extraordinary time, and we are overjoyed at how they have handled this new endeavor responsibly.

From all around the world, students are accessing classes through Canvas (our online learning platform) any time of day or night as their schedules allow. Our faculty are doing a tremendous job delivering their course content online, posting presentations, projects, quizzes, and tests while keeping in touch with students as much as possible.

Our semester calendar will end in May so that every student will be able to finish each course, earn grades and credits, and finish the semester on time. Of course, if illness causes a hardship, academic deans and chairs are assisting with extension requests to meet the personal needs of our students and their families.

PCC is especially proud of graduating seniors and applauds what they will do in the weeks ahead to finish strong. Because of the current travel guidance and outlook for the month of May, we have made the decision to hold a virtual Commencement ceremony on May 8 and to postpone a physical ceremony until sometime in the future. That will be determined later since conditions past May are yet unknown.

Day by day, we have seen God’s faithfulness and strength for each step. Let us each continue to find comfort in God’s Word!
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Since December, news coverage has kept the public informed about COVID-19. In recent weeks, as U.S. state and local officials have released guidelines, PCC transitioned online to protect students.

On Thursday, March 12, PCC announced during a livestream that plans were in the works should officials advise on limited gatherings. Those plans were accelerated within two days based on recommendations from Florida’s Department of Education. As he addressed students (and parents viewing the livestream), President Troy Shoemaker expressed PCC’s commitment to providing academic support to complete all college courses within the current academic calendar.

After Saturday’s announcement on March 14, PCC began transitioning to online learning, and students could return home for the remainder of the semester. Students staying on campus were encouraged to take advantage of available student employment opportunities as they continue their online courses on campus, receiving free room and board by working 15 or more hours each week.

The senior class took that evening to celebrate their time at PCC with the Senior Class Party—an event moved up a week for seniors to commemorate their time together. “This class has immense potential and the drive to produce past the potential and do something great for God!” said Zach Lewis (AL), senior class president. “I don’t think I could’ve
chosen a better group to do four years of college with.”

Classes were paused for a week to allow students time to solidify their final residence and for faculty to complete the transition before resuming classes on March 23. “I never would have thought that I could teach these courses online because I use a chalkboard so much,” said science faculty Dr. Sean Vinaja. “But, as the saying goes, ‘necessity is the mother of invention,’ and I have found a way to use my cell phone camera and notebook paper to make the ‘chalkboard’ that my students and I need.”

While the transition to online learning is unprecedented, the timing was perfect. Dr. Shoemaker encouraged the student body about the changes in the weeks ahead. “This will be an adventure that we all take together,” he said.

From Our Community

Viewers of the Facebook Live announcement on March 14 shared their appreciation for PCC’s response to COVID-19:

“Thank you, Dr. Shoemaker, and your team for all your tireless hours of planning and praying for guidance through this unusual time. Thank you for loving our kids and wanting God’s best for their lives. Your sincere love and care for the students is very evident....they can feel it.”

“My heart is overwhelmed with love even more so for this college and staff! Your words inspired me and gave more peace. Thank you so much for loving on my kids! #daybyday #Rom828”
Transition Week

After the March 14 meeting announcing the transition, students could choose to finish the spring semester from home or remain on campus. PCC’s Campus Store stayed open through the weekend to provide students with totes, boxes, and storage labels to expedite moving.

During the transition, faculty reworked their courses for online delivery. Between learning new programs and recording lectures, faculty members such as Dr. Sean Vinaja found creative ways to teach their course material and keep their students connected as a class.
While the student body can’t be united in person for Chapel, they can be united around the world through Digital Chapel. Through these services, available on the Eagle’s Nest intranet on Mondays and Thursdays, speakers such as Campus Church Pastor Jeff Redlin offer messages of encouragement from God’s Word.

Several operational changes were introduced on campus, including social distancing and providing take-out boxes in the dining halls. Residence hall room assignments were shifted to allow for only two people per room, and campus sanitation efforts have been increased.
When deciding on a college to attend, thumbing through booklets and searching through websites can be overwhelming. Here are a few steps for what to expect when applying to PCC.

Get Started
Wondering what PCC is all about? A quick look at pcci.edu can answer most questions. The College website delivers all kinds of information, from degrees offered and course descriptions to alumni testimonies and student resources, along with a variety of videos, galleries, and other glimpses of campus life. Anyone with questions can live chat or call an enrollment advisor in the Admissions Department. “Our goal in Admissions is to assist and guide prospective students and parents through the admissions process,” said enrollment advisor Alexis Higgins. “Our hope is that we guide these students to PCC so that they are able to grow spiritually, academically, and socially, and effectively serve Christ in their respective field.”

Visit PCC!
Visiting PCC allows guests to interact with current students, visit classes, talk to faculty, and become familiar with campus. When current social distancing protocols are no longer in place, several visiting opportunities will be taking place throughout the year, from PCC’s College Days and College Getaway to Youth
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Outreach Ministry’s Summer Camps held on campus. Advisor David Pledger said, “The best way to get a lot of information about PCC is to attend College Days or College Getaway. At these, they have opportunities to meet with teachers and department chairs, as well as students in their major of interest.”

To stay informed about these campus events, follow PCC on Facebook, Instagram (@connectpcc), and Twitter (@ConnectPCC).

How to Enroll

The application process is simple. After selecting “Apply” on the College website and creating an applicant login, information about paperwork needed, scholarships offered, and what to expect from life on campus is readily available on the PCC Applicant Portal. Applicants are invited to join the Applicant Facebook page, where they can meet other incoming students before arriving on campus. Enrollment advisors regularly reach out through text, e-mails, and phone calls with answers, encouragement, and reminders of where students are in their application process.

Financial Aid

While PCC is able to offer tuition at only $3,500 per semester, there are several ways qualified students can receive financial aid through scholarships, Abeka Fund loans, Sallie Mae loans, the student work program, and the Fourth Year Tuition-Free program. External and Commencement Scholarships are also available.

Through the student work program, students can start a job on campus as early as the summer before they attend. “I’ll have students who are extremely interested in attending, but before they can decide, the next question is financial aid,” said enrollment advisor Angelika Gardner. “If you are interested to come on campus, work with students that are your age, have a full time job, it would be [the] summer work program.”

Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to connect with an enrollment advisor. “Choosing a college is a big step of faith,” said Alexis. “We like to get applicants excited for what God has in store for them here at PCC.”
Late nights, early mornings, and hot coffee—already sounds like college life!

At 6 a.m., high schoolers gathered to board a bus at Franklin Road Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. They drove all day, stopping in Birmingham, Alabama, to pick up more students before arriving on the Pensacola Christian College campus—ready to experience college life first-hand.

PCC arranged the trip to give potential students a fully immersed experience visiting the College, allowing parents who were unable to take time off work the chance to still send their high schoolers for a college visit.

PCC hosted similar bus trips in the 1980s and ’90s, with one particular bus trip bringing Campus Church pastor Jeff Redlin to visit PCC.

Each day of this year’s College Getaway, students had opportunities to meet with enrollment advisors to ask questions about choosing a major and how to apply. Then they dispersed to blend in with the rest of the student body to visit the dining halls, classes, and chapel services.

And just like any busy college student, these high schoolers squeezed in time to enjoy games and activities at the Sports Center as well as a bonfire at West Campus.

Admissions staff member Kaylie Bryant explained, “We want them to be well-educated in making a decision [to attend PCC]. They had been correspond-
President Shoemaker welcomes high schoolers during the College Getaway Kickoff meeting, encouraging them to make the most of their visit.

On Friday night, College Getaway guests got to visit West Campus to take in the sights and enjoy a bonfire.

ing by phone, text, and mail before they arrived, so they were well-informed on the admissions process.” She and other advisors were available to answer any questions the students had, along with academic department heads.

Dr. Dan Rushing, chair of the Bible department, observed, “The size of the group allows the focus to be concise and targeted for each student.”

“I like the size and how intimate the gathering is,” said Laura Pribyl, chair of the Visual Arts department. “I get to meet more students interested in art this way.”

While many students received an understanding of what to expect about college life, others already had a major picked out for their freshman year beginning this fall. Danielle J. from Tennessee shared that she visits PCC any time she can. “I knew since the second grade that I would attend PCC because I used Abeka Academy. Mrs. Chappell inspired me to be a teacher—and now that I will be starting this fall, it’s my turn to become one.”

“It has been fantastic,” said college rep Jeremy Betz. “In the future, we anticipate more students to come, but we would like to keep the small group feeling. I could tell that they were interested in being here and excited at the potential of attending PCC in their future.”

We look forward to hosting College Getaway again next year!
At Iglesia Bautista El Faro—Beacon Baptist Church—missionaries Matt and Dallita Goins have shared the light of Christ for 15 years. Living in a country with a history of political unrest, natural disasters, and a troubled economy offers its share of challenges. But the Goins family, missionaries in Honduras since 2004, have seen God shine through it all.

Both Matt and Dallita recognize God’s hand during their preparation at PCC and beyond, although they didn’t realize how He would work things together.

While Dallita (’00) had chosen PCC for its Christian values and to join her older sister, Matt (’00) enrolled for financially practical reasons as the oldest of six—the affordable cost. Matt met Dallita through her sister, who happened to be his first “chapel buddy,” during his first week. Two years later they began dating.

Toward the end of his freshman year, Matt trusted in Christ as his Savior, reconsidered his purpose in life, and changed his major from accounting to pastoral ministries. “I wasn’t sure where God would lead for ministry—whether missions, pastorate, youth ministry, or evangelism—so I chose to study pasto-
“Our favorite part of working in ministry is seeing God transform lives.”

Matt found his direction two years later during a Mission Prayer Band presentation on Latin America, after he had already surrendered to go into missions. “Both Dallita and I surrendered to go to the mission field for ministry at separate Missions Conferences while attending Campus Church during our time as students,” he said. “Through prayer and circumstances, the Lord directed us to Honduras after graduation.”

By 2004, he and Dallita married, attended language school for a year in Costa Rica, were accepted with Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI), and began living outside the United States. Soon after, their ministry in the city of El Progreso of Yoro, Honduras, began.

As the main preaching pastor at Iglesia Bautista El Faro, Matt cares for a congregation of over 300, while also teaching in the Bible institute and supervising the overall ministry of Team Honduras—outreach partnerships with Medical Missions Outreach (MMO) and Hope Children’s Home for socially at-risk children. “The opportunity that I had to intern in a local church as a ministerial student was life changing,” Matt recalled. “The practical training that I received as an active participant in the local church was invaluable for future ministry.”

In the church, Dallita works with the ladies discipleship and ministry, teaches piano lessons, and serves as the principal pianist for church services. As a student, Dallita decided that a nursing degree would quickly open more doors toward the mission field. Although her attention is needed at home with three sons all taking high school video courses with Abeka, she maintains her licensing in the U.S. by taking nursing continuing education units (CEUs).

“It has been a tremendous blessing to lean on her medical knowledge because of the deficiency of medical care in this developing country,” Matt said. “This year, we are inaugurating a surgical center on our ministry campus in partnership with Medical Missions Outreach. Our boys will all be finishing their high school education within the next 3 years, so it will be very likely that Dallita will transition into a role where she will use nursing skills on a weekly basis.”

Matt and Dallita both believe their experiences and training at PCC prepared them for their current lives as a pastoring family in Honduras. “The most valuable takeaway from my time at PCC was the well-rounded educational experience which provided a foundation for future growth and development,” Matt said. “We were exposed to the arts, literature, history. We made life-long relationships. Our closest friends are the people we met as students at PCC. We were able to develop socially by living in the dorms, participating in student organizations and sports teams, managing our schedules, working on campus.”

Over their 15 years in Honduras, the Goins have been thrilled to see God work through their ministry outreach and are excited to see how they will continue to reach the community for Christ. “Our favorite part of working in ministry is seeing God transform lives and perform absolute miracles in the process. The longer we are here, the more evident God’s influence through our family as His instrument has been,” Matt said.
Students in PCC’s youth ministry concentration gain a firm foundation in God’s Word with a focus on effective youth ministry. The program offers students the chance to choose an emphasis—church music, education, physical education, speech, and digital media—introduced in 2014.

Youth pastor for eight years and now pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Kissimmee, Florida, Randall Jackson (’91) saw how digital media has improved his church’s outreach by using digital signage, projection screens, social media platforms, and a church website. “Things have changed to becoming much more visual since I first went into ministry,” he said. “For instance, when I started here at BBC, we had pagers! It is becoming more challenging to be on the cutting-edge of technology to engage a younger generation.”

It’s not uncommon for youth pastors to transition into a senior pastor position, and that was the case with Pastor Jackson. “When I was a youth pastor, my heart was ‘changing the world one teen at a time.’ Now I just do that on a larger scale,” he said. “The more relational and personal I can be, the more of a difference I can make. Making a difference in individual lives is my favorite part of being in ministry.”

In the youth ministry program, students are trained in comprehensive Bible knowledge and sound doctrine, serve in local youth ministries, grow in God’s Word, and learn to communicate...
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its truths. “The preaching classes and chapel messages were fantastic, and the hands-on portions of my academics (practicum, Christian service opportunities) were ones that helped the most,” said Pastor Jackson. “I also appreciate the practical assignments such as planning youth activities, philosophy of youth ministry, and a youth ministry file system. It laid the foundation for my ministry.”

The digital media emphasis provides additional training to help meet the communication needs of a church. Classes provide training in digital typography and layout, mass media, training in Adobe Creative Cloud applications, audio and video equipment, and the fundamentals of webpage design and creation. Students develop a philosophy of media use in ministry that remains even as technology changes.

Shawn Thayer (’04, M.F.A. ’07), administrative pastor and communications director at West Florida Baptist Church in Milton, Florida, understands the need for more digital media training. “The primary objective for study in communication methods and tools is to assist ministries in building positive relationships with individuals that will allow for the spread of the gospel. Instead of focusing on how to use the tools to build notoriety and/or popularity, ministries would be most effective by focusing on the people they are trying to reach and what message it is that they are trying to share with them,” he said. “Most individuals in our culture can be expected to respond better to content that is professional, consistent, clear, relevant, and even creative.”

As a more recent youth ministry graduate, Bryce Copeland (’19) has been glad to serve as student pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. The digital media classes Bryce took allow him to help the church in multiple areas. “I have been able to help Fellowship with their bulletins and weekly e-mails using my knowledge in digital media,” he said. “I think [the digital media emphasis] is a great addition to teach the students how to do things that smaller churches really need—running a sound board or light board, using microphones, or using ProPresenter.”

As a student pastor, Bryce’s responsibilities include sermon preparation, sermon PowerPoint design, planning events as well as set up and tear down, managing the leadership team for the student ministry, and communicating with parents and students about student ministry. “More than anything, I learned the value of hard work and a good work ethic. Both my job with stage crew and my studies helped me prepare for the hard work that was coming my way,” he said.

Graduates like Pastor Jackson are glad to see their alma mater strive to suitably equip its students for their careers and ministries. “PCC is still standing on the Bible principles it was founded on, while striving to be on the cutting-edge for future generations.”

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Every year, students are encouraged to begin creating and developing relationships with businesses at Career Fair. Over 60 businesses attended the event this year, including representatives from Answers in Genesis, FedEx Services, Warren Averett, Siemens, and the U.S. Secret Service. They targeted college seniors for open positions, while seeking sophomores and juniors to fill internships.

“At Career Fair, there were many first-time recruiters along with businesses we already have relationships with,” said Brad Mullenix, director of Alumni & Career Services. “Businesses that come have full-time positions and internships available. Career Fair is an opportunity to meet these businesses face-to-face and learn more about the industry as they search for God’s will in their lives.”

Lauri Basham (‘95, M.S. ’97) attended Career Fair with FedEx Services to canvass for several positions in the company worldwide. “One of the things that we look for at FedEx is employees that come in with a growth and learning mindset. The position that you start in at FedEx most likely, 20 years later, is not going to be the position that you end up in. You’re going to grow, and you’re going to have career development opportunities,” she said. “I think the graduates from Pensacola Christian College come in with that type of mindset.”

Joella Raite (Sr., DE) attended Career Fair looking for a position with a business-to-business company. “It’s helpful for people to see another business they never thought of [working for],” she said. “For instance, as a business manager, a lot of times, we just think of businesses, but the hospitals need managers as well. Sometimes we just don’t think about that until we come to something where the hospital setup is right next to the bank setup. And then you realize, I actually could work for the hospital, too. I think that’s really cool.”

For these college students, Career Fair was the first step in a much larger world—their professional career—where they hope to use their skills to influence their world for Christ.
Now Available: PCC Chapel Podcast

PCC is excited to announce a new way to stay connected with the student body through the PCC chapel podcast! Select chapel messages are available to stream on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, and Stitcher.

Because PCC was founded and is centered on the authority of God’s Word, the administration team wanted chapel services to be available to anyone. Listeners will hear messages as a variety of speakers—including Bible faculty, staff, and guest pastors—open God’s Word for our students.

Dr. Jon Lands, executive assistant to the president at PCC, was excited about announcing the new endeavor and found that many alumni expressed fond memories of chapel’s role in their lives. “It has always been daily chapel that has been the hub of inspiration and information for the student body,” he said. “We hope to extend that inspiration to our alumni and friends.”

Several alumni commented on Facebook about the announcement:

“Chapel was always one of my favorite times of the day.”

“This is an awesome idea!”

“I’m excited. I loved chapel as a student.”

PCC chapel services can be found on the College website at pcci.edu/FaithService/SpiritualGrowth!
Not everyone has the privilege to work beside other believers within the same office—one of the reasons Michael Geary, D.C.S., doesn’t dread Mondays. “Anyone can serve the Lord anywhere He calls them, but being able to work and serve with other like-minded individuals is rewarding and makes me look forward to work,” he said.

Relocated from Western Pennsylvania to Pensacola, Dr. Geary (’94) moved further away from his home and into an area that introduced him to humidity and the occasional hurricane.

PCC provided a safe and Christian environment for school and work, surrounding his family with others that desire to serve the Lord and provide encouragement and support. Their children have attended Pensacola Christian Academy, and one currently attends the College.

When he came on board at PCC, Dr. Geary split his time between information technology staff and computer science faculty. He has helped develop many programs for the College—used from the Library to the planetarium—as well as for other departments. He gets to know fellow faculty members personally and finds “ways to help them accomplish their responsibilities. The ultimate goal of serving the Lord empowers people to be supportive and willing to help when others have needs,” he said.

What he enjoys the most about computer science is programming. “Perhaps more accurately, it is problem-solving,” said Dr. Geary. “Whether it involves fixing a bug in software that fixes a calculation issue or identifying a software/hardware problem and the correct fix, coming up with a solution that helps others or myself do what we need to do with technology is rather satisfying.”

Among his students, Dr. Geary promotes the spiritual benefits of studying computer science. “I emphasize that the financial benefits related to the computer field enable students to indirectly be ‘rope holders’ by helping churches and missionaries to be on the front line promoting and publishing the gospel.”

“My favorite part about PCC is working alongside a team of colleagues with a similar desire and mindset to serve the Lord,” Dr. Geary said. “The satisfaction of serving the Lord with others, and seeing the results of students graduating and serving the Lord themselves is rewarding.”
Employment Opportunities

Have you considered what you can do for the Lord’s work on a growing college campus? *Openings in the following areas—*

**PCC Faculty**
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Engineering

**PCC Staff**
- Academic Customer Service
- Advertising Proofreader
- Auto Shop Mechanic
- Copy Editor-Preschool
- Dining Services Supervisor
- Director of Security
- Electronics Engineer
- IT Programmer
- Marketing Project Coordinator
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EmployeeServices@pcci.edu
For More Ministry Openings
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**Scholarship Fund Giving**

Whether you have a friend or loved one at PCC, or you’re just a friend of the College and want to help out, giving is simple. You can support the PCC scholarship program or even create your own new scholarship.

Visit [pcci.edu/Giving](http://pcci.edu/Giving) for more information about the Scholarship Fund.

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**Planned Giving**

It is often difficult to make a large donation during one’s lifetime, yet many would like to make a significant contribution to PCC. You may consider a bequest to Pensacola Christian College.

Visit [pcci.edu/PlannedGiving](http://pcci.edu/PlannedGiving) for information about estate planning. For information about both the Scholarship Fund and Planned Giving, call 850-478-8496, ext. 2327.

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