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Pam Hunt Caddell
Foundation President

On a balmy morning last June, several alumni from the college's inaugural class of 1948 gathered with college and city dignitaries to dedicate a Florida historical marker celebrating the college's original site on Palafox Street (story page 7).

As the first hint of fall wafted through September, the college held another dedication ceremony, this time on the Pensacola campus. Again, students, employees and friends of the college gathered to celebrate a milestone – naming the student center in honor of G. Thomas Delaino, immediate past president of Pensacola State College (story page 3).

Days earlier, the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts Gallery held a celebration bolstering its recognition as a regional art center. The gallery unveiled two lithographs donated by acclaimed artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude for the gallery's permanent collection (story page 10).

These festive events are more than celebrations. They are reminders of the college's statewide significance and its far-reaching influence for more than six decades.

While we are proud of the college's historic beginnings, its visionary leaders, and its accomplished students and faculty, we must remember that all of this comes with a price tag.

Thanks to generous donors throughout the years, the college has been able to supplement state and federal funds, allowing it to upgrade facilities, offer cutting-edge programs and provide scholarships for deserving students.

In other words, donors like you have played a significant role in helping Pensacola State grow into a top-notch college with much to celebrate.

Increasingly, state and federal revenues are falling short of covering expenses necessary for the college to continue to flourish.

As you consider year-end giving, I hope you will think of Pensacola State and the value it brings to our community. Your gift toward a college education will make a difference for a lifetime – and that's something to celebrate.

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Dedicating the Delaino Center



Tom Delaino with his wife, Frances, and their sons, E.J. and Tommy

Laughter, greetings and hugs were abundant as Pensacola State College students, staff and friends gathered to dedicate the newly refurbished Student Center in honor of President Emeritus G. Thomas Delaino on Sept. 20.

Delaino joined the college family in 1993 as vice president for planning and administration and then served as president from 2002 until his retirement in 2008. During his years at the college, Delaino was an advocate for students and programs that could put them on the path to success.

"The students really loved Dr. Delaino," said Angie Jones, Student Activities assistant coordinator. "He always came to our events here in the Student Center, and he was a great supporter of our students."

Pensacola State President Ed Meadows thanked Delaino for his leadership, commitment and service to the college during the celebration that included a portrait unveiling and reception hosted by the Foundation.

Patrice Whitten, Foundation executive director and Pensacola State alum, noted that the Student Center is special among the college's buildings.

"This building holds a lot of fond memories," Whitten said. "We met here as students. And later, as supporters of the college, we came back here to announce scholarships and to launch our first capital campaign."

Larry Bracken, who worked closely with Delaino during his 15 years at the college, kept the standing-room only audience chuckling with his references to Delaino's childhood on the small island of Cedar Key.

"Life on an island teaches important life lessons," Bracken said. "For one thing, it's hard to get off the island, and you know everyone on the island."

"Tom bears the characteristics of an islander. He knows how to get along. He is kind, has an easy laugh and an inclusive manner. His 'aw shucks' Cedar Key approach came in handy, and it usually got him what he wanted."

Delaino clearly enjoyed the good-natured ribbing and noted that he had to leave the island to find someone who wasn't a Delaino to marry. He is married to Frances Carroll, a former librarian at Pensacola State, and they have three children and two grandsons.

"This building is named after me, but Frances helped me get here," Delaino said. "I want to thank Frances for our 47 years together."

"I needed a community college when I was a freshman, but there wasn't one close by Cedar Key. I loved being at this college, and I'm amazed at what this college has done and is continuing to do in the community."



Photos by J.D. Hayward and Michelle Dycus



Denton Coker, Tom Delaino, Larry Bracken

President Emeritus Tom Delaino unveils the portrait that hangs in the Student Center.

Pensacola State College Board of Trustees has a proud tradition of naming buildings after past presidents. From left: Carol Carlan, John O'Connor, Ed Moore, Dona Usry, Tom Delaino, Margie Moore, Deidre Young, Paul Snider, Herb Woll



Tom Delaino and John O'Connor

The Delainos enjoy good-natured ribbing.





Scholarship Spotlight

BCBSF scholarship opens doors for better health care

Tabitha Binion eagerly anticipated entering the Dental Hygiene program at Pensacola State College — until she discovered the \$1,900 price tag for required dental kits.

“There was no way I could pay for those kits on my own,” Binion says. “I was so stressed out about how I was going to afford this program.”

Many students working toward health careers share Binion’s dilemma. Rising costs in tuition, books and uniforms make it particularly difficult for students in Nursing and Allied Health programs to purchase expensive medical and dental equipment, semester after semester.

Fortunately, Binion qualified for a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Nursing and Allied Health scholarship from the endowment at the Florida College System Foundation. These scholarships aim to bolster qualified health care professionals.

“This scholarship has helped me in so many ways,” Binion says. “It paid for three different kits that I needed this semester, as well as other supplies. Because of this scholarship, I no longer stress out about money. Now, I can focus solely on my studies.”

Catherine Kelly, center director for Florida Blue of Pensacola, says BCBSF recognizes the direct link between top-quality care and excellent patient outcomes. Supporting the nursing and allied health education system is naturally a good place to start.

“In 2003, BCBSF established a \$2.5 million endowment at the Florida College System Foundation that was matched by the Florida Legislature,” Kelly says.

“This \$5 million seed money generates funding every year to enable each of the state colleges to award scholarships to students who are pursuing degrees in nursing or allied health. Funds also go to universities for the same purposes.”

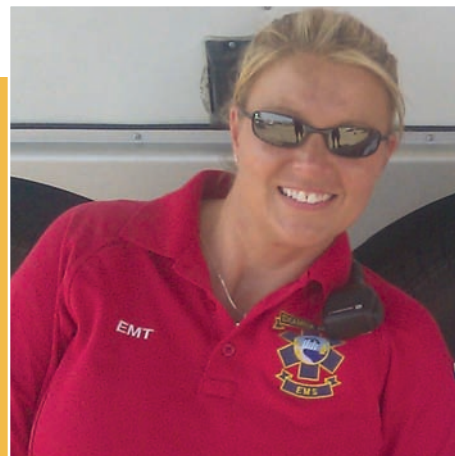
Many of these scholarship recipients are now health care professionals who are improving the health of their patients and their communities, Kelly points out.

Pensacola State College is eligible for these scholarship funds because it has accredited Nursing and Allied Health programs, is part of the Florida College System, and — through local private and business donors — provides matching funds for the scholarships.

“I am so grateful to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida because they are helping me reach my goals,” Binion adds. “I am going to do everything within my power to make them proud that they awarded this money to me.”



Tabitha Binion
Dental Hygiene student



“The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship allowed me to start the Paramedic program. I am so thankful to have been awarded the scholarship!”

— Crystal Pool, Paramedic student



Lane Gilchrist

Honoring a life that made a difference with scholarships that make a difference

The late Lane Gilchrist spent his life making a difference, always finding time for family, friends and service to his community.

After graduating from Pensacola High School in

1954 and Auburn University in 1958, Gilchrist spent the next half century as a U.S. Navy Reserve officer, 20 years; Gulf Power executive, 35 years; and Gulf Breeze councilman and mayor, 27 years.

Add to this his involvement in Rotary and Optimist clubs in Gulf Breeze, Team Santa Rosa Economic Development Council, Gulf Breeze Financial Services, and his beloved St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church. And he still found time for fishing, hunting and traveling with his family and friends.

“Lane was one of those people that you liked from the first time you met,” says Burt Snooks, a longtime friend and board member with the Gulf Breeze Capital Trust Agency.

“He had a dry sense of humor and could catch you off guard with something really funny. Lane had an aura that drew people to him.”

When Gilchrist lost his battle with leukemia in 2009, the CTA board chose to honor his memory by providing a scholarship fund for students at Pensacola State College.

Since CTA strives to support and promote job growth throughout Florida, Snooks says providing scholarships for Pensacola State students is a sound business decision.

“The two-year programs at Pensacola State can launch someone into a career,” Snooks says. “We want to help people who are just getting started and those who need retraining for a second career.”

Snooks says he and fellow board members Lance Reece, Harrison Wilder, Deborah Roche, Tom Bosworth, Bob Cleveland and CTA Executive Director Ed Gray III hope to help up to six students each semester.

The Capital Trust Agency in Special Memory of Lane Gilchrist Scholarship is already reaping dividends in the lives of Shanea Cheek and Karin Green-Manning.

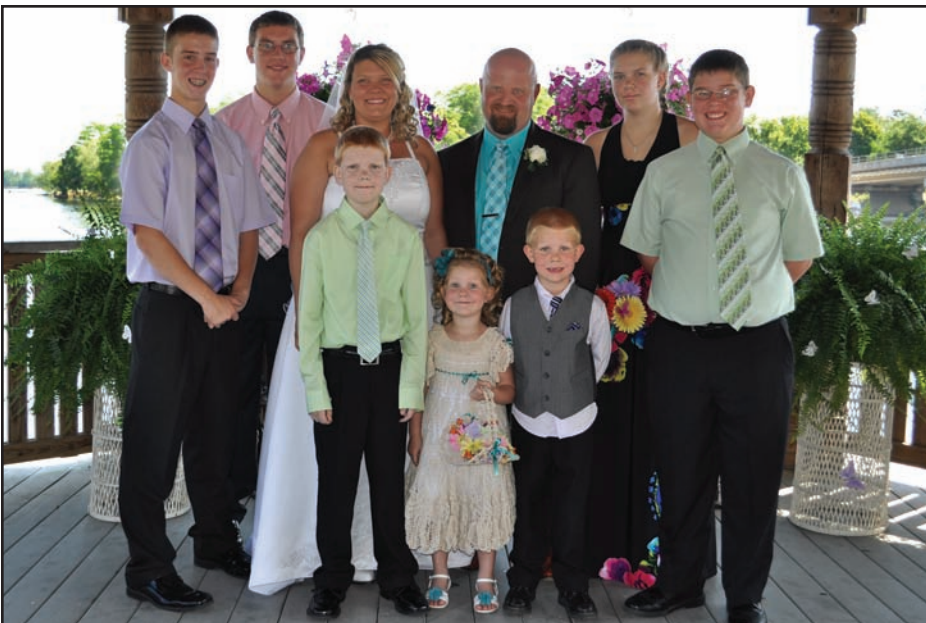
Cheek says the scholarship is helping her to become a registered nurse and reassures her that hard work and dedication lead to success.

“I am honored to receive the Capital Trust Lane Gilchrist Scholarship,” says Cheek. “I have worked hard to get where I am in life today, and I appreciate that it has not gone unnoticed. But, without sponsors like CTA, the aspirations of others would be crushed.”

After almost 20 years of marriage, Green-Manning became a widow with five children to support. She says the scholarship plays a huge part in her ability to earn a degree in health service management.

“In my case, scholarships make the difference,” Green-Manning says. “I cannot express how much they help and how thankful I am to receive the Capital Trust Lane Gilchrist Scholarship.”

“I have recently remarried and thankfully have my husband’s support. With his children and mine to provide for, let me just say to those who graciously provide the scholarships, you make all of the difference.”



Karin Green-Manning embraces a new family on her wedding day and the chance for a new career at Pensacola State College.



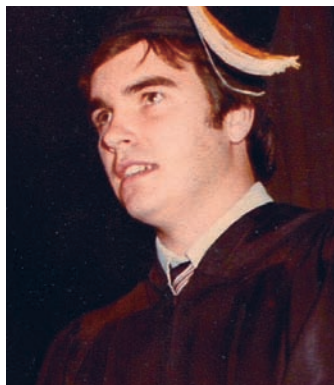
Shanea Cheek looks forward to a career in nursing.



David Andrews received the 2011 LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award at the 62nd annual Association of Florida Colleges convention in October. Joining Andrews for the celebration are from left: Ed Meadows, Patrice Whitten, Andrews' wife, Marti Andrews, and his parents, Jackie and Ken Andrews.



Congratulating David Andrews are from left: AFC Executive Director and CEO Michael Brawer, President Ed Meadows and AFC President Evelyn Ward.



David Andrews' life has revolved around education. From left: college student, Auburn University graduate

Spending a lifetime helping struggling students

Pensacola State College alum David Andrews has been honored with the prestigious 2011 LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award, given by the Association of Florida Colleges to a Florida community college graduate who embodies the spirit of former Florida Gov. LeRoy Collins.

Andrews' efforts to help struggling students over the past three decades caught the eyes of the judges for the distinguished alumni award. Like Andrews, Collins' passion was making quality education accessible to as many students as possible.

"The inspiration David Andrews received 37 years ago through the instruction of former PJC professor Marilyn Leftwich shaped his vision for improving the academic opportunities of disadvantaged children," says Pensacola State College President Ed Meadows.

"Now as dean of education at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Andrews exemplifies a rare combination of high academic achievement meshed with real-world action serving society's most needy citizens.

"I am very proud of Dr. Andrews for being named the LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award winner for 2011 and for Pensacola State College's role in his education."

Marilyn Leftwich, former PJC professor



With a chuckle, Andrews says the “lifetime” part of the award makes him feel old, but, “I’m extremely honored. PJC was very meaningful to me.”

His mother’s work assisting children in a local classroom made an impact on Andrews during his childhood in Pensacola. So did graduating in 1974 with one of the earliest integrated classes at Washington High School.

But the recipe for his future life’s work wasn’t complete without one final ingredient.

It was in the classrooms of Pensacola Junior College, long before it became Pensacola State College, that Andrews began his quest to learn about childhood development with the vision of improving the lives of children — especially those who began life with disadvantages.

Andrews was especially intrigued by psychology professor Marilyn Leftwich’s focus on high-risk children whose only shot at success involved overcoming obstacles that most of their peers didn’t encounter.

It was during his first semester at PJC, in the fall of 1974, that the first-generation college student dedicated his life to working with and for high-risk children.

“My entry into higher education, where I have spent my entire career, was made possible by my experience at PJC,” says Andrews.

Leftwich, now retired in Durango, Colo., says the vision Andrews formulated in her classroom 37 years ago is the reason she taught.

“The greatest reward that a teacher can receive is that her students thrive and prosper, and this is certainly what Dr. David Andrews has done,” she says. “His many achievements and successes truly validate the educational goals that I pursued, all those years ago.”

With his days as a visionary teenager in a PJC classroom long past, Andrews now travels in the top tiers of academia. But, his passion is still for the forgotten child who can easily slip between the cracks.

These days, a lot of his energy goes into developing a \$40-million charter

campus set to open in fall 2013, serving one of Baltimore’s most economically distressed neighborhoods.

“If you can provide the highest-class instruction, you can close the achievement gap,” says Andrews. “Education is the great equalizer of opportunities.”

Andrews’ busy life is filled with more to do than there are hours in the day. In addition to heading up Johns Hopkins’ School of Education, he teaches education and public health classes. He is currently developing a state-of-the-art campus for infants through eighth-graders in an impoverished section of Baltimore.

Throughout his career, Andrews has secured more than \$10 million in public and private support for his work with high-risk children. He regularly consults, with his opinions shaping a wide range of interests from Department of Defense schools to the children’s hit TV show “Sesame Street.”

Even before he earned degrees deeming him a childhood expert, Andrews worked with children.

As a teenager, he coached basketball, softball and volleyball part-time at Episcopal Day School in Pensacola. Andrews arranged his schedule for his senior year at Washington High School so he could work with children at Cordova Park Elementary School.

Another passion was sports. Andrews played football and baseball at Washington High School. He logged many hours on the PJC courts playing tennis, a hobby he still enjoys today.

His parents, Ken, a former Pensacola News Journal publisher, and Jackie, a retired teacher’s aide, now live in The Villages in Central Florida but still call Pensacola home, as do extended family and many old friends. Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Ken Bell was Andrews’ best friend through high school and college.

With much work still to do, Andrews says he has no plans for slowing down.

“I am committed to continuing to create new learning opportunities for children who have not always been served well by our educational systems,” he says.

Profile



David Andrews

EDUCATION:

Pensacola Junior College (now Pensacola State College), A.A., 1976

Auburn University, B.A., 1977

Kansas State University, M.S., 1980

Florida State University, Ph.D., 1983

OCCUPATION:

Johns Hopkins University
School of Education dean and professor;
Public Health professor

FAMILY:

Wife: Marti Andrews

Children: Amy and Ashley Andrews

RECOGNITION:

2011 LeRoy Collins Lifetime Achievement Award, Association of Florida Colleges

Distinguished Faculty Member, Oregon State and Florida State universities

Champion of Children Award, received for work with high-risk children

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE:

“My entry into higher education, where I have spent my entire career, was made possible by my experience at Pensacola Junior College.”

Aiken House Memories

Class of 1948 alum Joyce Browning Kaminski treasures her memories of starting Pensacola Junior College in the Aiken Boarding House. She also treasures a brick from the original site of PJC, now Pensacola State College.

Joyce, 81, holds the brick from the Aiken House close to her heart as a reminder of being a student there in the college's first years.

Like others graduating from Pensacola High School in 1948, Joyce's next step was to the brand new Pensacola Junior College on the corner of Palafox and Cervantes streets where much of the town's hustle and bustle occurred.

While Joyce studied Dental Hygiene at PJC, she also worked for a dentist in the Blount Building just a few blocks away. With four younger siblings at home, a job was Joyce's ticket to college.

Her daughter, Kim Kaminski, who also began college at Pensacola State, points out that Joyce was ahead of her time.

"It was not as common back then for someone to be working at a job while they were going to school to earn a degree for that job," Kim says. "She was probably one of the first students to participate in a work-study opportunity."

Two-year degree in hand, Joyce continued working while also volunteering to organize tea dances at Pensacola Naval Air Station. There she met Navy Lt. j.g. Ivan Kaminski who coached basketball and played football for the Goshawks.

They married in 1956 at the old Navy Chapel with Blue Angels pilots as their swordsmen. Soon, the couple moved to Maryland where Ivan entered professional football as an offensive and defensive tackle with the Baltimore Colts. They eventually lived in Winnipeg, Canada; Grand Island, Neb. and Denver.

As Joyce's life took on a new landscape, her mother, Cecilia Browning, watched as the Aiken House was torn down in 1956 and the old Pensacola High School was destroyed soon after. Grocery bags in hand, Cecilia picked up bricks from each school so her daughter would always have a memento.

"Those were the places where her daughter went to school," Kim said of her grandmother's labor of love.

The Aiken House brick, wrapped in a cover crocheted by Joyce's mother, serves as a decorative doorstop and a permanent reminder of Joyce's venture into territory no one in her family had traversed — a college education.



Pensacola Junior College got its start in the Aiken Boarding House in September 1948.



Ivan and Joyce Kaminski

"It was not as common back then for someone to be working at a job while they were going to school to earn a degree for that job. She was probably one of the first students to participate in a work-study opportunity."

— Kim Kaminski,
daughter of Joyce Kaminski

Marking History

Cheers erupted as Pensacola State College President Ed Meadows and Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward unveiled the Florida Heritage Site Historical Marker honoring the beginning of Pensacola Junior College, now Pensacola State College.

Community leaders joined college alumni and staff along Palafox Street for the June 30 unveiling.

On Sept. 13, 1948, PJC classes began with a handful of faculty and 136 students in the Aiken Boarding House on the corner of Cervantes and Palafox streets. Shortly after the morning flag-raising, the rambling old Victorian house was transformed into Florida's first public junior college created under the Minimum Foundation Program Act of 1947.

While Meadows acknowledged that PJC was pre-dated by junior colleges in Palm Beach and St. Petersburg, he pointed out that PJC was the first junior college chartered by the Florida Legislature and set the stage for Florida's 28 community colleges.

"The importance of this college is why the Florida Department of State's Historical Commission has named this a Florida Heritage Site," Meadows said.

Hayward praised the college's influence on the community for more than 60 years.

"Pensacola State College is truly the fabric of this community," he said. "It began with great hope for the future, and many of today's leaders got their start at this college."

Charles and Clora King, members of the original class, initiated the quest for the historical marker.

Larry Bracken, who recently retired as the college's executive director for government relations, worked with Florida's Division of Historic Preservation for more than two years to acquire the marker.

Clora Stewart King recalled that PJC made college possible for many students.

"I know I personally would never have made it to college without PJC," she said. "But we made it because it was here. Charles and I met at the Aiken House and got married the next year."

Amid the giant oaks in Lee Square, directly across Palafox Street from the historical marker, the Foundation hosted



Photos, from top:

Members of the first class of Pensacola Junior College (from left) William Fagerstrom, Don Baisden, Robert Mackey, Clora and Charles King

Mayor Ashton Hayward and President Ed Meadows

Patrice Whitten presents Charles King a special college key chain featuring a photo of the Class of 1948.

Photos by Amy Hall and Michelle Dycus



a reception immediately following the marker dedication.

The college's inaugural alumni and friends sipped lemonade and shared fond memories of classes in the Aiken House, ping pong games in the basement, P.E. in the back yard and dances on the veranda.

Class of 1948 alumni at the historical marker celebration included James Baggett, Donald Baisden, Charles and Mildred Daw, James Eggart, William Fagerstrom, Charles and Clora King, Robert Mackey and Billy Merritt.



Celebrations

Volunteer Corner



Kat Davis

A lifetime appreciation of the arts naturally drew Kat Davis to volunteer with the Anna Society at Pensacola State College. By promoting the goals and programs of the Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, the Anna Society enriches the college and the community.

Davis says she particularly enjoyed chairing the Anna Society committee for the visit by renowned artist Christo when he was honored as the Anna Lamar Switzer Distinguished Artist in February.

Recently, Davis accepted the gavel from Constance Crosby, who had served as the Founding Chair of the Anna Society since 2006. During her tenure as chair, Davis says the Anna Society will continue its mission to support the gallery's educational outreach and to increase membership.

"I enjoy the camaraderie among the Anna members," Davis says. "We share our love of art and our vision for the future of the Switzer Center. We do great things to support the center, and we have lots of fun along the way."

For more information on becoming a member of the Anna Society, call (850) 484-1560.

Unveiling a treasure

Anna Society members gathered with visual arts students and faculty for the unveiling of two lithographs donated by avant-garde artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude. The September event celebrated the Switzer Gallery's latest donation to its permanent collection.

Both lithographs are titled "Wrapped Monument to Leonardo/Project for Piazza Della Scala, Milano," with one depicting the drawing of the proposal and the other showing a photo of the completed project.



Teri Levin and Charlie Switzer



Brian and Susan Finger and gallery director, Vivian Spencer

Krist Lien, Visual Arts department head

Photos by Patrick Gallagher, Visual Arts student



Seniors in the spotlight

Ken Turk presents a scholarship check to Patrice Whitten on behalf of Pensacola Senior Follies Inc., an all-volunteer group of talented seniors who produce a variety show each year to raise money to help other seniors in need. Proceeds from Senior Follies go to worthy causes such as Council on Aging, Bayview Senior Citizens Center and the Pensacola State College Seniors Scholarship.

"Many seniors take classes at Pensacola State, and we want to provide some scholarship help to those who need it," says Turk, Senior Follies Board president, who along with his wife,Carolynn, also produces the Follies.

Mark your calendars for the 14th Annual Senior Follies to be presented in March at the Jean and Paul Amos Performance Studio, Building 23, on the Pensacola campus. Shows are 7 p.m. March 16 and 2 p.m. March 17 - 18.





Unsung Hero

Listen to Samantha Hill talk about students at Pensacola State College and it's apparent that she understands their financial struggles.

Throughout her four years as senior executive assistant in Student Affairs, Hill says the best part of her job has been helping students obtain scholarships – semester after semester – until they earn a degree.



Samantha Hill

“Often, I work with students from the very beginning of their freshman year until they walk across the stage at graduation,” Hill says. “I love seeing them succeed.”

The overwhelming gratitude that students have for scholarships also motivates Hill.

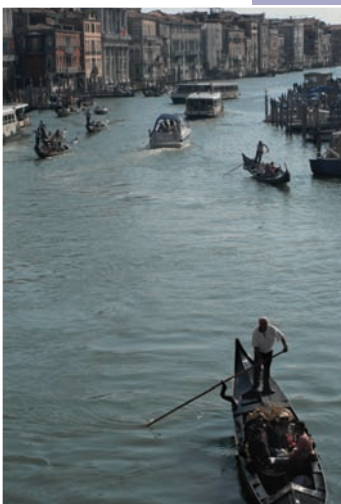
“Students will come back after receiving a scholarship and tell me, ‘I made an A in this class; thanks so much for that scholarship; I couldn’t have made it without that scholarship;’ and they are so proud of what they have accomplished.”

About 400 students received Universal Scholarships this semester. Hill spends countless hours working with these students, calculating expenses of tuition and books, then administering the details so the scholarships can reach the students.

She says the effort pays off because Universal Scholarships help students who have a financial need but do not meet the stringent guidelines for federal financial aid.

“These students usually do not get any other financial assistance, and the Universal Scholarship makes the difference in going to college – or not,” Hill says.

“When we help students go to college and better their lives, that help eventually betters life for all of us.”



From here, the world

Regional travel and study abroad are key ingredients for the college’s prestigious honors program named in memory of Sandra and Grover Robinson III.

Last summer, as the Robinson Honors program ended its first decade, 51 students, a record-breaking number, explored the ancient cities of Italy and the breathtaking views of Switzerland.

Since the honors program began in August 2000, more than 150 students have studied in Italy and Switzerland and more than 50 have combined learning with adventure at Cambridge University in England, according to Charlie Schuler, honors program director.

“Some of our students have traveled very little before entering this program,” Schuler says. “Through the generosity of the Robinson gift, these trips open a world of learning opportunities for our students.”

Photos by Josh Guidroz, Robinson Honors student



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Winning in the Classroom



Carol and Charles Carlan chat with Point Guard Najat Ouardad at the basketball awards banquet in April. Ouardad signed with Auburn University.

Winning is the obvious goal of any collegiate athletics program. At Pensacola State College, a winning season includes top performance in the classroom as well as the sports arena.

In the past year, Pirate teams have produced four Academic All-American winners, 16 Academic All-State winners and 31 Academic All-Conference winners.

In fact, Pensacola State led the Panhandle Conference in All-Conference Academic Awards. The closest competitor was Tallahassee Community College with 23 awards.

Also impressive is the 83 percent completion rate for second-year athletes.

"This year, 29 of 35 sophomore athletes at Pensacola State went on to four-year colleges after the May graduation," says Athletic Director Bill Hamilton. "This success rate is far above the completion rate of non-athletes after two years in most community colleges."

The emphasis on academics has not hindered athletic performance for the Pirates. For instance, the women's basketball team scored an undefeated

regular season, the state championship and a final ranking of third in the nation.

Then, the Lady Pirates capped their stellar season with an academic victory — all eight sophomore players earned their degrees and received scholarships to NCAA Division I universities.

"The mission of the women's basketball program is to be a proper reflection of the fine institution that we represent," says Head Coach Chanda Rigby. "We are committed to excellence in all the details of how we serve our community, how we carry ourselves, how we perform on the court, and how we strive in the classroom."

Rigby adds that it takes more than talented players and coaches to build a successful athletic program.

"We depend on our boosters and community contributors to help us with gifts that enable our program to maintain levels of excellence," Rigby says. "We can't achieve our goals without support; support is our backbone."

Hamilton agrees that booster clubs are vital to each sport at Pensacola State.

President Ed Meadows congratulates Pensacola State coaches on the outstanding academic success of their athletes. From left: Pete Pena, men's basketball; Bill Hamilton, athletic director; Meadows; Brenda Pena, softball; Chris Laird, volleyball; Keith Little, baseball; and Latoya Thomas, women's basketball

"The Panhandle Conference has some of the best teams in the country, and this is our competition," Hamilton points out. "Since we are not as fully funded in athletic scholarships as our competitors in the conference and in the state, our boosters play an important role in what we can offer our athletes.

"Booster clubs make the difference in what our athletes wear and where they stay and what they eat when they are on the road. These things are important to our players."

Hamilton says the college's Athletics Department carefully ensures that all benefits to the players follow the state and national guidelines for booster clubs and donations.

"Booster clubs can give us a competitive edge," Hamilton sums up. "But, more importantly, booster clubs help athletes go on to bigger and better things."



President Ed Meadows presents Athletics Director Bill Hamilton with the Presidential Award at the annual basketball awards banquet in April.

"Bill, your success sets a high standard for your coaches, your players and your colleagues. It also shines a positive spotlight on our college and our community."

— Ed Meadows

Be a booster!

Join a Pensacola State Booster Club, have fun and support your favorite team — men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball.

For details, call (850) 484-1304 or go to sports.pensacolastate.edu.



Culinary Creations

From cured salmon roses to savory sushi to sculptured butter, President's Circle members enjoyed a feast for the eyes and palate at the annual Garde Manger in August. Pensacola State College students in Culinary and Hospitality programs produced and served tantalizing treats as a tasty thank-you to President's Circle members who support Annual Fund, the college's greatest needs fund.

About 65 students, supervised by Chef Travis Herr and instructors Roy Bracken and Sandy Southerland, participated in the event at the G. Thomas Delaino Student Center.



Ginger Moore
Annual Fund Chair

Leading the Way

"While Annual Fund helps us provide scholarships, attract grants and meet faculty and staff needs, it generally allows us to capitalize on opportunities... we have to be ready! So, we continue to pursue creative ways of funding that help us keep our commitments to the future.

"We are now an approved participant in the EscaRosa Combined Federal Campaign that provides for designated gifts to the college by members and dependents of the military and federal employees, many of whom have been served or affiliated with the college. Pensacola State has a long history as a military-friendly school, and we welcome this new opportunity.

"Along with our other fundraising efforts, our wonderful Holiday Grande, the recent Scarborough luncheon, the support of our President's Circle and all our friends, we can 'Keep the Dreams Alive,' and give our students the edge in achieving their goals."



"In this program, students actually do the things they are learning about in class. Hospitality Management opens doors to good jobs."

— Candi Barge, Hospitality Management student



Pat Odom and Diane Gup



Hazel Shackley and Mary Lowery

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Top to bottom:
Mike Wiggins, Ed and Ginger Moore,
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Targeting Universal Scholarships



Tournament Sponsor, Trane team: Chris Garick, Dan Nye, Jeremy Gibbs, John Gibbs and Jimmy Johnson with Ed Meadows

Photos by Carmen Jones

The third annual Day of Clays tournament hit the bull's-eye, raising more than \$15,500 for Universal Scholarships. On Oct. 22, a postcard-perfect fall day, 64 participants enjoyed a 12-station sporting clays course, lunch and prizes at the picturesque Shoal River Sporting Clays and Shooting Center in Crestview.

Sherry Halford, Foundation Development specialist, says the tournament was successful in all regards.

“We had more sponsors than ever, more participants than ever, and raised more funds than ever,” she says. “Every penny raised goes directly to scholarships.”



First Place team: Rob Womack, Frank Barnett, Jeff Tworzydlo and Jay Ledbetter

Second Place team: Joe Ulery, Terry Barth, Clint Ulery, Chris Lugg



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“The Universal Scholarship saved my education. Even with Bright Futures and working two jobs, I never could have afforded tuition and books, costing as much as they do. Without the Universal Scholarship I would have been forced to drop out.”

— Chris Williamson, Pre-Engineering student



“Thanks to the Universal Scholarship, I can finish my degree. I couldn’t qualify for federal financial aid and struggled with the burden of more debt. The Universal Scholarship gave me the opportunity to stay in school with a brighter outlook toward graduation.”

— Steven Pace, General Studies student



A Question for the President



What will the new South Santa Rosa Center have to offer the community?

First, let me say that we at Pensacola State College are very excited about opening the new South Santa Rosa Center for classes on Jan. 6.

The mission of Pensacola State College is to provide affordable, high quality educational opportunities to its constituents. The South Santa Rosa Center will help us better serve one of Florida's fastest growing counties. This is a two-story, multi-use facility that includes state-of-the-art classrooms and science laboratories, as well as academic support facilities.

The center will offer college courses leading to associate and baccalaureate degrees, college-credit dual enrollment courses for high school students, GED prep and adult education classes, and corporate and professional development training.

The center will also provide the community access to meeting space when available and continuing education recreation and leisure classes. Students can choose from a variety of class formats including traditional, Internet, day, evening and weekend classes.

Construction of the center utilizes the latest in environmentally conscious construction technology. The architectural firm of Bullock Tice Associates Inc. and Greenhut Construction Co. Inc. adhered to Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) standards, with a goal of LEED Gold Certification.

Sustainable elements include high-efficiency mechanical systems, captured daylight, high-value insulation, construction materials from recycled products, and wetlands preservation to enhance the natural surroundings.

The center will afford place-bound and time-bound students the opportunity of a convenient location to pursue their educational goals in the beautiful new facility designed to enhance learning.



Ed Meadows
Pensacola State College
President



Pensacola State College's new South Santa Rosa Center is located on 110 acres off Nantahala Beach Road, adjacent to U.S. 98 in Gulf Breeze.



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From the desk of Patrice Whitten

With the new year fast approaching, what better time to take a moment to look at what we have accomplished. We have held successful celebrations and fundraising events for scholarships, annual fund and college departments. Our alumni participation is steadily growing, and we are actively engaged in the Combined Federal Campaign.



Patrice S. Whitten
 Foundation Executive Director

Monies raised from these events and campaigns, combined with your generous gifts throughout the year, enable Pensacola State College to continue to successfully meet the higher educational needs and overall enhancement of our community.

Our mission is simple... to help all students succeed in higher education. Our history of caring for the community for the past 63 years is, in a word, impressive. Our past accomplishments and future success are not possible without the generous support of our private and public partners throughout Northwest Florida.

As you consider your year-end giving plans, we hope you will continue to keep us in mind. As always, we pledge to remain good stewards of your philanthropic donations and are so very grateful for all that you do.

Lunch with “Morning Joe”

Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski of MSNBC’s news/talk show, “Morning Joe,” traded their television studio in New York City for an opportunity to support Pensacola State College in October.

The popular co-hosts regaled more than 200 luncheon guests, recounting their politics, careers and families. A Pensacola native, Scarborough credits his first job after law school to attorney Ed Moore, a Pensacola State alum and now the Board of Trustees chair. Scarborough’s son, Andrew, is a student at Pensacola State.

The Foundation hosted the event at the Sanders Beach-Corinne Jones Community Center, raising about \$25,000 for the college’s Annual Fund.



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