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# Foundation President's Message



Margaret Stopp  
Foundation President

Pensacola State College prepares tomorrow's workforce leaders by offering outstanding degree and certificate programs. Affordable, good-quality education is key to bridging the gap between a student's dreams and a challenging economic environment. Scholarships shape the students' futures and the future of our nation.

Scholarships reward students who have proven potential, and help them realize that potential. When one student benefits, a positive chain reaction is started within our community.

Our workforce, local and national, desperately needs qualified applicants. Scholarships are the first step in creating tomorrow's competent leaders.

I recently attended a scholarship banquet celebrating the African American Memorial Endowment Scholarship and the Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins "Live Your Dream" Scholarship program. I was privileged to interact with some of Pensacola State's brightest students.

The evening renewed my enthusiasm for PSC's place in our community, and bolstered my hope that we are creating a brilliant future for our country.

Scholarships are more important than ever as PSC expands its four-year degree programs. With bachelor's degrees come added prestige and educational depth, but also added expense. Your donation dollars will have to go further as more and more students strive to advance their education.

I look forward to continuing to support Pensacola State College students in their journey to excellence, and I hope you'll join our effort to shape a positive tomorrow.

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**On the cover:** "Bream in the Highlights," Manatee Springs State Park, by Karen Glaser was featured in exhibition at the Switzer Gallery.

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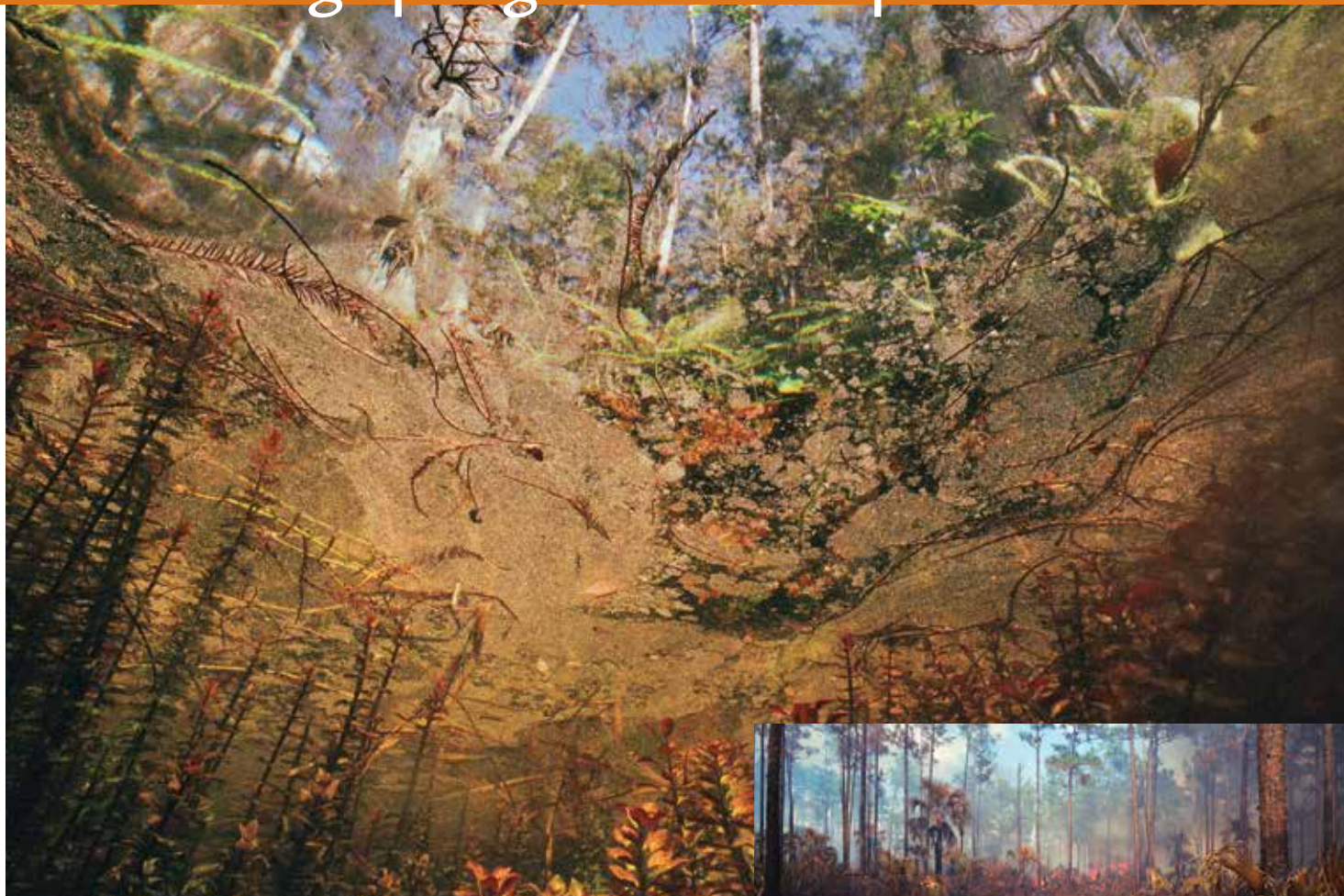
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# Shimmering Springs and Swamps



Switzer Distinguished Artist Karen Glaser donated her work, “Big Cypress Pollen,” to PSC’s Permanent Collection housed in the Anna Lamar Switzer Center.

Switzer Distinguished Artist Karen Glaser’s photographs transformed the gallery at the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts into a celebration of delicate ecosystems Jan. 22 through March 8.

“The Mark of Water: Florida’s Springs and Swamps” captivated viewers with a look into the ethereal world of alligators and air plants alike, often from an underwater perspective.

Glaser’s art has garnered national and international attention. The Smithsonian Institution National Museum of Natural History organized a travelling exhibition of her work, showcasing Glaser’s photographs in more than 20 venues.

Her underwater photographs of manatees are published in “Mysterious Manatees,” a book that melds art with science. Switzer Gallery Director Vivian Spencer praised the impact such high quality artists have on Pensacola State College.

“Switzer Distinguished Artists are essential to our program,” Spencer said. “Bringing world-class artists to our campus has a long-lasting impact on our students. The exhibits reinforce what the faculty is teaching and align with our classroom objectives.”

Through the years, the Switzer Distinguished Artists represent all of Pensacola State’s artistic disciplines. The Glaser exhibit was well attended, according to Spencer. The reception drew close to 200 attendees, and marked an increase in Anna Society membership.

The Switzer Distinguished Artist series is presented annually though a major gift from the Switzer and Reilly families.



Karen Glaser’s works, from top:

“Fire in the Pines, Big Cypress #1,” Big Cypress National Preserve

“Hidden Gator,” Big Cypress National Preserve

“Ichetucknee Cypress,” on the banks of the Ichetucknee River

# PTA Grads Going to Work

Pensacola State's Physical Therapist Assistant program proves that in a competitive job market, getting the right college degree is the ticket to career success. For example, last year's PTA class at Pensacola State boasts a 100 percent employment rate.

Students who graduate with a PTA associate degree and pass rigorous standardized board exams are quickly funneled into the workforce across the United States.

"It's a hard program," said Assistant Professor Teena Carroll, also a 2006 PSC PTA graduate. "We have a high academic standard."

Students who meet that standard are richly rewarded with a dynamic career in a growing field. They may choose to work in a hospital, an outpatient clinic, skilled nursing or assisted living facility, or in a school system. Private and specialized practices further expand their opportunities.

Prisca Arauz completed the PTA degree in May, with the help of a Hispanic Action Society Scholarship. Now she

can concentrate on passing the board exam and securing employment.

"Books are expensive," Arauz said. "The scholarship helped me a lot. The PTA program was hard work, but it was all worth it."

Despite being the youngest PTA graduate this year, she already has plans to further her education at Pensacola State.

"My goals are to pass the boards, get a job, and finish massage school at night at Pensacola State," Arauz said.

Physical therapist assistants work in close contact with patients, rehabbing them after a physical therapist completes an initial evaluation. PTAs are licensed to perform various modalities such as therapeutic ultrasound, and to help patients with exercises to regain or improve functional abilities like walking.

As our medical community normalizes total joint replacements and people live longer lives, physical therapy becomes more important than ever to help make sure that those long lives are also healthy and safe.

Pensacola State PTA students go through multiple clinical placements to become as job-ready as possible.



Graduates in Pensacola State's Physical Therapist Assistant program are finding jobs quickly and enjoying lucrative, satisfying careers.



“There’s nothing like putting your hands on a real patient to allow you to take skills, techniques, and knowledge from class to bring it all together,” Carroll said. Practicing those skills takes many hours per week, and most students find it impossible to work during the program, which makes scholarship money extremely important.

“There’s a time commitment that usually prevents people from working even part-time during the program,” Carroll said. “Course requirements and time spent coming in to practice skills keep students very busy. Financial assistance is of great benefit and eases a lot of burdens.”

Several national news outlets have featured physical therapist assistant as an area of growth, and CareerBuilder.com continues to publish stories of in-demand jobs with PTAs often showing up on the list.

Earning a workforce degree can make a tremendously positive difference in students’ lives, and scholarships are paramount in making their academic journey smooth and successful.

*“Books are expensive. The scholarship helped me a lot. The PTA program was hard work, but it was all worth it.”*

— Prisca Arauz  
HAS scholarship recipient

*Photo by Victoria Stopp*



## Hispanic Action Society Better Community

Pensacola’s Hispanic Action Society is dedicated to the betterment of Hispanic Americans, and one way they manifest that dedication is through scholarships.

Two Pensacola State College students were awarded the scholarships this year – Cynthia Gudino, who is studying Hospitality and Tourism Management, and Prisca Arauz, who graduated in May from the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Hispanic Action Society President Kisha Rodriguez said she and the other HAS members are passionate about expanding their educational involvement to help students reach their goals.

“We’re here to help them out, and to encourage them to prepare themselves for the future,” Rodriguez said. “The more you educate yourself, the more opportunities you have for jobs and being a better individual in the future.”

The Hispanic Action Society was locally founded as a non-profit, non-partisan, and non-religious organization in 1993. With current membership around 150, HAS holds cultural and social events, family activities, fundraisers, and performs community service.

This August, HAS plans to expand its scholarship program by working with Spanish clubs in area high schools. Fundraisers will be

coordinated, and scholarships will be awarded to each participating school, according to Rodriguez.

“Everybody is enthusiastic,” she said. “It’s a way for us to say we’re here, and we want to help out the Latin community.”

The Hispanic Action Society meets the last Friday of the month at Bayview Park Senior Center. Anyone interested in joining should contact Kisha Rodriguez at 917-525-0618 or Brian Santiago at 850-485-7077.

# Photography Scholarship Provides Lasting Remembrance



“A picture is worth a thousand words,” goes an old, familiar adage.

The late Aubrey Mullings took thousands of photos, and there still aren’t enough words to describe his energy, talent and zest for life.

“Aubrey traveled all over the world and never met a stranger; he was loved by everyone,” recalls Mary Mullings, his wife of 44 years.

“Before we went on a trip, he studied books and DVDs to understand the culture of the places we were planning to visit. When we got there, he photographed the special things he wanted to remember.”

Aubrey’s interests were as varied as his travels. He ran marathons, enjoyed 35-mile bike rides, sang and played tenor guitar with the “Hoots,” volunteered each year for the “turtle nest walk” on the beach, collected funny hats from his favorite spots around the globe, and was a connoisseur of ice cream.

With each interest, Aubrey kept a camera close-by. After many years in their home state of Michigan, Aubrey and Mary moved to Orange Beach, Ala., partly because Aubrey enjoyed photographing the seascape.

When he passed away after a brief illness in January, Mary chose to honor his life with the Aubrey Mullings Endowed Scholarship, the first and only scholarship specifically for PSC photography students.

“Aubrey was a businessman but photography was one of his great passions,” Mary says. “He believed education was the way to a better life, so this scholarship is a great way to provide a lasting memory of his life.”

Fittingly, Aubrey’s interest in photography began years ago with classes at a community college in Michigan. He studied the works of Ansel Adams and was intrigued with black and white prints.

“Aubrey spent hours in the darkroom to get the perfect photo,” Mary remembers. “He went on to win the Michigan Photo of the Year Award for his print of Monument Valley in Arizona.”

Mary learned of PSC’s photography program through her friendship with Virginia Vanneman, a former PSC photography instructor.

“Virginia introduced me to Krist Lien (department head) and I toured the Visual Arts center and the darkroom,” Mary says. “I was impressed. I knew this scholarship was in a good place to help students stay focused on their studies and achieve success.”

When the Aubrey Mullings Endowed Scholarship was presented for the first time at the Art Student Awards ceremony in April, Aubrey’s sister Jeanette and brother-in-law Rick from Michigan, along with many of his friends, joined Mary for the event.



Top: Aubrey Mullings at the Acropolis of Lindos, Greece



Above: Aubrey and Mary made the most of life on the Gulf Coast



Far right: Aubrey in the London Guard House

# Pledging Success



Christian McCants

Last August, Christian McCants began his college journey as one of 11 inaugural Pensacola Pledge Scholars at Pensacola State College.

Launched with a \$1 million gift from Quint and Rishy Studer, the Pensacola Pledge Scholars program awards PSC students \$1,200 per academic year and University of West Florida students \$2,000 per year.

“I am so thankful for this scholarship from the Studers,” says McCants. “The cost of college – even an affordable one like PSC – is so high that it is difficult to afford tuition and books.”

By the end of his freshman year, McCants discovered that the scholarship’s benefits far exceeded its monetary value. Surprisingly, the scholarship’s biggest impact came outside the classroom through the required mentoring program that each Pledge Scholar must complete in order to keep the scholarship.

“The Studers are giving so much to us through these scholarships, and mentoring is a small way for us to give back,” says McCants, who is pursuing a business major.

“Every Thursday I mentored an 8-year-old boy at Scenic Heights Elementary School – where I used to go. He had a

hard time with writing and we worked on that. Sometimes we just talked.

“His teacher and I both saw an improvement in his attitude and his school work. I know that he benefitted from the mentoring, but so did I.”

When the school hosted a luncheon for fathers, McCants’ mentee asked him to go.

“I looked a little out of place with the other dads, but I felt so honored to be there for him. He means a lot to me,” McCants adds.

McCants’ scholarship and mentoring experience have even influenced his plans for the future.

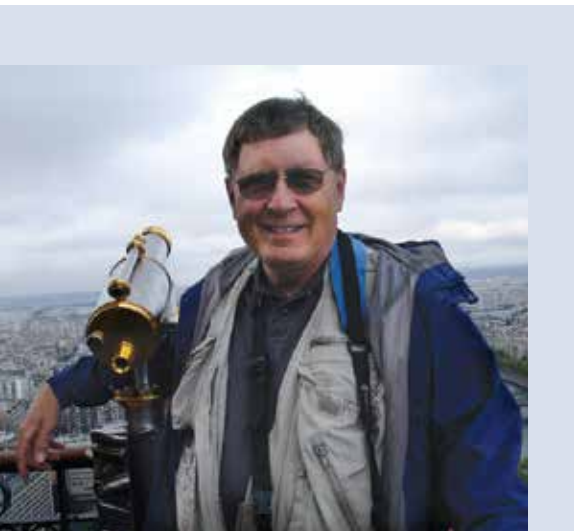
“Without this scholarship, I might not have gone to college. With it, I had a great freshman year at Pensacola State – I loved it,” McCants says.

“This reinforces for me that Pensacola is a great community with a lot to offer. I want to stay here after I finish college and give back to it like the Studers are doing now.”



*“Rishy and I initiated the Pensacola Pledge Scholars program to give more students an opportunity to attend Pensacola State or UWF. Rishy added mentoring to the program as a way for the college students to earn their scholarship and learn from the mentoring process. It also benefits the school children who are mentored. It’s a multiple win for all the students and for the community.”*

– Quint Studer



Aubrey at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris

Mary personally made the presentation to photography student Paula Turner.

“This scholarship is so special because I know it comes from Mr. Mullings’ love for photography,” Turner says. “I went into photography because I wanted to do something I love. Thanks to this scholarship, I will be able to take more classes.”

# Good Times, Great Benefits



## Hitting the Links

The Cox Big Break Golf Classic enjoyed another record-breaking year with 128 golfers and 57 sponsors. Held at Marcus Pointe Golf Club, the March event raised \$38,000 for Universal Scholarships.



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Holiday Grande 2012 Event Chair Betty Roberts



Nels Offerdahl tries to win a new car from Sandy Sansing Chevrolet by sinking a Hole in One.

Charles Beall makes the putt.



Players enjoy a delicious lunch before the tournament.

*Photos by Amy Hall*



Capt. (Ret.) George Bailey is happy with his winning bid.





Peter and Julie Dyson win festive holiday décor in the 2012 silent auction.  
*Photos by Carmen Jones*

## Holiday Cheer

The most successful Holiday Grande Gala to date raised more than \$60,000 for the Annual Fund for Excellence and more than \$5,000 for the Universal Scholarship Fund. The 2012 Gala was held last November at Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones Community Center.



Top, PSC President Ed Meadows, Ralph Emerson, Vincent Andry  
 Hunters from Gulf Power Co. enjoy a lunch break.  
*Photos by Gerry Goldstein*

## Hunting for Excellence

The second annual Quail Hunt bagged another success with all proceeds benefiting the Annual Fund for Excellence. The February event was held at the picturesque Dennis Lake Wing Club in Bay Minette, Ala.



# Changing Lives with First Generation



Tayonia Gilmore tutors Carlita Williams in pre-Algebra.

*Photo by Robin Mertins*

Tayonia Gilmore and her children, baby Micah, Tori'Yonna and Tay'Tionia (front)



Seven years after graduating from high school, Tayonia Gilmore knew she wanted a better future for her three young children than she could provide with her job at a fast-food restaurant.

She bravely took a step that no one in her family had ever taken. She enrolled at Pensacola State College.

“When I started PSC, I was afraid. I was a single mom and no one else in my family had been to college,” Gilmore recalls. “But, I knew I had to get a degree to get a better job.”

Today she is majoring in pre-engineering and plans to graduate in December. Next, she will transfer to the University of West Florida and pursue a bachelor’s degree in computer engineering with a minor in math.

Gilmore says her path to becoming a successful student was paved with the First Generation Scholarship.

“I greatly appreciate the First Generation Scholarship and want to thank those who give to it,” Gilmore says.

“It allows me to go to school without working full time. I can stay focused on my studies.”

Her favorite class is Analytic Geometry and Calculus II – in spite of beginning PSC with a limited math background.

“I had to start at the beginning with pre-Algebra and work my way up,” she says. “My instructors at PSC have been so patient and helpful.”

Now Gilmore is sharing her passion for learning with other students by tutoring in a computer classroom for several hours each week.

“I had to be persistent, work hard and not give up,” Gilmore says. “I want others to be successful too.”

Gilmore says she chose the challenging engineering program because she wants to do well financially in her career to be able to give back to the community.

“I want to be able to give back to First Generation Scholarships one day,” she says.

Providing scholarships for students like Gilmore who are improving their lives through education is a worthwhile investment, according to Gene Rosenbaum, president of Southern Scrap Company, Inc.

“This generation needs a college education to get good

# Scholarships

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— Tayonia Gilmore

employment. An educated populace benefits employers and the community,” says Rosenbaum, who has regularly supported First Generation Scholarships since the program began in 2006.

“There are great programs at Pensacola State, where students can get the education and training they need to start a career. First Generation Scholarships help students take advantage of those programs and we want to support that.”

Rosenbaum’s support for these scholarships is rooted in the influence of his parents, Leah and Jack Rosenbaum.

“My father only had an eighth grade education and he realized the importance of attending college. He was a strong proponent of higher education and was the chairman of the scholarship program for Southeastern Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries for many years,” Rosenbaum adds.

“My brother Joe and I would have been considered first generation college students. Now, we give because we have the opportunity to give. These days, young people need help with funding for college because the costs have really

gone up. Pensacola State College provides a wonderful opportunity for first generation students and we are proud to be a part of it.”



Gene Rosenbaum



## The Gift of Giving

When guests gathered at the lavish “Miller Manor,” home of Jan and Ron Miller, in February, they enjoyed a unique birthday celebration. Instead of traditional gifts for the Millers, guests were encouraged to give toward PSC’s first-ever conference center. Jan Miller has already designated a \$1 million legacy gift to help make the center a reality. The festive evening also included a sumptuous supper and entertainment by the Artists in Residence from Pensacola Opera.



Nickolas Calhoun

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Katherine Zahnd

## Making an Impact

There’s a place at Pensacola State College where local individuals and businesses can make an impact. The growth and needs of our local workforce challenge us to consider personal support for our community college.

Each day on one of Pensacola State’s campuses or centers there are students, many against incredible odds, aspiring to achieve more. Supporting higher education in our community directly impacts the local workforce and local families.

A gift of any amount has an impact and is appreciated. You can choose how your donation will be used — whether it supports Pensacola State’s Annual Fund for Excellence, a specific department or program, or scholarships for students.

The benefit of gifts to the Annual Fund for Excellence is that they are unrestricted. Unrestricted dollars can be used to fund the most critical or unexpected needs that exist after tuition revenue or state funding ends. From scholarships and grants to support for academic programs, Annual Fund for Excellence reaches every facet of the college.

Giving is easy! You may make a gift in one of the following ways:

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[www.pensacolastate.edu/foundation](http://www.pensacolastate.edu/foundation)

For more information, contact Executive Director Aaron West at 850-484-1560 or [awest@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:awest@pensacolastate.edu).



Jennifer Ponson

## Unsung Hero

In April, Pensacola State College hosted the largest-ever Florida SkillsUSA State Conference and Worlds of Possibilities Career Expo at the Pensacola Bay Center.

The record-setting event featured 112 workforce competitions for students and drew more than 6,500 students, advisors, vendors and

volunteers from as far as Miami. It also added more than \$3 million to our local economy.

For the first time, the event included a Career Fair, co-hosted by Workforce Escarosa, drawing more than 1,000 participants and 65 vendors offering jobs to our community.

The whirlwind of energy orchestrating this mammoth state conference for the past two years belongs to Jennifer Ponson, PSC's coordinator of Student and Program Outreach. Ponson serves as SkillsUSA advisor for both the PSC chapter and the region that extends from Pensacola to Tallahassee.

Ponson passes praise for the event's success to others. She prefers to credit the 300 judges, 100 volunteers, 226 advisors, 60 local business partners and 70 vendors who worked with the students.

"The real source of our success is the support we get from Dr. Meadows and all the faculty and staff at the college," Ponson says.

"By far, my biggest reward is working one-on-one with the students, helping them prepare for their competitions and then seeing them achieve their goals.

"Sometimes, after our students graduate and get jobs, they come back to say 'thanks,' and that is the 'thank-you' that I love hearing the most," she adds.

## Lifetime Achievement

PSC Executive Director of Government Relations Larry Bracken was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Association of Florida Colleges' Legislative Committee in May. The award recognizes Bracken for his service to PSC and the Florida College System for a quarter of a century.



Larry Bracken



## Gold Scholar

PSC student Rachel Andrews is one of 50 students in the nation to receive the 2013 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar Award and a \$1,500 scholarship. Andrews graduated in May and plans to earn a bachelor's degree at Florida State University with a double major in biochemistry and pre-med biology.



## 500 Wins

Softball Coach Brenda Pena earned her 500th career win April 23 as the Lady Pirates swept a season-finale double header against Jefferson Davis Community College, winning 8-0 and 6-0. A Pensacola State alum, Pena began coaching at the college in 1997.

## Scholar Athlete of the Year

PSC second baseman Kelly Hayes was honored as the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year by the Florida College System Activities Association. She also won the Jean Williams Award, the highest honor that can be earned in Florida junior college softball. This award recognizes athletic skill, academic success and service to the community.





## ADDY® Winners

PSC Visual Arts students won nine awards presented at the 2013 American Advertising Federation District ADDY® Awards Gala in Jacksonville recently.

Winners are: Gold – Sarah Kuchernik; Silver – Libby Castellani, Dale Cochran, Sebastiane House, Blake Jones, Alicia Nguyen, Jonathan Sidwell and Cassidy Smith; and Bronze – Cassidy Smith.

Shown from left: Sebastiane House, Cassidy Smith, Graphic Design program coordinator Mark Hopkins, photography instructor Kristen Regan, Libby Castellani, Blake Jones, Sarah Kuchernik and Alicia Nguyen. Not pictured are Dale Cochran and Jonathan Sidwell.

## Ahoy, Alumni!

The welcome mat is out at PSC's new Alumni Affairs office and Executive Director Patrice Whitten is inviting new members.

"Alumni and students are the lifeblood of a college," says Whitten, a PSC alum. "We have established this new office to engage our alumni and provide meaningful experiences and benefits to them."

PSC Alumni benefits include career counseling and job placement, the Alumni Anchor magazine and newsletters, parking, recreational facility usage, library and computer privileges and discounts.

For membership or more information, contact Whitten at 850-484-1714 or [alumni@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:alumni@pensacolastate.edu) or click on [www.alumni.pensacolastate.edu](http://www.alumni.pensacolastate.edu).



## Volunteer Corner



Dr. Greg Woodfin

When Dr. Greg Woodfin was asked to launch the Foundation's first golf tournament, he gladly accepted the challenge. In 2005, the Big Break Golf Classic debuted on a picture-perfect spring day with 41 golfers enjoying the event and raising funds.

By March 2013, the Big Break Classic had grown to 128 golfers and 57 sponsors raising \$38,000 for Universal Scholarships. Over the years, one constant has remained – Dr. Woodfin has tirelessly chaired each tournament.

"Before Big Break, I had never headed a golf tournament," Dr. Woodfin says. "With the help of the Foundation staff, volunteers and sponsors, we've added prizes and an awards dinner that enhance the day and make Big Break a little different from some other golf tournaments."

Marty Stanovich, a Big Break volunteer since 2006, says, "Greg is the heart and soul of Big Break. He works to make every tournament more successful than the one before.

"Greg is the one who comes up with tickets to the Masters Golf Tournament – our most sought-after prize each year – and the vast majority of the great prizes for which this tournament is known."

Dr. Woodfin is quick to add that raising scholarship funds is worth the effort.

"Every dollar generated by Big Break goes to Universal Scholarships," he says. "Without these scholarships, many students couldn't afford college.

"Big Break helps Universal Scholarships help students, and that helps our community. It's truly a win/win event."

# Following a Vision of Excellence



Garrett T. Wiggins

This year's African American Memorial Endowment Scholarship Banquet and Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins "Live Your Dream" Scholarship Program was a great success. Students, faculty, staff, and the community gathered Feb. 22 to celebrate current accomplishments and honor the past.

Foundation President Margaret Stopp was present for the festivities.

"I was impressed by the young people at the banquet," Stopp said. "They embodied hard work, intelligence, and academic achievement."

The Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins fund provides scholarships for local racial minority students at Pensacola State College. Wiggins served as president of Booker T. Washington junior and senior high schools and junior college.

When Booker T. Washington Junior College merged with then Pensacola Junior College in 1965, Wiggins became PJC's director of research. In 2005, Pensacola State dedicated buildings two, five, and six as the Garrett T. Wiggins Student Affairs Complex.

"It was a pleasure to see Dr. Wiggins' vision of education for all is still active today through scholarships," Stopp said. "He was a visionary in higher education, and the talented students who receive scholarships in his name carry on his tradition of excellence."

To contribute to the African American Memorial Endowment Scholarship or the Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins "Live Your Dream" Scholarship, call the Foundation Office at 850-484-1560, or click on [www.pensacolastate.edu/foundation](http://www.pensacolastate.edu/foundation).



Walter Smith, former president of Florida A&M University, was keynote speaker at the dedication of the Garrett T. Wiggins Student Affairs Complex in February 2005.



## MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following longtime PSC Foundation supporters for their leadership in our community.

Veteran Pensacola banker and PSC alum **Carol Carlan** has been named president of the Sacred Heart Foundation.

Escambia County Commissioner **Grover Robinson IV** received the Outstanding Environmental Leadership Award from the Florida Local Environmental Resources Agencies during their annual awards luncheon.

At the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce's 22nd annual meeting last October, outgoing chairman of the board **Donnie McMahon** passed the gavel to incoming chairman and PSC alum **Sandy Sansing**.



Carol Carlan



Grover Robinson IV



Donnie McMahon



Sandy Sansing

# Question for the President



Ed Meadows  
President  
Pensacola State College

## How will Pensacola State College meet the Governor's \$10,000 challenge?

Pensacola State College has accepted Governor Rick Scott's challenge to offer \$10,000 bachelor's degrees because we agree that quality higher education should be available to everyone for a reasonable cost.

Affordability and open access have always been a focus at Pensacola State. As one of the best values in public education, we rank in the top one percent in college affordability among more than 5,000 colleges in the nation, according to U. S. Department of Education.

Pensacola State will offer a BAS in Organizational Administration for \$10,000 to be completed in four years. The benefits of this degree include an increase in hiring potential for someone looking for a job in a business field,

the opportunity for advancement for someone who is already working in business but requires a bachelor's degree, and the ability to transfer to a master's degree program.

Pensacola State is committed to making all of our bachelor's degree programs easily accessible by offering:

- Flexible schedules, including weekend and evening classes
- Online classes
- College credit earned through prior credits and professional licenses
- Financial aid and scholarships.

The college is stepping up to offer affordable bachelor's degrees because they are necessary for workforce growth, but there are still many potential students who need financial assistance to make it possible.

Foundation scholarships are beginning to be established for bachelor's students, but there is much existing need. It is incredible to think that a local individual or business could help a student complete a bachelor's degree for an investment of \$10,000! That kind of investment has many returns. It is literally life-changing – for students, for families, and for our community.



Mike Wiggins  
Annual Fund for Excellence Chair

## Leading the Way

The Pensacola State College Foundation is celebrating the success of its first Annual Fund for Excellence Spring Campaign. This three-week initiative not only surpassed its philanthropic goal, but enabled our committee to share the college's positive story with members of the community who have previously supported PSC. Faculty and staff members, Board of Governors, and volunteers worked together to make this campaign a major success.

On a sad note, our fundraising efforts occurred without the help and support of Father Jack Gray, who passed away this spring. Father Jack was a member of our Annual Fund for Excellence Committee and was always front and center in our efforts to support PSC. He will be missed by all the PSC family.

The Annual Fund for Excellence Committee is already planning exciting events for the summer and fall. If you are interested in supporting our efforts or getting involved, please call the Foundation at 850-484-1560.



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## Executive Director's Note



Aaron West

It is a great honor to serve as the new Executive Director of the Pensacola State College Foundation. At the Foundation, this is a time of new direction, enhanced collaboration, fresh ideas, and renewed energy.

More than 48 years ago, visionary individuals established a sustainable private source of support for students and programs at PSC. While the Foundation's mission remains constant, the need for support grows and the avenues for securing funds evolve.

The PSC Foundation is a gateway linking college resources and programs with the educational, social, and workforce needs of our region. Education is a critical pathway to success in the workplace.

As workforce needs are defined and the college works to meet these needs, the Foundation continues to support college programs, initiatives and partnerships that ultimately benefit our students and community.

Thank you for your past support. I hope you will stay with us, or join us again, as we work to change so many MORE lives.



# SAVE THE DATES



### Clay Shoot

**Saturday, Oct. 5**

New venue!  
Santa Rosa Shooting Center  
6950 Quintette Road in Pace

Benefits Universal Scholarship Fund

### Holiday Grande Gala

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**

Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones  
Community Center

Benefits Annual Fund  
for Excellence

**For details  
on both events,  
call 850-484-1564**