Hunt, who practiced fair and square dealings, the business community would be a better place in which to toil.”

— Thomas Bizzell

“My Dad could not have accomplished all that he has without the love and support of my mother,” Caddell said. “She has stood by him when times were tough and made sure the family never went without.”

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Hunt is known for his altruistic involvement throughout the Pensacola community. He is a long-time supporter of the PJC Foundation and insisted that all six daughters begin their college careers at PJC.

Once again, his influence has spread to Caddell (PJC, 1980-82) who continues her involvement with PJC through serving on the Foundation’s Board of Governors.

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IN MEMORIAM

T. Warren Wentworth

T. Warren Wentworth, a lifelong resident of Pensacola and supporter of Pensacola Junior College, died Sept. 16, 2003.

Mr. Wentworth was born in Pensacola to Theodore Thomas Wentworth Jr. and Rosabel Howington Wentworth. After graduation from Tate High School, Mr. Wentworth joined his father as a real estate broker for Wentworth Real Estate.

For many years Mr. Wentworth served as a church pianist and organist. His love for music also led him into piano tuning and organ restoration.

He served as a director on the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board and as treasurer for the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Historical Foundation. He was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

In honor of his father, Mr. Wentworth established the T.T. Wentworth Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship for students pursuing a program of study in history, sociology, anthropology or geography.

Mr. Wentworth is survived by his loving wife, Helen Jordan Wentworth; brother, Aubrey Dean Wentworth, of Tallahassee; and sister, Jane Wentworth, of Blacksburg, Va.

Set Sail on a Land-Based Cruise Ship at PJC

The original concept for PJC's Professional Service Careers department was based on that of a cruise ship, according to Larry Gardner, department chair. The courses offered through this rapidly growing department are all luxuries you would enjoy on such a vacation.

Established in July 2001, the Professional Service Careers department is home to three popular divisions that have been around for some time: The Center for Culinary and Hospitality Management, Cosmetology/Barbering, and Massage Therapy.

This department focuses on career paths that require licensure or specific certification in order to be employed.

With 25 years of experience at PJC, Gardner is proud to showcase his department which is growing by leaps and bounds. He likes to use the motto: "Look good, feel good and taste good department!"

Additionally, the department has four highly qualified coordinators: Chef Travis Herr, Culinary Management; Sandy Southerland, Hospitality Management; Jacki Knudsen, Cosmetology; and Amy Crum, Massage Therapy.

"The Hospitality Program has been here for 18 years," said Gardner. "It is very exciting now to have state-of-the-art computer-equipped classrooms which simulate front desk operations and lodging systems. Students may receive an associate of

science (A.S.) degree or an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree through this specialty."

Gardner pointed out that the University of West Florida is offering a brand new bachelor's program in this arena. This

program provides an almost seamless articulation beginning with area high school culinary and hospitality programs, continuing to an A.S. degree at PJC, and on to selected universities in Florida.

As anyone who has enjoyed the culinary department's fare can attest, they are top notch. PJC is certified

by the American Culinary Federation, an important point to potential employers in the food service industries. In spite of its popularity, students can still get into the program without a long wait.

Bad hair day? Don't pull it all out. Just visit the friendly cosmetology students on the Pensacola campus.

The salon is open from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, 45 weeks of the year. According to Gardner the program is very hands-on, well-supervised and acclimated for instruction. There are 11 adjunct teachers and 27 of the 40 credits required for each student are completed in the clinic.

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Quida Saunders, PJC cosmetology student



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SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

"Shear" Ability Sends Student to Head of the Class

Little did PJC student Christopher Meteye realize when he stepped foot into the classroom to pursue his career ambition that he would some day be teaching his special talent to others. You might chalk that accomplishment up to "shear" ability.

Although Chris had been considering a career in barbering since 1986, it wasn't until May 2001 that he could finally begin turning his dream into reality. After 1200 hours in the Barber Program, Chris completed his requirements and graduated magna cum laude putting him on the cutting edge of his field.

During his time at PJC Chris served as president of the student body and was recognized for his razor sharp academic excellence during the 2001 fall semester. He worked diligently to make the Dean's List for the 2002 fall semester and in April 2003, Chris was awarded the Student Excellence Award because of his outstanding service to the college. He also was chosen as the first recipient of the Garret Matson Johnson Scholarship.

Upon graduation, Chris was offered a teaching position in the Barbering program.

"Everyone at PJC has been so supportive and kind to me," says Chris. "Now I want to be equally instrumental in helping other students to obtain the confidence and skills necessary to be successful in the barbering industry."



Christopher Meteye

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This highly popular division is the largest in the department. In existence for 40 years it also houses the Barbering, Nails Specialty, and Facials Specialty programs. This includes the latest technology in video imaging and dermabrasion. Classes are more focused in the evening program since many students work during the day.

The most relaxing of the occupations taught through this department is Massage Therapy, yet another rapidly growing service being sought by many students and clients.

"Information and statistics confirm the therapeutic value of massages," Gardner said. "We are learning more about the response of the human body to these massage modalities."

"Our programs are so popular because people are spending more time and money as a reward for their hectic lifestyles," said Gardner.

Gardner is proud of the excellent rapport between his department and the business community. He noted that the college is keeping up with the growing demand in these concentrations by continually updating instructional strategies and technologies, acquiring highly qualified staff, and maintaining high curriculum standards.

PJC attempts to keep a reasonable ratio between students and job demand so students don't flood the market, Gardner pointed out. The nature of the department focuses on the partnerships with the program advisory councils and PJC's two-county community.

"Our department's goal is to address the employment needs for industry and to offer high quality education to our students as they prepare to enter the workforce and to make valuable contributions to their communities," Gardner said.

For more information on the Professional Service Careers Department, call 850-484-1014.



Joseph Skinner, PJC Cosmetology student



55 Years of Academic Excellence PJC Is Celebrating the Journey ~ Please Join Us

It was a different world when Pensacola Junior College first opened its doors 55 years ago. Escambia County had only three public high schools and no educational opportunities beyond the 12th grade.

On Sept. 8, 1948, 128 students entered an old boarding house downtown, PJC's first residence, eager for an opportunity to further their education without having to travel hundreds of miles from home.

From those humble beginnings, PJC has grown to include three campuses, two

centers, distance learning, continuing education and corporate services. The college now serves about 29,000 students each year in facilities that boast cutting-edge technology.

Calling all PJC Pirates! As a previous student of PJC, you know how rewarding it was to realize your dreams of a higher education. Please continue being an integral part of PJC by showing your support for current and future students. As you make your year-end giving plans, we

hope you'll include PJC as a recipient of your generosity.

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We're notifying our scholarship donors that any donations on deposit by Feb. 1, 2004 will be submitted to the state and may be matched dollar for dollar. We remain hopeful that the scholarships and endowments still on the books waiting for match will be matched along with the next submission and encourage donors to send their donations in now.

Annual Fund Facts

In FY03, PJCF raised more than \$140,000 towards its unrestricted annual fund. This fund allows the college the flexibility to focus on the areas of greatest need and tackle urgent priorities as they arise. Especially during times of uncertain market returns on our investments, the Annual Fund provides stability to our commitments to the college. Among other things, Annual Fund money supplemented several endowment funds in the absence of state matching funds.

Your gift to the Annual Fund makes a difference:

- Maintains and enhances PJC's reputation for providing a high quality, high value education
- Defrays tuition increases
- Ensures one-on-one faculty attention, hands-on-experience, and access to cutting edge technology
- Funds state-of-the-art equipment and facility upgrades
- Aids recruiting and retaining exceptional faculty

- Attracts major grant support — often foundations measure the strength of the institution by the level of participation in the Annual Fund.
- Provides financial assistance to deserving students

Why give to PJC Foundation?

PJC is state-assisted rather than state-funded. That means that only about half of the operating budget comes from state funding. Local taxes don't support PJC, either. In order to provide the best teaching resources, library books, computers, and instructional technology, without raising tuition, we look to the community to fill the gap. We just couldn't do it all without the help of our donors.

PJC Foundation also provides much-needed scholarship funding to students, to give them a chance to make their dreams of higher education a reality regardless of their financial situation.

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making, he says his favorite class at PJC was Southern History, taught by Tom Gilliam.

"Tom Gilliam had a very conversational teaching style that kept the class interesting," Kirchharr said. "He told fascinating stories about the old South. I also enjoyed Walter Spara's English class and writing his surprise essays on Fridays."

As a parent with three daughters who have college plans in their future, Kirchharr says he still sees excellence in PJC's programs.

"I can definitely recommend PJC as a college choice for students," he said. "As a Dad, I could feel very good about having a child attend PJC."

Kirchharr may be a new member of the PJC Foundation Board of Governors, but his commitment to service at PJC and throughout the community has long been recognized. He says that adding the responsibilities of the Foundation Board to an already long list of community involvement is worth the time and effort.

"I think the PJC Foundation is doing important work," Kirchharr said. "There are many students who need the opportunity to go to college. Providing scholarships — through the Foundation — meets the individual student's need for an education while also meeting the community's need for educated and skilled employees."

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