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Over 8,400 attended May Convocation in the Crowne Centre and Dale Horton Auditorium overflow. PCC and Pensacola Theological Seminary conferred a total of 658 degrees in the May (611) and July (47) Commencements. In May, PCC graduated its 11,200th student to join graduates serving as pastors, missionaries, Christian teachers, and alumni in all walks of life.

President Arlin Horton
(L) Rex McPherson (Acworth, GA)
Doctor of Divinity
(R) Paul Freeman (Terre Haute, IN)
Doctor of Divinity

Honorary Doctoral Degrees

(L–R) Debbie Peeples (TX)
Chad Colburn (ME)
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President’s Citation of Merit

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Joy Martin (FL), Matthew Anders (FL)
Graduate honors for Scholastic Excellence and Christian Leadership

Master’s Prize

(L–R) Alyson Leaman (PA), Stephen Funes (Germany)
Julie Robson (GA), Deborah Cannavan (AL)

Faculty Academic Awards
We thank the Lord for an excellent fall enrollment with students coming from all 50 states and over 60 international countries. Pensacola Christian College faculty and staff are investing their lives in these students, endeavoring to give them the very best Christian and academic education in a happy, wholesome atmosphere centered around Biblical principles of Christian living.

Today, some encourage students to apply for federal loans at certain Christian colleges. Parents and students need to know federal loans may be easy to obtain, but after students graduate there is a huge burden of paying back loans over many years. National statistics report students who receive federal loans will average owing the government $20,000 the day they graduate. Most graduating seniors will marry, start a family, purchase a home, and still be paying back their federal loans.

In these 33 years, PCC has kept room/board/tuition low enough for most students to attend. If needed, students can work their way through without a heavy burden on their parents, thus our students receive more benefits than at any other college.

PCC has never accepted federal or state funds, and 70% of PCC graduates recently surveyed stated they graduated with no college debt. This is due in part because PCC’s is less than half the costs for room/board/tuition compared to most Christian colleges that provide federal aid.

Christian colleges, approved for student federal loans, are dipping into the federal trough for their college’s direct benefit, as verified by the 1984 Supreme Court Decision (Grove City College vs. Bell). The loan program brings institutional accountability to state or federal government which ultimately could be devastating in requirements of the Christian institution. Loans or grants usually provide funds which are above what PCC charges for tuition/room/board.

For students who need minimal financial assistance, there is an A Beka Foundation loan plan that is reasonable and readily available, along with a scholarship program.
Sugarcoated, MTV-style youth ministry is over, *Time* magazine reported. The current trend that is packing teens in pews—Bible-based worship.

Youth ministers have tried to engage teens in the church with a message wrapped in pop-culture packaging to initially attract the young crowd. The approach has successfully drawn a large number of youths to the pews. But it has failed to keep them there....

Research groups have tracked a dropping percentage of young adults still participating in church activities or attending church at all since their teenage years. A Barna survey showed 61 percent of people in the 20–29 age group had participated in church activities as teens but are now disengaged....

The sugarcoated Christianity that was popular in the past few decades was found to be causing growing numbers of kids to turn away from youth-fellowship activities and the Christian faith altogether, according to *Time*....

One surprising finding that Fuller Seminary’s Center for Youth and Family Ministry revealed in an ongoing study was that teens attend youth group because they like their youth pastor and to learn about God. Those reasons were listed by the majority of the surveyed students. The Barna Group found the top reasons listed among teens for attending church was to “understand better what I believe.”

Students also said they wanted to have more time for deep conversation and also desired more accountability in their youth groups. *Games or other activities were not a desired priority.*

*Time* reported *churches now focusing on Scripture and less on entertainment are actually growing.*

Over the past few decades churches by the thousands have caved in to the pressure of the culture. They compromised their values and capitulated to “what the kids want.” What they wanted was entertainment, a good time, fun and games, rock music, no work, no demands and certainly no standards. Now they are forced to “fess up” to their failure. The churches went along, and so did the kids (for a while).

Then when the kids headed to college, they had no spiritual foundation to sustain them; so church was abandoned for whatever was next on their list of things to do.

*Youth groups that are entertainment based are destined to fail.*

Kids need to get a steady diet of Bible teaching and strong preaching with an emphasis on Scripture, salvation, sanctification, separation, standards, soul winning and the surrendered life!

Churches need to let young people be young people (there is time and room for fun and games too), but they are the followers, not the leaders. Let the seasoned adult leaders lead with a scriptural agenda and let the kids follow their example.

Our churches should have great youth ministries that are solidly based. What folks want and what they need are often two different things. You and I need to step up and lead. If we do, I’m confident the young people will come along.

*One thing is certain (now certified by this research): the entertainment, give-’em-what-they-want youth ministries are woefully deficient, tragic failures!*
Over 70 PCC students traversed continents and cultures to share the Gospel with those who need Christ. Go Forth Baptist Missions (GFBM) has sponsored PCC students on mission trips the past three summers. This summer, 6 teams went to 3 continents—South America, Africa, and Asia.

Teams to Peru and Ivory Coast (Côte d’Ivoire) shared the Gospel through medical clinics. The China and Brazil teams used the tool of education. Honduras and Costa Rica teams used Bible clubs and team presentations.

Carol Carney (Sr, OH), Peru team, said, “I was really excited to hear about a medical missions trip where I could use my nursing skills on the field. Every morning when our bus pulled up to the clinic, there was a line of hundreds of people waving and smiling at us. They were so excited that we came to help them!”

Carol said, “I learned how little things matter. In America, we have so much but are constantly wanting more. In Peru, they have so little, but are content. This trip taught me to spend my life pursuing things that matter—winning souls for the Lord and glorifying God in everything I do.”

In addition to holding medical clinics, Peru team, led by Jim and Kari Showers, cleaned and renovated seminary buildings, passed out 9,000 tracts and brochures, witnessed in open air markets, and held church services, giving testimonies and singing in Spanish.

Ivory Coast (Africa) team, led by Fred and Corinne Carlson, conducted medical clinics. Missionary Bob Mach and family housed the team. He said, “Every team member was a blessing to my family and the ministry in Africa. We shared the Gospel with over 100 people on the first two days of the clinic, and with hundreds more in nearby villages.” The team helped the Machs gain entrance to a state-run orphanage previously closed to evangelism. Bob said, “Through the medical team, we were given access to all children and staff at the orphanage. The administration was thrilled with our help, and now we are welcome there!”

China team, led by Kimberly Dabbelt, taught English to college students and teaching professionals who teach English as a second language. They also held informal gatherings to teach about American culture.

China team member Neal Huddleston, PTS faculty, said, “The Chinese were very open and accepting of Americans. Unfortunately, Chinese exposure to Western culture is through Hollywood. But the Chinese were pleasantly surprised that we were different than what they expected.”

PCC students and leaders built unity in their teams and developed new mission perspectives from their experiences. Neal said, “The students and leaders had one heart and one purpose as soon as we stepped foot in China. While they served, the PCC students had a heightened sense of duty as they came out of their comfort zone.”
During an evening session, China team members acted out a Christian wedding and Christmas party to teach American culture. “We could not explain Western culture without the Christian influence,” Neal said. “These teaching times helped us build relationships and open discussions. By the end of our time in China, our Chinese students had attached significance to our religious beliefs and were hungry for what we had. They don’t want just any American team to return next year—they want our team.”

In Brazil, team members held Christian education workshops and teaching seminars, wrote course content, and encouraged national teachers in their Christian school classrooms.

Christina Kelly, Brazil team leader, said, “We grew to love the children, teachers, staff, and principal at the Christian school. Seeing what the Lord is doing gave me a greater vision of the need for Christian education in foreign lands, especially in Brazil.”

Honduras team, led by Dr. Brian Bucy and wife Becky, helped veteran missionaries with construction projects, held Bible clubs for village children, and presented the Gospel in three public schools, handing out tracts and copies of John and Romans. Two team members are planning to return to Honduras in the fall to teach at New Life Christian School.

Costa Rica team, led by Jennie Matthews, learned that travel delays were part of God’s plan! After delays in Dallas, their flight departed for Costa Rica, but was diverted to Miami at 3 a.m. after two failed landing attempts. God’s plan became evident when those delays provided a team member the opportunity to lead a fellow passenger to Jesus Christ. Once in Costa Rica, team members led youth activities, gave puppet presentations, and performed special music, preached, and gave testimonies in church.

Bob Taylor, director of GFBM, and his wife Vicki are busy surveying missions needs, helping train and support missionary candidates, and also scheduling PCC summer mission teams.

Bob said, “God allows us to serve in a ministry He blesses above all that we ask or think. As the reports came in from the fields, we were thrilled to see God work as missionaries were encouraged, souls saved, and churches helped. Our goal is to give PCC students the opportunity to be part of a mission team to many countries and people that need Christ!”

For more summer mission team stories, visit gfbm.com; or for information about PCC’s missions program, visit PCCinfo.com.
The chief reason for rejecting most modern English Bible versions, including the NIV, is because the translators of these versions used a corrupt Greek text, which came into existence through the work of liberal theologians who did not have the same regard and reverence for the Word of God held by those who labored to preserve the Received Text (Textus Receptus).

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PCC math programs focus on knowing God’s mathematical laws of the universe, and using them for man’s benefit and God’s glory.

**Math majors** learn those laws in a variety of courses—calculus, geometry, statistics, linear and abstract algebra, applied math, programming, physics, and other courses to expand math knowledge and application.

**Math education majors** supplement math courses with specialized education courses, learning how to teach math. During the senior year, math education majors serve as interns (Teaching Assistants) at Pensacola Christian Academy.

**Engineering majors** also receive a thorough background in math, with 5 upper-level math courses in electrical engineering and 4 in mechanical engineering.

Math and math education graduates are prepared for a variety of careers.

**Sarah Coates** (‘99 grad) is Senior Benefits Consultant at a consulting firm in Nebraska. Her daily responsibilities include: helping companies design, budget, and fund their employee benefits plans; projecting claims costs; calculating the risk of catastrophic claims; setting reserve levels; and reporting financial results.

Sarah said, “I chose math because it was a field I enjoyed and would open many doors. I recognized math as foundational to many career paths.” After graduating from PCC, Sarah earned a masters in math from Texas A&M, and said, “Texas A&M recognized my PCC degree with no trouble. The variety of classes I took at PCC served as a springboard for more in-depth math classes in graduate school.”

“Math relates to all fields,” said **Claudia West** (‘96 grad), math education grad with a music second teaching field. Claudia uses her PCC training daily. She and her husband own and operate a 3D animation ministry. Claudia manages company payroll, inspects quality of 3D models and characters, and composes music and balances vocals for productions. She said, “In 3D animation, I use math to measure all models and characters to keep them in proportion. Animation motions are shown in graphs, and can be altered mathematically. The PCC math program prepared me for this ministry by teaching me—there is a right way to do things.”

PCC’s math faculty dedicate themselves to teaching complex math concepts in real, comprehensible ways.

**Considering Mathematics as a Major?**

PCC grads use math degrees in many areas.

- Accountant
- Computer programmer
- Software designer
- Bank manager
- Financial analyst
- Stock broker
- Business consultant
- Loan officer
- Teacher
- Computer analyst
- Purchaser
- Tutor

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**Math faculty Dale Thompson instructs**

**Apryll Minnis (Sr., Bahamas) in computer.**
Dr. William Crawford, PCC academic vice president, has taught math at PCC for 30 yrs. He said, “We emphasize the traditional methods of teaching math by helping students build concepts and skills. We also maintain the proper balance between math theory and application.”

If you enjoy math, consider what PCC’s math program offers—

- An education that can open doors in many fields,
- A focus on God’s mathematical laws and how to apply them,
- Dedicated faculty to help you build concepts and skills.

PCC’s math and math education programs certainly add up!
If today’s Christian schools are to meet God’s purpose, they must graduate born-again students prepared to answer God’s call to the mission fields of the world.

Education of our nation’s children experienced an outstanding surge of interest in the 1960s and 1970s with thousands of Christian schools being established.... It was an all out effort of good men trying to do something good before the fall of Western Civilization.

In a book entitled *The Schools that Fear Built* published in 1976, David Nevin, a journalist associated with the Lamar Society, and Robert E. Bills, a research professor of education at the University of Alabama, tried to warn our nation of a grave danger. They attempted to analyze and describe what they called a social movement of very serious potential in the United States. In this book, three Florida schools—Pensacola Christian Academy, Gold Coast Christian School, and Dade Christian School were studied and described as leading schools with the dangerous fundamentalist view which holds the position that man’s salvation depends entirely on faith.

What an interesting statement! It creates a series of interesting questions. Has the secular world rightly defined the direction of the Christian school? What salvation are they talking about? What faith are they talking about? Perhaps the most interesting question is, “What does salvation and faith have to do with the Christian school?”

Jude 3 answers that question—

“...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3).

There is a battle going on for the souls of our boys and girls.... If man is to experience deliverance from his condemned position, he must put his trust in Jesus Christ to the exclusion of putting his trust in educational reform... secular education. What better

**“To exclude Christ from education is to ignore the most tremendous force that has shaped the civilization of the past nineteen centuries.”**

Martin and Fleming faced a task equal to the failure of decorating a sinking ship....

Christian education for our nation’s children had its foundation with our Pilgrim Fathers, who came to this land to establish their church, their Christian school, and their Christian homes. They also came for evangelization of the new world.

William Bradford, governor of Plymouth Colony, in his story of Plymouth Plantation, gave the following reason why the Pilgrim Fathers left England and Holland to come to the new world:

“Lastly and which not least, a great hope and inward zeal we had of laying some good foundation or at least to make some way thereunto for the propagating and advancing of the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world.”

One of their purposes—to establish their Christian schools in order to train their children and to evangelize people in the new land. God had a bigger plan in mind! Worldwide missions is recognized in the history of the English speaking nations, which made English a universal language for the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Renwick Harper Martin, author of *Our Public Schools—Christian or Secular* published in 1952, and Dr. W. S. Fleming, author of *God in Our Public Schools* published in 1942, worked together for twelve years—in an all out effort to restore the Word of God and fundamental Christian training to the public schools of our nation. Dr. Martin said,
way can Satan do his job than to secularize the American school.

His first step was the delusion of truth in our nation's colleges, universities, and seminaries. This he accomplished to the greatest degree in the nineteenth century. The “coup-de-grace” was his all out effort in deluding the minds of boys and girls by secularizing the nation's public schools, which was accomplished to the greatest degree in the twentieth century.

Satan must secularize the American school to bring down Western Civilization.

His next logical step is now secularizing our boys and girls in our Christian schools and Christian churches. The “feel good philosophy” will not hold off the enemy when he comes in like a flood, and it is not a stable foundation for family life.

To exclude Christ from Christian education ignores the most tremendous blessing that has shaped Western Civilization. The philosophy of education that comes from God’s Word will stop the enemy in the lives of our youth, mobilize the work of the Holy Spirit, and continue the spread of the gospel around the world.

What does salvation and faith have to do with the Christian school? The answer is loud and clear. It has everything to do with the God-given goal of teaching our youth. It is the lifeblood of the Christian school. It will attract the right parent, the right teacher, the right educator, and will graduate the right student who will be able to fulfill God’s purpose by being prepared to provide God’s message to the world.

Our Christian schools—Christian or secular? It depends on the right philosophy!

—Dr. Jerry Williamson (edited)
Life@School, Summer 2007

Dr. Williamson, pastor of First Baptist of Hillsboro in Coconut Creek, FL, and founder of Gold Coast Christian School, serves as Vice President of Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools.
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Sports Center Annex

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In January, Dr. Neal Jackson began serving as pastor of Campus Church. He is a ’93 graduate of Pensacola Christian College and later received a master of Bible exposition from Pensacola Theological Seminary. He also earned master’s and doctoral degrees from Luther Rice Seminary. Dr. Jackson began speaking on *Rejoice in the Lord* telecast in March.

The Campus Church, in August, welcomed Dr. Lloyd Streeter as co-pastor; he has previously spoken on *Rejoice in the Lord*. For 30 years, he pastored in LaSalle, Ill. Dr. Streeter had planned to retire from his church in May. We look forward to his sharing the pulpit ministry on *Rejoice in the Lord* telecast.

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