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Saturday, October 22, 2005

PJC FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TOM OWENS
PJC Foundation President

Although several months have passed since Hurricane Ivan mangled the Emerald Coast, many in our community are still feeling its devastating effects. We are very grateful that PJC has continued to provide top-quality educational programs in spite of extensive storm damage.

The PJC Foundation has played an important role in supporting the college during this time of recovery. Thanks to your generosity and the diligent work of the Foundation Board, the Guild and the College Development staff, we are moving forward with gusto. Just take a look:

- The Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins Student Affairs Complex was dedicated in honor of Dr. Wiggins who served as the president of Booker T. Washington Junior College and later was director of research at PJC.
- The Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins "Live Your Dream" Scholarship fund for minority students was established.
- The Anna Society was launched to benefit the Switzer Visual Arts Center.
- The first annual Big Break Golf Classic, benefiting the Universal Scholarship Fund, was a great success.
- The Annual Fund continues to grow through President's Circle gifts.
- Eight new scholarships have been established this year.
- Active involvement from PJC alumni and friends continues to increase.
- We can all be proud of the commitment that our community has shown to the college and to the Foundation during a difficult time. With your help, we will continue to "storm-proof" the educational opportunities at PJC.

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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.

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For Old Friends and New

Celebrities Join PJC Alumni and Friends Celebration

Dig out your beanies, dust off your saddle shoes, find your tie-dyed shirt and bell bottom jeans.

Mark your calendar for the PJC Alumni and Friends Celebration at the Pensacola campus on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22. Honorary chair of the event is E.W. Hopkins, a member of PJC's first graduating class in 1949.

Whether you attended PJC in the fabulous fifties, the super seventies, the nifty nineties or the new millennium, the Alumni and Friends Celebration has something for you.

Events begin Friday at 9 a.m. with an Alumni and Faculty Art Exhibit at the Anna Lamar Switzer Center followed by a "Leaders and Legends" awards luncheon. The art exhibit will also be open Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Renowned Lyceum guest artist and PJC alumnus, Antonio Giuliano, will perform at the Ashmore Auditorium on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Giuliano gained national attention for his rendering of "Amazing Grace" as a featured singer with the U.S. Army Chorus at President Ronald Reagan's burial in California.

Giuliano studied voice at PJC in 1985 before transferring to Loyola University. He has performed throughout the United States and Europe as a member of the U.S. Army Chorus. A wine and cheese reception will be held prior to his opening performance, Friday at 6 p.m.

Former major league player and PJC alumnus, Greg Litton, will join local celebrities and the 2004 state baseball champions, the PJC Pirates, for Celebrity Baseball at the PJC baseball field on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Celebrity Baseball will include a Celebrity Home Run contest, a Celebrity vs. Alumni baseball game, an inter-squad baseball game with players from the PJC Pirates, and an autograph session with the celebrity players.



Shown above are Elba Robertson, event co-chair, and PJC Alumnus Miller Caldwell, Board of Governors past president.

After the game, the fun will move into the Lou Ross gymnasium for a sock hop ... er... reunion party celebration with live entertainment by the Reunion Band, tasty eats and treats, cool prizes from the Pirates' Treasure Chest, PJC memorabilia, and much more.

Emcees will be alumni Mike Wiggins and Christian Garman. Committee co-chairs for the event are Elba Robertson and Gwen Snowden. Committee members are Rhetta Anderson, Rita Baroco, Fred Bond, Jean Calvert, Kat Davis, Sparkie Folkers, Donna Garman, Diane Gup, Bill Hamilton, Kenda Hilleke, Helen Ihns, Rick Johnson, Meredith Jones, Cookie Kichler, Susan Martin, Ric Nickelsen, Shebbie Shields, Fran Switzer and Betty Wasson.



ALUMNI & FRIENDS CELEBRATION

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Committee members are busy planning the PJC Alumni and Friends Celebration for Oct. 21-22. A kick-off meeting was held in January for the Alumni Hosts and committee members at the PJC Culinary Dining Room. Hosts and committee members were treated to a light supper and a presentation of "PJC Then and Now" by Miller Caldwell.

Attending the meeting were Clement Barfield, Michel Boillot, Fred Bond, Miller Caldwell, James Callaway, Jean Calvert, Butch and Norma Crooke, Kat Davis, Tom Delaino, Jerry Dickerson, Pat Drlicka, Charles Ernest, Sparkie Folkers, Diane Gup, Kenda Hilleke, E.W. Hopkins, Helen Ihns, Rick Johnson, Cookie Kichler, Robert Leidner, Ed and Ginger Moore, Dave Murzin, Wayne Peacock, Glenda Phillips, Bobbie Riggs, Elba Robertson, Shebbie Shields, Karen Sirmans, Gwen Snowden, Nancy Strebeck, Sylvia Timberlake, Ed and Esther Turner, Patrice Whitten, Peter Wilkin and Joy Winn.





Because of You ... Scholarships Open Doors to Bright Futures

Many of our local students finish high school with good grades and motivation, eagerly looking forward to a college education. Unfortunately the rising cost of tuition and supplies can quickly close the door to higher education unless financial assistance is available. Scholarship donors play an important role in providing educational opportunities for deserving students who do not qualify for state and federal financial aid.

PJC students are fortunate to have scholarship support from alumni, friends of the college and the PJC Foundation. We salute the following scholarship donors for their generous gifts and commitment to the ongoing success of the college and the community at large.

PJC SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENTS

Academic Merit

- 🏡 Ami-Lee Wilder Memorial
ABWA

Athletic

- 🏡 Terry Lockman Lady Pirate Softball
Tom Rainey Memorial

Biological Sciences

- 🏡 Gray Wright Waldorf Memorial
- 🏡 Miller Zoology
- 🏡 Ronnie Hill for Zoo Technology
- 🏡 Sunny Brown

Business

- 🏡 Bank of Pensacola
- 🏡 Florida Foundation
for Community Colleges
- 🏡 J. D. Carroll
- 🏡 Jacob Horton Memorial
- 🏡 Jane C. Noonan Memorial
Celestine Carroll
- Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club
- Ethics in Business

Cultural Arts

- 🏡 Anna Lamar Switzer
- 🏡 Carolyn D Carter Memorial
- 🏡 Charles Hardin Memorial
- 🏡 Don Gumpert
- 🏡 Eileen F Wade Memorial
- 🏡 Gulf Breeze Arts, Inc.
- 🏡 Iris Hernandez Memorial
- 🏡 Jay Young Memorial
- 🏡 Julie Krause
- 🏡 Leif Erickson Memorial
- 🏡 Paul Runge
- 🏡 Pensacola Civic Band Memorial
- 🏡 Randy Grogan Kidd Memorial
- 🏡 Springfest, Inc.
- 🏡 Victoria Snowdon
- Digital Video/Broadcast Journalism
- Music Study Club Scholarship
- PJC Seniors Club Scholarship
- Rising Star Scholarship
- Shelby Family Scholarship
- Summer Musical

Education

- 🏡 Drs. Mary Ellen & William D. Spears
- 🏡 Freddie M. Washington
- Greater Pensacola Area Antique Dealers
- Teachers Education
- Scholarship Promoting
- Early Learning Leaders

Environmental

- 🏡 Colonel Wayne Jefferson Memorial

Health Related

- 🏡 Apple Corps Foundation
- 🏡 Dr. & Mrs. Fenner McConnell
- 🏡 Dr. John R. Brayton Memorial
- 🏡 Dr. Joseph & Theresa M. Dennie
- 🏡 Dr. William P. & Roberta Hixon
- 🏡 Escambia Co. Medical Society Auxiliary
- 🏡 Juanita Little Memorial
- 🏡 Karen Majewski Memorial
- 🏡 Katie Barrineau Memorial
- 🏡 Kevon Moran
- 🏡 Les Duell Memorial
- 🏡 Lou Scott Memorial
- 🏡 Mabel Shepard Nursing
- 🏡 Margaret Moore Nickelsen
- 🏡 Martha Parkin Memorial
- 🏡 Mary Ekdahl Smart
- 🏡 Maurice Bartholomew Memorial
- 🏡 Pensacola Interstate Fair/Vennetozzi
- 🏡 Shawn Elliott Memorial
- 🏡 Vivian A. Huber Memorial
- 🏡 Wiley Workman, Jr. Memorial
- 40 & 8 Nursing
- Anniece Addy Brooks Match
- Baptist Health Care
- Baptist Hospital Employees Helping Hands
- Batson Physical Therapy Assistant
- Dental Assisting
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Esca-Rosa Dental Auxiliary
- EscaRosa Dental Society
- General Health
- Gulf Breeze Hospital Auxiliary
- Health Science
- Medical Education Technology
- Mother Seton Guild
- Radiology Technology

Rick Slevinski EMS

- Robert & Mary Brown Memorial
- Sack 29 Nurses
- Sharon Kerrigan Nursing
- Tan Summerlin Memorial

Horticulture

- 🏡 Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs
- Escambia Co. Master Gardeners Association
- Navarre Garden Club

Hospitality & Culinary

- 🏡 Garrett Matson Johnson Memorial
- 🏡 Hospitality Round Table
- 🏡 McDonald Hospitality
- Cantonment Rotary Club Culinary
- Springfest Culinary

Journalism

- 🏡 Kathy Beasley Memorial

Minority

- 🏡 African-American Memorial
- 🏡 Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins "Live Your Dream"
- 🏡 Sue Straughn
- American Legion Hanniton Watts Post 193
- Hispanic Action Society

Physical Sciences

- Coastal Plains Chapter AWMA

Public Service

- 🏡 A.O. Godwin Law Enforcement
- 🏡 Escambia County Teen Court
- 🏡 G. Rowe Austraw Endowed Memorial
- 🏡 Pensacola City Employees Grant
- 🏡 Stephen Rouse Memorial
- 🏡 Bea Grow Memorial
- Moore Hill Westmoreland
Legal Secretary Grant

Technical

- 🏡 APWA Emerald Coast Branch
- 🏡 Charlie Clary
- 🏡 Florida Engineer Society (FES)
- 🏡 Folkers Window Company
- 🏡 Instrument Society of America
- 🏡 Peter J. Walleck



- ☛ Suburban West Rotary Club
- ☛ AFCEA Blue Angels Chapter
- ☛ Lowe's Educational
- ☛ Margaret Albrecht Math Science
- ☛ Solutia
- ☛ Tommy T. Halfhill Electronics Technology

Universal/General

- ☛ Alfred I. duPont Foundation
- ☛ Bobby Depew
- ☛ Casey Lee Brown Memorial
- ☛ Chadbourne Foundation
- ☛ Charles & Mercedes Keller
- ☛ Chester Miller Memorial
- ☛ Cindy Norton Memorial
- ☛ Disciples In Christ
- ☛ Dr. Ed Hartsell
- ☛ Dr. G. B. Tamburello
- ☛ Earl Hutto Foundation
- ☛ Edward Wilson Turner Memorial
- ☛ Eldon L. Norman Memorial
- ☛ Frances & Yancey Chewning
- ☛ General Scholarship
- ☛ Gretchen Squires
- ☛ Gulf Breeze Optimist Club
- ☛ Gulf Breeze Rotary
- ☛ Gulf Power Foundation
- ☛ H.O.P.E. for Students
- ☛ Herring, Williams, Warr. Meth.,
- ☛ Hill Memorial
- ☛ James B. & Ila E. Kennington Memorial
- ☛ Leadership Santa Rosa
- ☛ Leadership Pensacola LEAP
- ☛ Leslie Jennings Preer Memorial
- ☛ Lewis Bear
- ☛ Mary Jane Elizabeth C. McCort Memorial
- ☛ McMahon
- ☛ Milton Optimist Club

- ☛ Optimist Club of Pensacola Beach
- ☛ Peggy Overstreet Lind
- ☛ Pensacola Association of Realtors
- ☛ Robert McColskey
- ☛ Ross C. Shiver
- ☛ Rotary Club of Pensacola
- ☛ T. T. Wentworth
- ☛ Tommy Thompson Memorial
- ☛ Toyoko Tracy
- ☛ Vic & Vermell Wozniak Dreamland
- ☛ Wilton Wiggins Memorial
- ☛ Worley
- ☛ ABE/GED Scholarship & Downtown Center
- ☛ Brownsville Middle School
- ☛ Claire Ordon
- ☛ Coalition of Professional Employees
- ☛ Curt Spiegelhalter Grant
- ☛ Dorney
- ☛ Dr. Elizabeth Smith
- ☛ Dr. Lois Zaragoza-Goode
- ☛ Memorial Library Fund
- ☛ Elba Robertson
- ☛ Financial Women International
- ☛ Free Will Ministries Debutante Cotillion
- ☛ Gulf Breeze Hospital Employee Foundation
- ☛ Gulf Coast Blue Grass Music Association
- ☛ Intown Business Women's
- ☛ Katie Lee Sullivan Scholarship
- ☛ Nelnet
- ☛ Pensacola North Rotary Phil Harrell
- ☛ Pensacola Senior Follies
- ☛ R. J. & Nancy Snooks
- ☛ S. R. Achievement Grant
- ☛ Sansing Scholars-Universal
- ☛ ScholarshipAmerica
- ☛ S. W. Boyd
- ☛ Theresa Gail May
- ☛ Universal

Vocational

- ☛ Cantonment Rotary Club
- ☛ Vocational I Student
- ☛ Cantonment Rotary Club
- ☛ Vocational II Student
- ☛ Junior League "Women Helping Women"
- ☛ McKinnon Memorial
- ☛ Newcomers Club
- ☛ Pensacola North Rotary Vocational-Tech
- ☛ Pensacola Seville Sertoma
- ☛ Pensacola Women's Alliance
- ☛ Altrusa Club of Pensacola
- ☛ Gloria F Ferraro
- ☛ John Ryan Peacock Memorial

☛ *indicates endowment*

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- ☛ Charles A. Atwell Chair
- ☛ for Educational Leadership
- ☛ Margaret Moore Nickelsen Chair
- ☛ for Health Sciences
- ☛ Marlene S. Atwell Chair of Family Values
- ☛ Mary Ekdahl Smart Chair
- ☛ for Health Sciences
- ☛ Network Telephone Chair
- ☛ for Telecommunications
- ☛ Sandra & Grover Robinson III
- ☛ Honors Chair

Scholarship Honors Parents' Commitment to Education



Katie Gonzalez Sullivan

Growing up in a small Mississippi town during the Great Depression, Katie Gonzalez Sullivan understood the economic importance of education. She also understood not having the money for higher education. With characteristic determination, she completed nurse's training and spent the rest of her life as a strong supporter of education.

Recently her son, Martin Gonzalez, provost of the Milton campus, established the

Katie Lee Sullivan Scholarship in memory of her love of learning.

"My mother would have wanted to help needy students at PJC who desire an education but do not have the financial resources to obtain that education," Gonzalez said. "She made every effort to provide the support I needed during my college years."

In fact, college was so important to his mother that Gonzalez had no choice but to enroll.

"With my mother, college was not an option. I was going!" Gonzalez recalled. "She always said that I could do whatever I wanted as long as I did it after I graduated from college."

When he was a young child, Gonzalez' father died in a car accident in Quito, Ecuador. Later, his mother married Lee Sullivan who became "a great father," said Gonzalez.

Lee Sullivan was a teacher and administrator in various public schools in Mississippi for 40 years. In the late 1950s, Gonzalez' mother agreed to run the school cafeteria where her husband served as principal "just until he found someone else," Gonzalez reminisced.



Martin Gonzalez

"My mother was a wonderful cook and loved cooking more than anyone I know," Gonzalez said. "From day one, she loved supervising the cafeteria and continued until my dad retired in the early 1970s."

However, retirement did not diminish his parents' commitment to education.

"My mother and dad both thought that becoming an educator was one of the great services one could provide to society," Gonzalez said. "I will always remember the smiles on their faces when I told them I was going to leave the business world and reenter education."

"My dad died in the early 1980s, and my mother moved to Pensacola in the early 1990s to be near me and my family. My mother enjoyed life and was still cooking and searching the newspaper and magazines for new recipes until the day she died," Gonzalez said.

Emerald Coast Parrot Heads Enhance Zoo Animal Technology Program

The Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club spread their good deeds westward when they made a \$1,000 scholarship donation to PJC's Zoo Animal Technology Program.

"We do a lot with environmental causes and wildlife," said the club's past president "Mango" Mike Schneider. "One of the biggest groups that we fund over here is the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge. And we wanted to get more people involved in that type of thing so we thought a scholarship would be an excellent way to do that."

The Parrot Headers' motto "Party With a Purpose" raised nearly \$20,000 for Gulf Coast organizations ranging from Relay for Life to Feline Friends to the Make a Wish Foundation. In addition, club members chalked up thousands of hours volunteering for charitable causes.

Jim Brady, head of PJC's Biological Sciences department, said the scholarship money will benefit the nine-year-old Zoo Tech program, which admits 24 students each year. Students completing the program can opt to go straight to work, seek advanced training or transfer to the University of West Florida where they can pursue a bachelor's degree in Zoo Science.



PJC's Zoo Animal Technology Program joined the long list of recipients who benefit from the good deeds of the Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club.

Help students realize their educational dreams by assisting them with a scholarship.

*Call Meredith Jones
at 850-484-2044.*

Lowe's Educational Program Awards 10 PJC Scholarships

The national chain of Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouses recently awarded scholarships to 10 students in PJC's Engineering Technology program.

Each student received up to \$2,000 in cash to help pay for tuition, fees and books. The winners were recognized at a special breakfast reception held in the Culinary Arts Dining Room.

"I'd like to thank Lowe's for their commitment to education and for joining with PJC as a community partner," said PJC President Tom Delaino as he welcomed Ed Walker, Lowe's district manager, and Marcie Agerton, Lowe's area human resources manager, to the event.

PJC is one of a select group of community colleges and technical schools nationwide chosen to participate in the Lowe's Educational Scholarship program. An independent committee of PJC faculty and staff selected the winners based on academic achievement, motivation, leadership, ability to work with others, and enthusiasm for a career in the retail industry.

"The Lowe's scholarships have created excitement within Engineering Technology," said Sue Halfhill, director of the Center for Information and Engineering Technology. "The scholarships offer not only much needed help with college tuition but the company also provides an opportunity for a career.

"Students come to us with career aspirations. Lowe's offers exciting new possibilities. We hope this is the beginning of a long association with the company," Halfhill added.

The educational partnership between Lowe's and PJC was initiated by Marcie Agerton, a Lowe's employee for 14 years and a former PJC student.

"After Hurricane Ivan, I knew that many students were struggling with financial difficulties due to storm damage and some even had to drop out of school," Agerton said. "Lowe's



Scholarship recipients are (left to right) Alan Harper, building construction; Carl Sealey, drafting and design; John Schaffer, drafting and design; Erika Foster, manufacturing; Kris Peacock, building construction; Brian Countryman, building construction; Gloster Ferguson, building construction; Marshall Cogdill, civil engineering; and Curtis Carkum, industrial management.

encourages community involvement. I had a good experience at PJC and I knew the company's scholarship program could help students stay in class and get the training they need."

As a PJC student in the late 1980s, Agerton saw first-hand the need for scholarship funds. Before she was able to complete her associate's degree, her car broke down and she could not afford to pay for the repairs and still pay tuition.

"Grant money was hard to get," Agerton recalled. "I had to quit PJC and that is when I began working at Lowe's. Fortunately, I've been able to complete my education through their programs."

PJC Seniors 'Give Back' Through Scholarships

There is no generation gap when it comes to the PJC Seniors Club. Each year the Seniors reach out to students of all ages by providing scholarships on all three campuses.

Jim Manara, Seniors Club president, says the group established the Seniors Club Scholarship about 17 years ago as a way of "giving back" to the college.

"Seniors Club members can go to Lyceum events and basketball games free," Manara said. "We also hold our meetings in the Student Center each month and use several other PJC facilities such as the pool and tennis courts at no charge.

"We wanted to give something back to the college and giving scholarships seemed the best way to do that," he added.

A portion of the members' yearly dues is used to fund the scholarships and is a part of their regular budget. Currently the club has more than 1,300 members with a goal of 1,500 members by the end of the year.

Since the Seniors Club donation is eligible for state matching funds, Manara said the original scholarship has grown over the years to provide six \$200-scholarships for Music and Drama students on the Pensacola campus and two \$200-scholarships for students on both the Milton and Warrington campuses.

The PJC Seniors Club is open to anyone age 60 or above and meets in the Student Center at 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Dues are \$7.50 per year.

Tom Delaino, PJC President (left) with John Jenko (center) and James Manara, Seniors Club President (right)



VOLUNTEER CORNER



JOHN HUTCHINSON

Our community well-being is what we make it. If we sit back and don't get involved, then the community will falter. But, if we all volunteer and get involved in promoting the good things, we can determine the limits we reach educationally, socially and economically.

Pensacola Junior College is one of the finest community educational institutions in the country — but that's only because years ago people set out to make it that way. The college will continue to be a valuable asset in the future only if we work for it today.

PJC provides our citizens an opportunity to improve their lives. Nothing is more valuable for a community than that.



PJC Bricks Leave a Lasting Impression

It's easy to join the many PJC friends who have left their mark in history with a commemorative brick placed in the walkway surrounding the M.J. Menge Bell Tower.

With your personalized message, the engraved bricks make lasting memorials for loved ones; honorariums for cherished friends; celebrations for graduations, promotions or retirement; and recognition for affiliation with campus and civic groups.

Bricks are available at the \$50 and \$500 levels and are tax deductible contributions to the PJC Foundation. For more information, call the Foundation office at (850) 484-1560.

Myth About Wills - They're "Too Expensive"

Courtesy of Crescendo Interactive, Inc.

Harry and Mabel owned a home, CDs and bonds. They had a joint checking account and most of their other property was held in joint tenancy.

Harry told Mabel, "We don't need a will. Everything is in joint tenancy. Besides, a will is just too expensive."

So Harry and Mabel never did create a will. Both of them thought that there would be time in the future to sign a will, so, "Why go to the expense of creating one now?"

At the age of 81, Harry became frail and passed away within a month. Mabel was heartsick. She could barely summon the strength to get through the day. After 53 years together, her world was turned upside-down.

The thought of creating a will was very far from Mabel's mind. The months went by and she now owned all of their property.

However, as sometimes happens, Mabel then also became quite ill and passed away very quickly. Of course, Mabel no longer could depend on joint tenancy to transfer

her property. Her property was transferred into a court-administered probate process.

Since Mabel did not have a will, the court appointed an administrator for the estate. The administrator handled all of the normal probate processes. He paid all of the medical and funeral expenses and paid any other debts of the estate.

However, with no will, the nephews, nieces, cousins and other family members then had to sort out the estate distribution. Each share depended upon state law, the estate size and their relationship to Mabel.

The arguing and wrangling over the estate went on for over two years. During that time, the court-appointed administrator, the accountants and the attorneys all received substantial fees.

Herb and Mabel saved approximately \$300 by not creating a will. However, the failure to have a current will caused the estate to sustain over \$10,000 in costs. Even with a modest estate, many people might consider the \$300 cost for a simple will to have been a very good investment.



According to Pensacola attorney and PJC Foundation Governor, Kramer Litvak, "I believe that almost everyone should prepare an estate plan and execute a will. Wills allow a person to control the administration of his or her estate. Without a will, a person's estate passes according to state law and not necessarily according to the individual's wishes.

"Through a will, a person can specifically designate who will benefit from his or her estate. In addition,

the individual can provide trusts for younger beneficiaries or for beneficiaries with special needs. Parents can also designate who will be guardian for any minor children.

"Although many of my clients are initially reluctant to discuss these serious issues, they are usually relieved and comforted when this process is complete."

"Through a will, a person can specifically designate who will benefit from his or her estate."

— Kramer Litvak

Remember PJC in your will
and please let us know so that we may thank you now.

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



Patrice Whitten

Appreciation Tops the Menu at Green and Gold Luncheon

“Your gifts are significant and add up to powerful assistance for our students.”

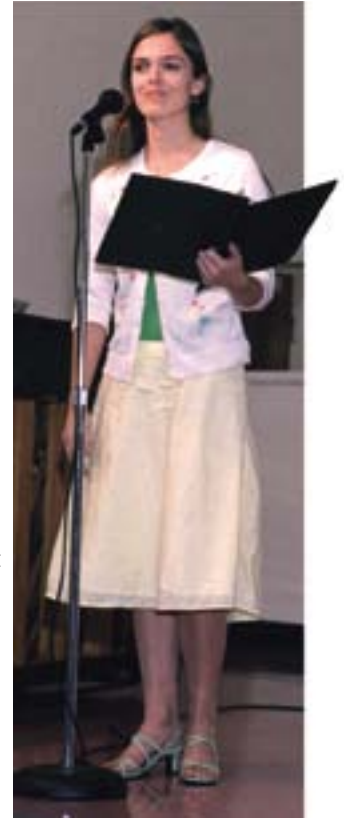
— President Tom Delaino

The generosity of those who establish scholarships so that others may learn and prosper was honored at the Green and Gold Scholarship Donor Appreciation luncheon on March 16.

“Your gifts are significant and add up to powerful assistance for our students,” said PJC President Tom Delaino in welcoming more than 165 donors and guests. “Last year you helped more than 500 students attend PJC through 185 PJC Foundation managed scholarships. More than \$373,000 has gone to provide tuition assistance to students. Today’s luncheon is our way of showing our gratitude.”

Guest speaker Grover Robinson emphasized the importance of leaving a legacy through scholarships. He said that education has always been important to his family with both his mother and his wife choosing a career in teaching.

“Providing education assistance is something you can give to someone and they will always have it,” Robinson said.



Marisa Walsh, PJC Performing Arts student, filled the Student Center with her charming voice.



Robinson and his wife Jill established the Robinson Honors Program in memory of his parents, Sandra and Grover Robinson III. The academically challenging program includes summer seminars in England and Italy and is a rarity among community colleges.



The PJC Woodwind Quartet provided a musical interlude for attending donors and scholarship recipients.

Grover Robinson (center) with Robinson Scholar Meghan Barton (left) and PJC Ambassador Jesse Olivieri (right)



Festivities Mark Dedication of Student Center Complex to Pioneer Educator, Garrett T. Wiggins

About 400 people joined in the celebration Feb. 4 as PJC's Student Affairs Complex took on the name of a pioneer in Pensacola's black education movement.

An invocation by Rev. Michael Johnson of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, music by soloist Rev. Jerome Herring of Agape Christian Ministry and a dance tribute performed by a troupe from the Pensacola Community Arts and Recreation Association entertained guests, about 25 of whom graduated from the historic junior

college. University of West Florida professor Mamie Webb-Hixon, who graduated from Washington High School, helped oversee the event, and Booker T. Washington Junior College graduate Elvin McCorvey offered "Reflections from the Past."

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Walter Smith, former president of Florida A&M University and author of *The Magnificent Twelve: Florida's Black Junior Colleges*, was keynote speaker at the event.

Buildings two, five and six are now known as the Garrett T. Wiggins Student Affairs Complex. The evening's events also included the dedication of a new sign and the unveiling of a portrait of Wiggins, who came to Pensacola from Texas to preside over Booker T. Washington junior and senior high schools and the subsequent junior college. When Booker T. Washington junior college merged with PJC in 1965 he became PJC's director of research.



Wiggins' recruitment to Pensacola from his position as dean of the graduate school of Texas State University came at a time of progressive thinking in Escambia County education. An educated outsider took over as Escambia School Superintendent, ushering in an era of growth and reform. The following year, 1949, a petition was presented to the school board proposing a black junior college — a vision that would eventually launch the state's first black junior college.

Michelle Grier and Gerald McKenzie



All remembered Wiggins as a highly educated professional with a passion for students. He was a Florida native who earned his bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, his master's degree from the University of Chicago, and his doctoral degree from Ohio State University.

"Dr. Garrett was truly a visionary. We owe him a debt of gratitude," said Gerald McKenzie, PJC trustee chair, who spoke to attendees about the Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins "Live Your Dream" Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide scholarships for Escambia and Santa Rosa County minority students interested in attending PJC.

McKenzie prompted listeners capable of contributing to the fund to heed the words of Martin Luther King Jr.: "Life's Most Urgent Question is 'What are you doing for others?'"

Physician Michelle Grier, a seed money donor to the "Live Your Dream" Scholarship Fund, said she was once a perfect example of a talented African-American student who needed scholarship money to make her vision a reality.

"My mother was a teacher and my father worked in construction. There was no way I was going to college without a scholarship," she said.

Some speakers at the event looked back to the historic era that Wiggins helped shape.

Although Wiggins was initially principal of Booker T. Washington junior and senior high schools, he was recruited because of his qualifications to launch and oversee a college. His doctoral degree and experience not only at Texas State but at Florida A&M, set him apart as more than capable of the monumental task.

After much preparation and hard work, classes began at Booker T. Washington Junior College with the school doors open for 14 hours each day. Like its white counterpart, Pensacola High and PJC, Booker T. Washington High School and Junior College shared a building and resources.

Elmer Jenkins, who taught science at Booker T. Washington Junior College, recalls that the pioneer institution met a need for Pensacola's black community in an era preceding integration.

"The one thing that could never be forgotten was the institution had filled an educational void in the lives of thousands of black students between 1949 and 1965," Jenkins said.

McKenzie noted that history is still being made and that a large scholarship fund would ensure future opportunities for talented black students.

"I propose that we endeavor to raise a superfund of one million dollars over the next five years and challenge all to participate and give at any level... The time is ripe for us to make history and show that we can do it if we all work together."

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— Gerald McKenzie,
PJC Trustee Chair

If you wish to donate to the Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins "Live Your Dream" Scholarship Fund, please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to PJC Foundation, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32504 or call 850-484-1560. Donations are also accepted online at www.pjc.edu/foundation



Frances and Tom Delaino participated in recognizing the historic contributions of Garrett T. Wiggins.



"Dr. Smith's book, *The Magnificent Twelve*, is an extraordinary historical record of the legacy of Florida's black junior colleges," said Gael Frazer, PJC Associate Vice President for Institutional Diversity.

Friendships Come Shining Through

Outside, the stars were twinkling in the cool December night. But inside the PJC Student Center, the glow came from PJC Foundation friends who were enjoying the eighth annual Holiday Grande Celebration.

As PJC President Tom Delaino welcomed more than 200 guests to the festive event, he expressed appreciation for the generosity that had been shown to the college all year.

"This special evening - celebrating you and your gifts - allows the PJC Family to express our gratitude," Delaino said.

"You add the extras. You make the critical difference for PJC. You help us deliver quality education to the community we serve. Our students reap the benefits of the gifts you have given to PJC," Delaino added.

In particular, students have benefited from much-needed scholarship donations.

"Each term we have students who cannot afford the tuition, books and fees without financial aid, yet they do not qualify for federal funds or merit scholarships," Delaino said.

Thanks to generous community support, Delaino said the Foundation is addressing unmet needs in a variety of ways. Two examples are the Universal Scholarship Fund and the Annual Fund.

The Universal Scholarship Fund helps deserving, economically disadvantaged residents in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties who want to attend PJC but fall through the financial aid cracks.

The Annual Fund provides unrestricted funds that can cover critical and unexpected needs that are not met through tuition, state or federal funding.

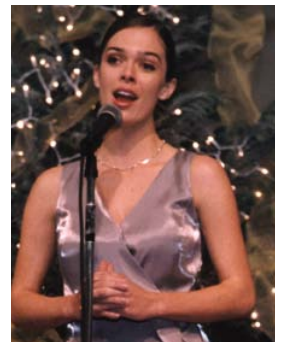
"Through your donations to the Annual Fund, the PJC Foundation was able to offer speedy and vital assistance to students and employees during the difficult aftermath of Hurricane Ivan," Delaino said.



Students come shining through...

(Above) PJC student Doug Czikowsky and Jim Martin, vice president for Student Affairs, emphasize the importance of scholarships.

(Right) Marisa Walsh, performing arts student, entertained with holiday songs, accompanied by pianist Ila Bown.



Memories come shining through for Ethel Tamburello, whose late husband Tam is so fondly remembered at PJC for the role he played in securing land for the Warrington campus and for his many years as director of PJC's Veterans Affairs.

Enjoying the evening...

Michelle Grier and Billy Barnett



Jim Martin, Marshall McLeod and Isaac Bringham (below)



Connie Crosby, Martin Gonzalez, Gloria Gonzalez and Nan Einhart



Ed Chadbourne and Tom Delaino

Dona and Milton Usry



Charlie Sherrill and Sid Parkins

And the winner is...

A highlight of the holiday evening, the silent auction features unusual items donated from generous businesses and friends of the college. Below are some of the winners.



Evon and
Ralph Emerson
(above)



Jim Hill (left)

Sylvia and David
Timberlake (below)



Roger and Anne Murray, JoAnn and Lewis Doman

MILESTONES

Elba Robertson, Foundation governor, won the 2004 Spirit of Women Community Award for her untiring work as chairwoman of the Escambia-Santa Rosa PACE Center for Girls.

Tom Delaino, PJC president, served as campaign chairman for United Way of Escambia County and Denis McKinnon Jr., PJC trustee, also serves as United Way board chairman. Under their leadership, the campaign raised \$2.9 million, far exceeding last year's total.

Jean Norman left her position as director of development at WSRE in March to become president and chief executive officer for United Way of Escambia County. Norman had served as a United Way volunteer for the past 25 years.

Martin Gonzalez, Milton campus provost, was elected vice president / president-elect of the board of directors for United Way of Santa Rosa County. He has served on the United Way board for the past two years.

Allan Peterson, Visual Arts department head, won first place in a national poetry competition sponsored by the online journal, "Right Hand Pointing." His work, "Hospice," was selected by votes from all the writers previously published by the magazine.

Congratulations to the following PJC staff who won elections or recognition at the Florida Association of Community Colleges 55th annual convention:

Jim Martin was named vice president of Commissions.

Carol Quinn was elected vice president elect for Regions and Chapters

Stacey Rimmerman was named chair of the Faculty Commission.

Elaine Elledge was recognized for her exemplary practice presentation for Precollegiate Orientation.

Tammy Henderson was selected as the PJC Chapter Unsung Hero.

Brandi Opager was selected as the Region 1 Unsung Hero.

The PJC Chapter won recognition for the greatest percent of increase of members over previous years and for the greatest numerical increase of members over previous years.

Institutional Advancement won awards for the design of a full-color brochure series and for the design of the summer course schedule.

Leading the FACC-PJC Chapter are: **Brandi Opager**, president; **Angel Hill**, president elect; **Tammy Henderson**, secretary; **Wanda Cook**, secretary elect; **Carol Quinn**, treasurer; **Sharon Ward**, treasurer elect; **Sandra**

Colville, membership elect; **David Sutton** and **Linda Sheppard**, legislative representatives; **Debbie Douma**, publications; and **Sylvia Campbell**, past president.

PJC won numerous awards at this year's ADDY® Awards. The ADDY® Awards are sponsored by the American Advertising Federation and honor excellence in advertising and cultivate the highest creative standards in the field. The awards were:

Judges' Award: University of Florida/PJC Horticulture Poster, produced by Duncan McCall Advertising

Silver Addy®/Collateral Material Brochure: University of Florida/PJC Horticulture brochure, produced by Duncan McCall Advertising

Gold Addy®/Collateral Material, Publication Design: PJC Foundation, Compendium cover, designer, **Robin Mertins**, photographer, **Warren Thompson**

Silver Addy®/Collateral Material, Poster: University of Florida/PJC Horticulture Poster, produced by Duncan McCall Advertising

Silver Addy®/Mixed Media, Campaign: Choose PJC Campaign, art director, **Robin Mertins**, **Kat Villines**, copywriter, **Mary Riker**

Gold Addy®/Television, Local: Choose PJC, graphic concept, **Robin Mertins**

Gold Addy®, Collateral Material, Special Event Material, Invitation: WSRE Unveiling Invitation, copywriter, **Jean Norman**, creative director, **Janie Stewart**, art director, **Tracey Martin**

PJC students were also well represented: Judges' Award/Student: **Brittany Norris**, title: "Stick Lover"

Gold Addy®/Student, Sales Promotion: **Megan Glasscock**, "The New Graphic Design School"

Gold Addy®/Student, Collateral Material, Poster: **Adrian Coates**, "Mind Meld"

Gold Addy®/Student, Collateral Material, Poster: **Sean Foster**, "Fosterious Designs"

Silver Addy®/Student, Collateral Material, Poster: **Sean Foster**, "2005 Annual Design Review Call for Entries"

Silver Addy®/Student, Collateral Material, Poster: **Sean Foster**, "International /Museum of Design Annual Student Portfolio Exhibition"

Silver Addy®/Student, Interactive Media, Web Site: **Megan Glasscock**, "Nomad Chronicle"

Gold Addy®/Student, Interactive Media, CD/DVD: **Brittany Norris**, "Stick Lover"

Gold Addy®/Student, Logo: **Adrian Coates**, "Ape Design"

Gold Addy®/Student, Illustration: **Andrea Frederique**, illustration, U.S. Postage Stamp

Delaino Wins International Award

PJC President Tom Delaino recently won the 2005 International Exemplary Leadership Award from the Chair Academy. The Academy provides worldwide leadership training for post-secondary leaders.

The honor recognizes those who model commitment, honesty, acceptance, and open communication to advance academic and administrative leadership.

"He has consciously promoted the development of PJC as a learning community and learning-centered college. He did this not by directive, but by vision and moral support and has facilitated the development of leadership at all levels of the college," said nominator David Sam, vice president of Academic Affairs.

"I am obviously pleased to win this award. I am even more honored that the college's Academic Leadership Team chose to nominate me for the award," said Delaino.



Tom Delaino



Vicki Carson Celebrates 500th Career Win

Lady Pirates basketball coach Vicki Carson garnered her 500th win at PJC with an 82-61 triumph over Okaloosa Walton Community College on Jan. 29. With 515 wins at the season's end, Carson retired from coaching to pursue another PJC passion, teaching in the classroom.

During her 25 years at PJC, Carson has led the Lady Pirates to one state championship (1985), nine Panhandle Conference titles, and 15 state Final Four

contests. Carson has more wins than any other active junior college coach in Florida and ranks 10th on the national wins list.

In 1980 Carson was hired as PJC's first full-time coach for women's basketball. Over the years she has been known for emphasizing excellence in academics as well as on the court. Her players have a 98-percent graduation rate and more than 100 Lady Pirates have gone on to four-year universities.

Scholarship America Gives Hurricane Relief



Scholarship America donated \$30,000 to PJC for students who were affected by Hurricane Ivan.

As the largest non-profit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization, Scholarship America has dispersed \$530,000 to help students attending schools in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana in the aftermath of hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.

Receiving the Scholarship America donation are (left to right) Tom Delaino, president; Gerald McKenzie, PJC trustee chair; Karen Kessler, Financial Aid; and Jim Martin, Student Affairs.

A Farewell Salute to Lou Ross

PJC's first coach and athletic director, Lou Ross, received special recognition at a Pirates basketball game on Feb. 19. This allowed PJC Family and Pirate fans to bid Ross a fond farewell before he moved to Tennessee to be near family.

Ross was a social science instructor in 1949 when he started PJC's first basketball team. He also coached the first baseball team in 1951, was the college's second registrar, and served as the regional vice president of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

In September 1988, PJC honored Ross by naming the complex that houses the basketball court, swimming pool and athletic offices the Lou Ross Health and Sports Center.



Lou Ross receives special recognition from PJC athletic director, Bill Hamilton (from left), Tom Delaino, president and Gerald McKenzie, PJC trustee chair.

CELEBRATIONS

Left to right: Roland Phillips, WSRE; State Rep. Holly Benson; Eric Smigh, PBS dignitary and former WSRE general manager; Jean Amos, honored guest; Peg Nickelsen, WSRE Board; Paul Amos, honored guest; U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller; John Fogg, Pensacola mayor; Tom Delaino, PJC president; Sandy Cesaretti Ray, WSRE general manager



Jim Lehrer, Executive Editor and Anchor, *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*



Amos Performance Studio Grand Opening

A weekend of festivities that included PBS celebrities heralded the grand opening of the \$5 million Jean and Paul Amos Performance Studio at WSRE, March 4-6.

Jim Lehrer, executive editor and anchor of "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," was the guest speaker at the Saturday gala where Joanne Rogers was also on hand for the unveiling of an "Inner Circle Chair" honoring her late husband, Fred Rogers, whose show, "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," continues to be revered by children and adults alike.

A ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday afternoon officially opened the two-story, 16,250 square-foot, 650-seat performance studio. The celebration culminated on Sunday with a fun-filled WSRE PBS Kids Day that featured entertainment by Joanne Rogers, an accomplished pianist, and David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood."

A \$500,000 gift from Jean and Paul Amos to WSRE's Future Vision Capital Campaign helped equip the new studio with the latest digital technology.

MIRA Awards Shine on Student Creativity

The spotlight beamed on creativity as 10 students from each of nine high schools in Escambia County were honored at the 16th Annual MIRA Awards hosted by the Foundation for Excellence in Education. MIRA is Latin for "brightest star" and the awards recognized student achievement in creative arts such as drama, visual arts, television production, photography, journalism, culinary arts, vocal and instrumental music, poetry, fiction and non-fiction writing, debate, and dance.

Each of the 90 students received a medallion and \$200 in PJC "book bucks" that can be spent at the PJC bookstore if the student attends PJC. The gifts of "book bucks" were made possible through PJC's Universal Scholarship Fund. The event was sponsored by Kerrigan, Estess, Rankin and McLeod law firm and is held each year in the PJC Student Center.

Dedicated Teacher Remembered Through Scholarships

The Theresa Gail May Scholarship Foundation has donated \$30,000 to PJC for scholarships benefiting one student from each of the six Santa Rosa County High Schools as well as Locklin Vocational Technical and Locklin Adult High School.

As a Milton High School social studies teacher, Theresa Gail May envisioned a trust fund to help Santa Rosa students and social studies teachers. When she died of cancer in 1986 at age 38, her parents, Ted and Nellie, made plans to carry out her wishes. When they both died in 1996, they left more than \$1 million to fund the foundation which provides for college scholarships, curriculum, and trips to Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. for the Santa Rosa County School District.



Receiving the Theresa Gail May Scholarship are (far right) PJC President Tom Delaino and (left to right) Tim Wyrosdick and Richard Mancini, the incoming and current assistant superintendents for curriculum and instruction for Santa Rosa Schools.

ALUMNI PROFILE



**WILLIAM LAWRENCE
(BILL) PETERS**

EDUCATION:

Pensacola High School 1959
 Pensacola Junior College, A.A., 1961
 University of Florida, Bachelor of
 Electrical Engineering, 1964
 University of Houston/Clear Lake City,
 Master of Arts, Public Administration,
 1984

OCCUPATION:

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center/
 Johnson Space Center 1964–1988
 NASA Marshall Space Flight Center
 1988–1999 (retired)
 COLSA Corporation 1999–2005
 Space Systems Integration LLC,
 Vice President

FAMILY:

Wife: Nita Wilhite Peters
 Son: William Douglas Peters
 Daughter: Deborah Yvonne Peters
 Grandchildren: Colin and Damien Peters,
 Jessica Miller and James Conner

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS/HOBBIES:

Ford's Chapel United Methodist Church
 Boy Scouts of America Troop 94,
 Committee Member, Greater
 Alabama Council
 National Rifle Association
 Single Action Shooting Society
 Firearms Expert Witness
 Motorcycle Riding

PJC EXPERIENCE:

PJC Chorus
 "Patience" Operetta
 Honor Court Justice
 Phalanx Club

"The tremendous growth of the entire PJC facility is fabulous; however, I would expect no less from a great school such as PJC. I believe in the junior college system and the opportunities it provides to the community."

**Even the Sky Has No Limit
for NASA Engineer**

"Houston, we've got a problem."
 When Apollo 13 commander, Jim Lovell, uttered those fateful words on April 13, 1970, he and his crewmates, Jack Swigert and Fred Haise, were on their way to our nation's third manned lunar landing in less than a year.

Instead, an oxygen tank explosion crippled their spacecraft, leaving it without power and air. Suddenly, Mission Control at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Manned Space Flight Center in Houston was faced with the daunting task of bringing the three astronauts safely home.

While most Americans sat helplessly glued to their televisions, PJC alumnus Bill Peters sat in Mission Control working to rescue the men who were almost 200,000 miles from Earth.

As the lead Lunar Module flight controller for Apollo 13, Peters was in charge of electrical power and life support systems for the mission. He played a key role in overcoming the obstacles of salvaging the spacecraft and took part in nationally televised press conferences that helped explain the perilous rescue to a stunned nation.

Several books on Apollo 13 name Peters and document his work. For his efforts in the successful rescue of the stranded crew, Peters received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

Remembering the pressure-filled 87 hours of the rescue, Peters finds a light-hearted memory to share — several of his quotes were used by actors in the Apollo 13 movie.

Peters says his journey from Pensacola to the NASA Space Center began with the pre-engineering courses he took at PJC.

"I consider PJC to be the foundation of my education," Peters said. "The most important class I took at PJC was physics, taught by Raymond Starke, because I've used it throughout my career."

Then he quickly ticked off other classes and faculty whose influence he has not forgotten — Elmer Habel, calculus; Currie

Furr, English; Sidney Kennedy, music; Robert Jones, operetta; and Margarette Berrisford, dean.

"I have many fond memories of PJC, especially rat week with all the fun and parties," Peters recalled.

Music also played an important part in Peters' college career. He sang in the PJC Chorus and had a leading role in the operetta "Patience."

"Sidney Kennedy started me on a lifetime of personal, musical enjoyment," Peters said.

After graduating from PJC in 1961, Peters transferred to the University of Florida. He sang in the University Choir and went on

"I consider PJC to be the foundation of my education."

— Bill Peters



Above: Bill Peters played a vital role in NASA's space program from its early days to the present.

Left: 1961 Tide yearbook photo

tour to the 1964 New York World's Fair. He also worked as an engineering co-op student at Gulf Power Co. and Pensacola Naval Air Station.

Back home for Christmas break, Peters met Nita Wilhite on the front steps of the first Baptist church.

"A year later we were married, with my dad officiating," he said. The Rev. William H. (Bill) Peters and his wife, Maxine, served for many years at Chase Street Baptist Chapel.

In 1964, immediately after receiving his degree in electrical engineering from UF, Peters was hired by the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston. This facility was renamed as the Johnson Space Center in 1973.

"I worked on all of the Gemini/Agena missions and by the end of the program, I had worked up from the staff support room to the Mission Operations Control Room that was shown on TV," Peters said.

Next, he worked as a Lunar Module flight controller for the entire Apollo program and was particularly gratified by his assignment for the monumental Apollo 11 mission.

"I worked on the space backpacks on Apollo 11 and was on the front row of the control center for the first lunar landing," he said.

As the lunar missions drew to a close, Peters also worked on the U.S. Apollo-U.S.S.R. Soyuz test program and the Skylab program until it ended in 1978.

For this work, he again received worldwide attention in magazines and newspapers, including a front page column in the Wall Street Journal, as well as NASA awards.

When the era of manned space travel turned to the Space Shuttle phase, Peters was a first level supervisor during the shuttle's design, development and building.

In 1988, Peters moved to NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. where he was a chief engineer. For his services he received the coveted NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal.



The Bill Peters family in the late 1960s

Peters retired from NASA in 1999 and within two months began work as a NASA contractor on the Microgravity Science Glovebox developed by the European Space agency which is currently flying on the International Space Station.

Although Peters never traveled in space, his responsibilities required extensive travel throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada, Bermuda and Europe.

"It was tough duty but someone had to do it," Peters said with a smile. "The Europeans were very nice, but I didn't speak any of the languages, and eating out was a challenge. Nita came with me many times and we enjoyed touring Europe after my official duties were over."

In fact, traveling has been a favorite activity for the Peters family from the time their son, William Douglas (Bill), and daughter, Deborah, were youngsters. During vacations, Peters drove his family across the country in a 24-foot motor home. Often they towed their dirt-bike motorcycles to ride the trails in the woods near the campsites.

Nowadays, he is enjoying leading his four grandchildren, who all live nearby, on backpacking camping trips, white water rafting, and other Boy Scouting adventures.

ANNA SOCIETY FOUNDERS PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS

When the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts opened its doors in 2002, PJC became a regional arts center. Now, a society to nurture and support the efforts of that center is also in place.

The Anna Society was launched in March when 24 donors pledged their support to the center for three years. Bobby and Janie Switzer committed to match \$60,000 of the donor support — a match that would have required 20 donors.

"We exceeded our goal. At last count, we had 24 people sign up to be Founders," said Allan Peterson, Visual Arts department head and gallery director. "The Founders will be the first core group of supporters who have made a substantial commitment for the next three years."

Anna Society chairperson Connie Crosby hopes others will follow the initial Founders, a group which Crosby noted includes many young Pensacola artists and designers.

The Founders' privileges include invitations to workshops of visiting artists and exhibition previews. They will receive publications from the Switzer Center; and their names will be engraved on a Founders' wall plaque in the center.

The ultimate goal of the society, however, is to benefit the college and the community. That message came through clearly as patrons viewed the Techno-Romantic art of visiting artist Thomas Mann in the Switzer Center gallery.

"Our goals really are for visiting artists' residencies and workshops — and our outreach to the area schools. And then we need underwriting for the special publications that support the exhibits," Crosby said.

For more information about membership in the Anna Society or about supporting the Anna Lamar Switzer Arts Center in other ways, you may contact Allan Peterson at 850-484-2554 or the PJC Foundation at 850-484-1560.





Dual Enrollment: A Win-Win Program

With a few rare exceptions, teen-age students would come to the same conclusion when asked the question, "Would you rather take a class once or twice?"

And most parents wouldn't have to think long to respond to the query, "Would you prefer to pay for tuition, housing, board and books to cover the initial part of your child's college education or get it all for free while your child is still in high school?"

"It is an excellent opportunity for students who are ready for college-level work to get a jump start on their college career."

— Mary Esslinger, Dual Enrollment coordinator

Those kinds of benefits are the reasons about 3,000 high-achieving Escambia and Santa Rosa high school students are taking Dual Enrollment classes — either at their home high schools or on a Pensacola Junior College campus.

"It is an excellent opportunity for students who are ready for college-level work to get a jump start on their college career," said Mary Esslinger, Dual Enrollment coordinator. "And of course we know financially it's such a wonderful deal. We know how expensive college is."

Mary Catherine Moore, now attending college in Tennessee,

took Dual Enrollment classes while at Washington High School. Her mother Margie Moore watched as her daughter and her friends accumulated college credits right on their high school campus.

Thanks to Dual Enrollment, many of her daughter's friends were well into their sophomore years of college when they graduated from high school and one even completed her associate's degree at the same time as she completed her high school studies, Margie Moore said.

While some area high schools offer a wide assortment of college-level classes right on campus, others have fewer. At those schools students, typically 11th and 12th-graders, are sometimes allowed to take early morning classes on the PJC campus, then return to their high school campus. Or their high school classes might be scheduled early in the day so that they can leave after a few periods in order to travel to PJC for Dual Enrollment classes.



An option for students seeking to earn a lot of college credits before graduating from high school is Early Admission, said Esslinger. In this program, qualifying high school seniors have the option of enrolling full-time at PJC while still ultimately graduating with their high school class.

Esslinger said the program, sponsored by the Florida Legislature, has been in place for more than 20 years, allowing students to take an accelerated path while still in high school.

Classes at the high schools are taught by instructors who meet the PJC criteria of holding at least a master's degree in the field. Students receive instruction tuition-free and public high school students also receive free books.

To take advantage of Dual Enrollment, students must meet certain criteria.

"To come into the academic classes, they have to have a 3.0 GPA at the high school level. And then they have to have passing scores on the CPT (College Placement Test), ACT or SAT scores," Esslinger explained.

In addition to saving time and money, Dual Enrollment may give students a valuable taste of what college-level work involves.

"Whether they stay here at PJC or they go off to the University of Florida or stay at the University of West Florida, they have had the rigor of a college class. So they know what to expect," Esslinger added.

"People just don't realize what a benefit that it is," Margie Moore said.

CLASS NOTES FROM THE EARLY YEARS OF PJC A Brief Biographical Update on Alumni & Faculty From 1960–1978

Bobbie Olsen Riggs: A Pensacola native, Riggs completed her work at PJC in 1961 before earning her fine arts degree from Florida State University and the University of West Florida. Riggs put her art skills to work at the Appleyard Agency for 22 years before opening her own advertising agency in 1985. After 16 years of "working all the time and loving it" Riggs moved to Sacred Heart Hospital as graphic services coordinator, where she currently works. Riggs, married to Bobby Riggs, is a mother and grandmother and credits her years at PJC for her business success: "PJC is never far from my heart because all the skills and all the knowledge that I needed to run a successful business and have a successful career were learned at PJC. It has been so valuable to me."

Ed Moore: When Moore moved from PJC to the University of Florida in 1962 he had a "tremendous foundation for really total success academically." He not only graduated from the University of Florida undergraduate and law schools, he did it with accolades, being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. "I attribute that ability to the foundation I got at PJC," Moore said. And PJC enhanced more than his academic life: "It also provided me an opportunity to meet the woman that I've now been married to for over 40 years. So that's pretty great." Moore and Ginger McMullen were married in 1964. Two years later, he graduated from Florida and she completed FSU. Moore is a partner in Moore, Hill & Westmoreland Law Firm in Pensacola. He has served as president of the Escambia/Santa Rosa Bar Association, the Pensacola YMCA,

the PJC Foundation and the PJC Alumni Association. He is a former vice president of the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce. He has spent most of his career in Pensacola. However, for six months in 1998 Moore served as special counsel to U.S. Sen. Bob Graham in Washington D.C.

Larry Tyree: Tyree left PJC in 1964 and furthered his education at the University of Florida and Indiana University, where he received his doctoral degree. He has presided over four community colleges—two in Florida, one in Texas and one in Kentucky. He is currently a professor and director of the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Florida. He also serves as the Executive Director of the National Alliance of Community and Technical Colleges, of which PJC is a

member institution. Tyree is the father of three children and three "adorable" grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys golf and reading.

Mike Wiggins: After completing PJC in 1965, Wiggins continued his studies at Florida State University where he received his degree in finance. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Shangri-La. Wiggins worked in Tampa and Chattanooga, before returning to his native Pensacola to join the family business, Escambia Farmers Supply. Although he sold that business in 1995, he still operates subsidiary businesses, one of which is Wiggins Lawn Spray Service. Mike has served on the Pensacola City Council since the mid-90s. He has served as deputy mayor and has chaired most

Golf Classic Gives Students Big Break for Education

Deserving students will get a big financial break in their quest for a college education, thanks to the success of the first Big Break Golf Classic sponsored by the PJC Foundation on March 4. Forty local golfers competed in the tournament with proceeds benefiting PJC's Universal Scholarship Fund.

Held at the A.C. Read Golf Course on board NAS Pensacola, competitions included a skills event in the morning and a 4-person Texas Scramble in the afternoon. Big Break players were divided into teams of 10 each and competed in sand, chip, wedge and putting events.

Marty Stanovich emceed an awards ceremony following the tournament. The leaderboard was provided by Kelly Hultgren of Leaderboard Tournament Systems. Prizes were awarded for Big Break and Texas Scramble winners as well as a raffle that included two tickets to the Masters Tournament, the Blue Angels Classic, Ice Pilot tickets and more.



The first place winners in the 4-person Texas Scramble are (left to right) David Erickson, Mike Woyak, Hugh Fones and Guy Miller.

Blair Crooke won the raffle for the tickets to the Masters. Awards and prizes including golf packages, clubs, bags, clothing, and restaurant and gift certificates were donated by more than 50 businesses throughout the area.

"The tournament was a success," said Greg Woodfin, committee chair of the Big Break Classic. "It was our first one and everyone had a great time. We plan to do another tournament next year."

Committee members were Dick Appleyard, Kat Davis, Rick Johnson, Ric Nickelsen, Ray Palmer, Scott Pate, Grover Robinson, Adrian Stills and Patrice Whitten.

Gold sponsors were Bank of Pensacola, C&P Bank, Cox Communications, Woodfin Cabassa Orthodontics, Chip Campbell and George Talbert. Green sponsors were BB&T Bank, Dick Appleyard, First American Title Co., Gulf Power and Lost Key Golf Club/WCI. Hole in One sponsor was Sandy Sansing.

The Universal Scholarship Fund provides tuition and books to residents of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties who cannot afford to attend PJC. The fund is open to all students who meet minimum criteria with a 2.0 grade point average, regardless of area of study.

For more information or to make a donation, call the PJC Foundation office at 850-484-1560. Gifts may be made online at www.pjc.edu/foundation.

At right are Gold Sponsors (left to right) event chair Greg Woodfin, George Talbert, Chip Campbell and Sal Cabassa.



Golf pro Adrian Stills (right) enjoys the Big Break Golf Classic will one of the many participants.



council committees. Wiggins' volunteer activities include the PJC Board of Governors, Transportation Planning Organization, Clean and Green Board, Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, and the Air Services Development Committee. He is also a member of Five Flags Rotary Club. In 1988, Wiggins was selected Community Leader of the Year. He also has a weekly show on BLAB-TV. Wiggins is married to Mary Ellen Wiggins and has two sons, Charlie and Jonathon. He has two stepchildren, Drew Adams and Regan Hagar. Mike is also the grandfather of three girls. Attending PJC enhanced his life academically and socially. Wiggins says "The instruction was first rate. I developed friends among the faculty and student body and those friendships endure to this day. It was a wonderful experience for me and that is one reason I feel so strongly about supporting the PJC Foundation."

Sandy Sansing: Following his graduation from PJC in 1967, Sansing immersed himself in the military, work and family. In 1986, he got into the automobile business and has been involved in that field ever since. He is married to Peggy and they have two children—Stephanie who is in law school and David who is in college. He owns Chevrolet, Nissan, BMW, Mazda, Hyundai and Chrysler dealerships that bear his name as well as Southern Chevrolet-Olds. He is involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gulf Coast Kids House, Rotary, United Way and the PJC Foundation.

Dr. Mamie Howard-Golladay: After earning her associate of science degree in nursing at PJC in 1971, Howard-Golladay went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She currently resides over Sullivan County Community College in New York. Her husband, Dr. Dennis Golladay, is a former PJC

faculty member and dean and now is president of Cayuga Community College, also in New York.

Tommy Tait: Tait graduated in 1974 from PJC, while also working part-time in the banking business. He is currently president of Whitney Bank in the Northwest Florida Region. Tait, who was born and raised in Pensacola, only left his hometown briefly to work in the banking industry in Fernandina Beach and Fort Walton Beach. He celebrated 29 years of marriage on Valentine's Day to the former Dawn McKnight. They have one daughter, Karah Tait, 27. She is working towards her second degree at PJC, this one in photography. In his spare time Tait enjoys hunting, fishing and reading.

Robert Wilford: Wilford completed his associate's degree at PJC in general studies in 1974. He later continued his education at the University of West Florida, receiving a bachelor's degree in

political science before going on to complete three master's degrees from Troy State University. He is currently executive director at Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Inc., in Jonesboro, Ark. Wilford is married to Diane and has one son, Scott. He recently received the professional credential of Certified Community Action Manager and has served as secretary/treasurer of the Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association.

Sue Hatfield-Green: Hatfield-Green completed her associate's degree at PJC in 1978 by taking night classes while working full-time at Pensacola Naval Air Station. Although Hatfield-Green has worked extensively in proofreading and editing, she focused heavily on business while studying at PJC. She is currently a copy editor with Wells Real Estate Funds in Atlanta and is married to Bob Green. In her free time she enjoys antiques, scrapbooking and photography.

*B*eloved Librarian Remembered Through Memorial Fund

Of the many stellar qualities describing longtime PJC librarian Dr. Lois Martinez Zaragoza-Goode, the one that stands out most in her colleagues' minds is that her life passion was serving students.

"Students were her priority. She was their advocate," said Sandra Davis, who was hired by Dr. Zaragoza-Goode 25 years ago and subsequently mentored by her in the intricacies of running a library. Davis is currently district department head for Reader Services.

Dr. Zaragoza-Goode died when Hurricane Ivan devastated her Grande Lagoon home Sept. 16. She was 71 years old. A memorial fund in her honor has been established through the PJC Foundation.

Davis recalls Zaragoza-Goode's flair and energetic always-in-motion style of operating a library as uniquely hers.

Larry Yax, former district dean of Learning Resource Centers at PJC, remembers her particularly for the support she offered those around her — the students and him as her supervisor.

"Lois was very self-directed. She did a good job. She liked working with students," Yax said. "She supported me wonderfully well."

In addition to being colleagues, Yax said that he and his wife Kitty enjoyed socializing with Dr. Zaragoza-Goode and her husband Horace Goode II.

Davis said that although Dr. Zaragoza-Goode retired in 1993 she still found time among her many retirement activities to volunteer regularly at PJC's main campus. In addition to a full professional and academic career,

Dr. Zaragoza-Goode was a lifelong member and active volunteer at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in downtown Pensacola.

Dr. Zaragoza-Goode's roots were deep in Pensacola. She was born in Pensacola in 1933 to William and Theresa Seymour Zaragoza. After attending area Catholic schools, Dr. Zaragoza-Goode received her bachelor of science degree from Florida A&M University and her master of science degree from Syracuse University in New York.

She launched her career in education at Pensacola's Booker T. Washington Junior College and moved to Pensacola Junior College as a reference librarian when the two institutions merged in 1965. While at PJC she pursued and completed a doctoral degree from Nova University.

Much of Dr. Zaragoza-Goode's time and energy were invested in PJC's Learning Resources Center, where she retired as head of Reader Services. So it seemed fitting that a fund to honor her memory would be used there.

Davis said that 3,500 books were damaged by water and mold as a result of Hurricane Ivan. Thousands more were cleaned in order to kill mold spores. A television and videocassette recorder were destroyed, and carpeting on the LRC's second floor had to be replaced.

However, the money invested in the library will go straight to the heart and purpose of Dr. Zaragoza-Goode's life work.

"We're going to use it for purchasing books, furniture, equipment and programs for the students," Davis said about money given in memory of Dr. Zaragoza-Goode, noting that rather than purchasing a book



Lois Martinez Zaragoza-Goode

for donation, donors are encouraged to give money so needed titles can be added to the LRC collection.

"Progress is being made," to damages to the library's structure and finishes, Davis said.

In addition to replenishing the library's collection of books, Yax mentioned plans to add a portrait of Zaragoza-Goode to the LRC. A scholarship in her honor has also been established.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Dr. Lois Zaragoza-Goode Memorial Library Fund may contact the PJC Foundation Office at 484-1560. Checks for the fund may be written to the PJC Foundation, with Dr. Lois Zaragoza-Goode Memorial Library Fund in the memo area, and mailed to PJC Foundation, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32504.



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