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Dr. Troy A. Shoemaker @PresidentPCC



PCC's 40th year has been filled with memorable events—from the start of Commons renovations to the Anniversary Gala program, not to mention a rare Florida snow day in February.

This year was also marked by the completion of the accreditation process, as PCC was awarded Accredited Status from the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). This came as welcome news to students and their families investing in a college education that will serve them in their future callings.

Over the last two years of the TRACS accreditation process, members of both teams that visited our campus spoke very highly of the facilities, as well as the friendly students, faculty, and staff.

They also noted that the staff model a Christ-like, servant's heart. This commendation stood out to me because PCC has always sought to serve others. Part of our purpose statement includes the goal of being committed to service.

During this anniversary year, I have particularly been mindful of this ministry's commitment to service, and I have challenged the leadership team to ask God for a vision of how to serve others more as we move forward. It has been a theme set before me each day as I pray for our team. Because, even though PCC may be known for academics or facilities or spiritual training, everything begins with service—to the Lord, to our students, and to their families.

I'm thankful this spirit of service doesn't stop at our faculty and staff but extends to both current students and alumni. From ministerial majors who serve in local churches to students of all majors who serve others on campus and in the community, there's a spirit of serving the Lord through serving others. Alumni are also serving God and others with their talent and their testimony in all different fields across the country and around the world.

May we be refreshed by this reminder that, no matter how we're employed, we can always serve the Lord. ■

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Back to the Basics: *Straightening Up* America

by Virginia Armstrong, Ph.D.

Questioning the cause of America's current turmoil, the author contends that the Christian system of law offers the answer.

Has America bent over backwards too far in its spiritual, moral, and constitutional life—too far from our Constitution and its Judeo-Christian roots? Are we as a nation in sore need of “a fundamental straightening up process”? Going “back to the basics” gives us the answer....

The Basics of the Judeo-Christian System of Law

1. The ultimate reality in the universe is the infinite (omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, omnibeneficient, triune, immutable) yet personal (rational, volitional, emotional, relational, creative) God who is the Sovereign of the universe.
2. As Sovereign, God created the universe and man. He also created, and enforces, a body of Higher Law that human beings are obligated to observe and obey. Man's disobedience will be judged and punished by the Sovereign God.
3. God's Higher Law consists of absolute truths and norms. This Law is expressed in both natural law (nature and the hearts of men) and revealed law (the Bible). Revealed law is a more objective, perfect, and complete expression of God's Law than natural law.
4. The heart of God's law is expressed in the Ten Commandments. Both the First and Second Tables of the Commandments embody both specific norms as well as general principles applicable to all of society and to be enforced by civil law.
5. God created man in His image, sinless (a creature of dignity and value) yet finite (limited and contingent, incapable of functioning without help outside of himself). But man chose to disobey God (“sin”) and consequently became a creature of depravity (incapable of saving himself from His sinful nature and conduct). Because of both God's nature and man's nature, God established civil law as one among several coordinated societal institutions to both restrain man and to help him.
6. The primary purposes of the institution of civil law are to maintain peace and order, punish wrongdoing, and promote right doing throughout society for the common good.

The Benefits of the Judeo-Christian System of Law

This section of our “Briefing” borrows from the work of David Barton.... Barton outlines “five distinct societal benefits” of our system of law as un-

derstood by our Founders [note: the world “religious” was understood by the Founders as denoting specifically the Christian religion].

1. First, “Christian principles produced a civilized society.” As Daniel Webster explained:

Man is not only an intellectual but he is also a religious being, and his religious feelings and habits require cultivation. Let the religious element in man’s nature be neglected—let him be influenced by no higher motives than low self-interest, and subjected to no stronger restraint than the limits of civil authority—and he becomes the creature of selfish passion or blind fanaticism.

2. Furthermore, “Our specific form of government would not survive without Christian principles.” This truth is summarized by John Adams in a statement we have quoted previously: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”...

3. The third practical benefit for the world of Christian principles was “good citizenship.” Benjamin Franklin made this point clear when he wrote to Thomas Paine his (Franklin’s) response to ideas expressed by Paine in his *Age of Reason*:

[T]hink how great a portion of mankind...have need of the motives of religion to restrain them from vice, to support their virtue.... I would advise you therefore not to attempt unchaining the tiger, but to burn this piece before it is seen by any other person.... If men are so wicked with religion what would they be if without it.

4. A fourth general benefit of Christian principles as understood by our Founders was their “elevation of

science, literature, knowledge, and national stature which the Founders believed had consistently proved had accompanied the open promotion of Christian principles.” John Witherspoon declared that “It is certain, I think, that human science and religion have kept company together and greatly assisted each other’s progress in the world.” And Dr. Benjamin Rush agreed, asserting that “[T]he greatest discoveries in science have been made by Christian philosophers and...there is most knowledge...where there is the most Christianity.”

5. Finally, “Teaching Christian principles produced a cohesive value system necessary for the successful government of a nation composed of millions of individuals from [diverse backgrounds and groups].” Public education was to be a vital instrument in inculcating throughout society these common Christian values. President George Washington as early as 1789 declared that schools were to teach the “religion, morality, and knowledge” which was “necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind.” In 1844 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that “a public school must instruct in the general principles of Christianity” (*Vidal v. Girard’s Executors*).

Conclusion

This is only a summary of the “Basics” to which America must return if we are indeed to “straighten up” and move ahead in the Twenty-First Century to our earlier position of prosperity and pre-eminence among the nations of the world. May God bless our efforts and find us worthy at the end of 2014 of His greatest accolade: “Well done thou good and faithful servant.” ■

Blackstone Institute, Eagle Forum’s Court Watch
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Celebrating 40 Years of Performances

40th Anniversary Gala reminded audiences of God's goodness.

For PCC's 40th anniversary, the February Fine Arts Series featured an Anniversary Gala reflecting on God's goodness to the ministry. The program incorporated a family photo-album theme, beginning with a picture of the very first Fine Arts event.

From PCC's inception in 1974—long before the Dale Horton Auditorium and Crowne Centre even existed—founder and president emeritus Dr. Arlin Horton believed that a quality liberal arts education required more than just classes in a major. He immediately planned a way for students to experience the performing arts, busing them to the Saenger Theatre in downtown Pensacola to hear the Pensacola Symphony.

Two years later, PCC produced its first full production, *Man without a Country*, followed by *Joseph* a year later, each performed in the old Pensacola Christian high school gym. Not until fall of 1977 did PCC put on its own in-house production, "Thus with a Kiss," featuring scenes from four Shakespearean plays.

The Gala welcomed back alumni and former faculty to reprise their

roles as actors, singers, and directors, joined by current performance and music faculty to reenact scenes from productions through the years. Selections included memorable moments from *Pirates of Penzance*, *Victoria Regina*, *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*, and *Our Hearts Were Young*.

As the photos displayed performances repeated throughout the years, students enjoyed seeing the growing quality of sets and costumes. Many even got to see what their teachers and administration looked like as college students performing in plays, some of whom played roles reprised by their own children.

Other pictures included scenes from popular productions on campus such as *The Mikado*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Girls in 509*, to name a few. Each photo noted intriguing historical facts or highlighted special guest performances—uniting students with their college's rich history in and dedication to the performing arts.

The Gala ended by giving glory and gratitude to God as all the performers and audience sang "How Great Thou Art." ■



Mark Smith
as "Modern Major General"



40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



Piano Quartet: Daisy Jaffé, Doori Yoo, Jonathan McIntyre, and Gustavo Peterlevitz



Claudene Wooten and Joan Wade



Ray and Ann Gibbs

Fine Arts Series Historic Photos

1975

During PCC's inaugural year, the College bused students downtown to the Saenger Theatre to hear the Pensacola Symphony, the first of 40 years of Fine Arts events.

1977

PCC's first in-house production, "Thus with a Kiss," drew inspiration from four Shakespearean plays.





Video. *Streaming*

Sports program reaches beyond campus.

Sporting events gather students, staff, and faculty together for games like the Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl soccer championship or *Eagles* basketball games. The events not only rally team and school spirit, but they also generate some of the most memorable times on campus. With students from all over the globe, many friends and family members back home have wanted to join in these exciting events. That's why last year PCC introduced live Internet video streaming, bringing select games on campus to computer screens around the world.

Now, friends and family with loved ones on PCC sports teams can watch games from home and still be involved in the life of their athlete.

"Video streaming means a lot to me because my grandparents can watch me play," said Tom Andrews, a sophomore pastoral ministries major from Florida. "They were always supportive and involved in my sports when I was younger, so I know they really love the opportunity."

Jeff Luera, a senior from Texas, agrees: "It's great for my parents all the way from Mexico to be able to watch me!"

The streaming audience can feel as close to the game as students on the field or in the arena because of high-quality digital technology. A full camera crew combined with announcers and commentators creates a complete sports broadcast, capturing close-up hoop shots and thrilling ac-

- ① Games from PCC's sports schedule are chosen to be streamed.
- ② Work assistance students record games using Panasonic HD field production cameras.



- ③ In the Sports Center control room, the production crew produces the live stream.
- ④ Fans near and far connect to watch their team, free of charge.

tion sequences. Digital graphics allow the crew to keep the score current on the screen at all times.

"We have an entire streaming crew involved in production," said **Nick Ryan**, PCC's video producer. Ryan's crew consists of two announcers, a director, assistant director, and three cameramen—PCC students in the work assistance program. "Student workers run the cameras. The director and assistant produce the stream from the control room (switching between cameras, overlaying graphics, playing media, etc.), and then send the content on out to the streaming service," he said.

Each stream opens with pregame introduction of players, sequenced



with PCC's pep band, commentary, and professional animation. The half-time show features special PCC videos and upcoming events.

More than parents and grandparents have caught on to the excitement. Topping 300 viewers per game, streaming is keeping former *Eagles* players in touch with their alma mater to support their team, while attracting a new generation of upcoming students.

"It's been an adventure," Ryan said. "We feel that we've been successful and pulled off a sharp-looking program."

With one season of experience behind them, the crew anticipates even more opportunities to connect fans to campus next season. Check PCC's website for future broadcasts. ■

Visit PCCinfo.com/NewCommons for architectural renderings of completed renovation concepts.



Opening in June

The New Commons

When construction began on the new Commons, favorite parking spots were blocked and familiar routes shifted. But in exchange, the PCC family has developed a growing sense of eagerness while walking by the construction site.

Even with interior and exterior safety barriers hiding much of the work, what's already visible is cause for excitement. The clerestory steel frame on top is becoming a PCC landmark like the Campanile or the Crowne Centre. Its clean, straight lines have altered the familiar skyline in a new way.

Behind the building, foundational work and steel framing are in progress; in front, the building bears a large hole as contractors and workers walk in and out each day. Inside, ductwork, plumbing, and electrical are all progressing on the second floor.

The interior design is also coming together. On the first floor, the staircase will be centrally located, with

palm trees leading to it. The area will be bright and spacious with various shades of blue and tan in the chairs, coffee tables, and sofas. Even the post office boxes will get a face-lift with wood-tone laminate framing.

Upstairs, dark colors and wood tones will create a living room atmosphere. With club chairs, couches, coffee tables, and end tables, the furniture will be arranged to provide seating around large monitors and a central fireplace—features soon to be enjoyed by students and staff alike.

Perhaps most exciting, the café name and logo were revealed in March. The name *Common Grounds* was chosen from names suggested by students last spring.



The new Commons is on track to be completed in June, when this new blessing from God will be unveiled.

Painting Murals and Making Memories

When the Commons construction site provided three privacy walls inside as a safety perimeter, students saw those blank walls as blank canvases and wanted to bring them to life.

In early February, President Shoemaker announced a collegian mural contest, inviting students to submit ideas. The winners would get a late Friday night in the Commons for their entire collegian, complete with pizza, mozzarella sticks, funnel cake fries, and soda from the Palms Grille. They would also have the supplies for completing the murals and help from visual arts faculty and graduate assistants.

Two weeks later, the three winning ideas were announced; coincidentally, all came from women's collegians.

Winner Emily Calise (*So., MD*) wanted to submit a design that would bring the Mustangs collegian together and capture PCC's diversity. She drew several human silhouettes colored in with the flag of some nations represented at PCC. Along with the Crowne Centre silhouette in the background, the girls wrote Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

A different theme struck Charger collegian member Megan Hedge (*Jr., WA*). "Like many other students, I have grown spiritually here at PCC," she said. "The idea of growth is something that is relatable." With limited art experience, Megan asked her col-

Chargers collegian members put their hands together to create their mural.



legian league representative, Elizabeth Brownell (*Jr., WI*), to help. The result was a design of the big oak tree on campus—made of the collegian members' green and brown handprints.

Even Dr. and Mrs. Shoemaker dropped by and put their green handprints on the wall, a gesture which spoke deeply to Megan. "It was such a blessing to see their heart for us students, and to see them both fellowshiping with us," she said.

The third design by Shauna Kaiser (*Jr., FL*) of the Rockets collegian presented the "Eagle's Challenge" to love the Lord with all their hearts, soul, and might, encouraging students to sign the wall as a commitment.

The completed murals communicate uplifting messages while coloring the Commons walls with art. ■

**See new Commons 360° views
and student murals online!**



PCCinfo.com/NewCommons

Interactive views of Commons renovation concepts



PCCinfo.com/Murals

Slideshow of painting party and finished murals



Dr. Shoemaker discusses PCC's future at the Reconnect event in Virginia.

Alumni Reconnect: *Connecting* Generations



Four decades of students have crossed the platform, shaken hands with the president, and received their diplomas from PCC. Many of their children, and even some of their grandchildren, have followed in their footsteps to attend the College. As alumni have entered the workforce and established their families, the biblical foundation they gained in college has continued to guide them throughout their lives.

To help celebrate its forty-year history, PCC initiated the Alumni Reconnect, an opportunity for alumni to get reacquainted with each other and see what has been happening at their alma mater. Graduates from 1980 through 2013 gathered in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia for a special dinner with President and Mrs. Shoemaker, Dr. Mullenix, and other representatives.



Dr. Mullenix with alumni in Virginia



Gregg Bryant with alumni in Michigan

Those who attended the Alumni Reconnect appreciated the opportunity to see how the Lord is continuing to use PCC. Alumnus Chris Pagan ('03) from the Michigan Reconnect said, "The evening was so enjoyable. The atmosphere was relaxed and welcoming, and the food was fantastic (even better than lasagna day used to be at Four Winds). Each alumnus was given the opportunity to give an update on his life since graduation, and it was interesting to meet graduates from the 80s through 2013. Also, it was nice to meet Dr. Shoemaker and to hear him speak about his vision for the college as well as his heart for the students."

At each Reconnect event, alumni enjoyed an elegant dinner and a special slide show highlighting the growth of the College. During the evening, alumni from each graduating class stood to represent each of PCC's four

decades, and graduates from across the decades commented that Dr. Mullenix was exactly how they remembered him. They were excited by Dr. Shoemaker's sneak peek of the Commons renovation and thrilled to hear about PCC's accreditation.

"After hearing Dr. Mullenix and Dr. Shoemaker talk about where the College has gone and where it is going, it made me excited," said alumnus Jaime Land ('07) who attended the Virginia Reconnect. "It almost made me wish I were a student again. I feel like the College has made some great changes but still holds to its godly foundation and heritage."

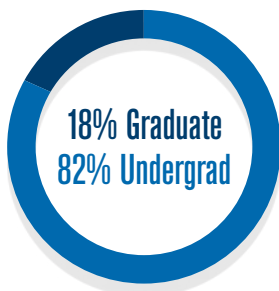
Each Alumni Reconnect showcased the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon PCC over the years and gave the alumni an opportunity to share in the fortieth anniversary celebration. ■

PCC Alumni



17,911

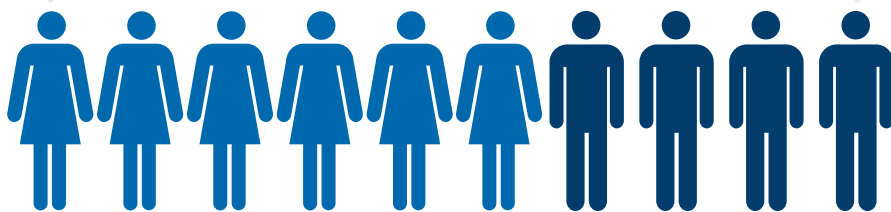
Alumni since 1975



Women



Men

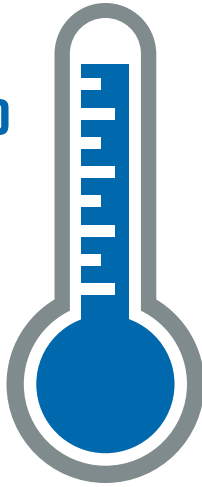


97% Alumni
from USA
(17,284)

16% Alumni
from FL
(2,932)

by the Numbers


90%
Nursing
Alumni
Pass Rate
on NCLEX
2013



National Average 83%



2013 alumni who agree
that PCC prepared them
to apply the Bible to
their chosen field.

Based on survey of 2013 alumni

Top 5 Career Fields since 1975



23%
Education



17%
Ministry



10%
Business



5%
Medical



2%
Legal

Based on known alumni occupations



Drawing

People to Christ

Studio art grad leads design staff at Answers in Genesis

Jon Taylor ('99, MA '01) came to PCC with one vision: to be the best artist in the studio art program.

The summer following his freshman year, he got a job illustrating for *A Beka Book*, working five feet away from PCC artist in residence Brian Jekel. Mr. Jekel encouraged Jon to study master artists rather than compete with other students. "So, with every project, I tried to look at what famous, successful artists had produced," Jon said. "The rewards were amazing. I can't remember how it happened, but one day I started praying that God would lead me to create and execute each painting." Soon Jon found himself doing this on every project. "God blessed, and I received strong grades."

Jon learned much from Mr. Jekel, who pushed Jon far beyond his capacity through the undergraduate

and graduate levels. "Had I not been inspired and directed by him, my portfolio would have been mediocre," Jon said. "I doubt my future job opportunities would have materialized."

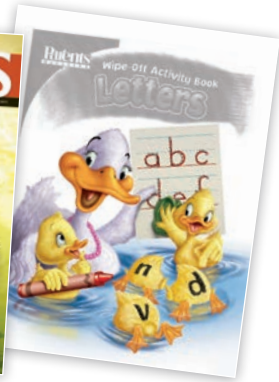
After graduating with his master of arts degree in studio art, Jon left PCC with a sense that he could conquer the world. But Jon said, "God had to humble me for six months while searching for work."

He sent art portfolios to studios across the United States but received no response. "I was frustrated because those portfolios were expensive to produce," he said. One day his mother suggested that he ask the studios to return the portfolios if they weren't interested in hiring him. Reluctantly following her advice, Jon called the closest studio, Illustrated Alaskan Moose Studios (IAM Inc.). The next



Jon Taylor's artwork spans a variety of styles and subject matter.

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day he got a call from the owner of the “Moose” studio, and that evening went in for an interview where he was offered a job. Jon readily acknowledged, “It was a God thing for sure.”

IAM studios specialized in illustrating for companies such as Hasbro, Fisher Price, Mattel, and others in the toy industry. The Moose was the most prestigious studio of its kind, or, as Jon put it, “the pace setters, the ones that everybody looked to for inspiration.” There, Jon designed for brands such as Candy Land, Rescue Heroes, Hot Wheels, Leap Frog, and many others. Along the way, he gained creative confidence, mastered digital programs, and learned to collaborate and lead.

After the September 11 attacks, IAM studios was forced to cut positions, including Jon’s. However, the following Monday, Jon received an e-mail from an Answers in Genesis (AiG) vice president whom he had met two years earlier. “He wanted to know what I was doing and if I’d be interested in leaving my job at the Moose to help build the Creation Museum,” Jon said. “I went up for an interview the following Friday, and the rest was history.”

Now, as a lead production designer at the AiG studio, Jon is responsible for implementing the vision of the creative director and producer throughout all phases of AiG projects. At any time his job may involve directing the produc-

tion of a major exhibit, a video, animation, design, illustrating spaces or environments, costume design, lighting, and an array of other areas. The largest part of his job revolves around the Ark project.

According to Jon, his biggest challenge is “letting go of the [thinking] that everything will fall apart unless I do the job and do it great.” In overcoming his pride, Jon’s favorite part of the job is brainstorming with the other lead production designers. “We spend days and even weeks going all over the map,” Jon said, “until, Wham! The idea materializes, and everyone knows it’s great!”

Jon has come up with some pretty great ideas. In 2012, he received first place from Evangelical Press Association (EPA) for best conceptual illustration in an *Answers* magazine article about dinosaurs.

Jon also started a ministry called Living Canvas, taking parables or biblical themes and bringing them to life with live painting performances to a sermon or soundtrack. “That’s it! Simple, to the point, and completely Christ centered,” Jon said. “That’s what I want to do with the talents He’s graciously given me.”

Jon still remembers the advice that Mr. Jekel offered back in his freshman year. “I try to focus on each piece as a work unto the Lord.” ■

Developing a Heart for Ministry

Service opportunities in Pastoral Ministries

From its founding, PCC has sought to develop a heart for ministry in students, especially those studying pastoral ministries. Since being a pastor requires a commitment to serve others, PCC's pastoral program provides foundational Bible courses and hands-on opportunities in pastoral internships.

For at least two semesters of their program, pastoral ministries majors intern at Campus Church and then have the opportunity to intern at a church in the Pensacola area. Interns have a variety of possibilities to serve wherever the senior pastor needs help.

"The church music emphasis of my youth ministries major allowed me to be the music minister while interning at Victory Baptist Church," said Nathan Fiedler (Sr., CO).

Local pastors have appreciated the dedication and ministry of PCC interns, considering them of great value to their ministries.

PCC is dedicated to preparing the next generation of pastors for the ministry.

"Interns have helped with teaching classes, youth outreach and activities, soul winning, song leading, children's church, and preaching," said **Dr. Rubin Ruffin**, pastor of Grace Bible Baptist Church.



"When we have had workdays to clean our facilities, they were very involved."

Dr. Ruffin said that he tries to give every intern hands-on opportunities in areas where they may have no current experience—readying them for many areas the Lord may have for them.

To prepare students for their internship and future ministry, the pastoral program immerses majors in solid preaching and Bible-intensive classes, taught by skilled faculty with ministry experience.

"Our students spend a lot of time studying and learning Scripture itself,"

said Dr. Dan Rushing, dean of biblical studies. “Surprisingly, at other colleges this is not a ‘given’ in ministerial training.”

“My favorite aspect of the pastoral major has to be the Bible classes,” said John Bell ('13, *Antigua*). “My teachers influenced me to see [the Bible] more as daily bread than as a resourceful textbook. The Bible truly is alive, and once it makes you alive, God can use you to transform the lives around you.”

Students also prepare for ministry through an abundance of preaching opportunities. In addition to church and chapel services, pastoral majors attend Ministerial Seminar every Wednesday beginning their first semester. In Ministerial Seminar, students hear and deliver sermons with their peers and then receive constructive encouragement and advice.

“I think one key factor that sets PCC’s program apart is the number of opportunities to actually preach,” said Fiedler. “PCC provides a class every

Internships help students gain a heart for ministry.



semester to hone preaching skills, in addition to homiletics classes.”

In every course and detail of the program, PCC is dedicated to preparing the next generation of pastors for the ministry. ■

Bible Concentrations

PCC's Bible major offers several concentrations designed to equip and prepare students for ministry.

Learn more at PCCinfo.com/Bible.



Alumni Insights: PCC's Bible Program

“PCC prepared me for ministry by teaching me to have a servant’s heart. I found the chapel program a huge boost to my daily walk with the Lord, as well as the practical Bible classes I took in my degree program. Even though I went to PCC years ago, I still appreciate its doctrinal position on the Bible and the strong Bible emphasis that is taught. It is a privilege to be a PCC graduate.”

Mark Ward ('93 grad)

Pastor, First Baptist Church, IN



“PCC definitely prepared me for my current ministry. The care and concern of the faculty for my spiritual development and maturity as a Christian has helped me as a pastor to teach the truth and genuinely minister to the needs of people. I thank God for the way He used PCC to instill a passion for excellence in my ministry.”

Kurt Kramer ('96 grad)

Pastor, Open Door Baptist Church, AZ





“Go...Teach All Nations”

Missions Conference '14

As the 2014 Missions Conference started, a wave of excitement and awe swept over the students and Campus Church members as they watched over 300 international students march through the Crowne Centre during the Parade of Nations. The students, wearing vividly colored native dress and carrying flags, represented over 60 countries and a countless number of people that have never been taught about Jesus' love.

Pastor Denis McBride's opening sermon echoed the need to share the gospel: "In heaven we'll see every kindred, tribe, and nation because the New Testament says, 'Go...teach all nations.' We need to be reaching this planet for Christ."

A special student ensemble sang "Each One Reach One," reminding the audience that they could share the gospel individually.

Pastor of Temple Baptist Church (VA) and longtime advocate of missions

Dr. David Pittman was the keynote speaker for the conference. Each message he preached reminded the audience that they are God's vessels for honor or dishonor. "Some of us are vessels in the cupboard with the handles turned the wrong way," he said. "We have to realize this is not a game we play. This is a battle for heaven or hell with souls to be saved."



Throughout the week, students listened to missionaries, watched presentations, and talked one-on-one with missionaries at their booths in the Commons. As the Missions Conference came to a close, Pastor McBride's words from the opening service echoed in the minds of listeners: "God's purpose in life is that we represent Him to a world that is dying.... Live with abandon for something that matters." ■



Campus House Reopened after Renovations

After being closed since last May, the renovated Campus House is open again and taking reservations.

The second and third floor have been repurposed to serve as housing for male graduate students, while the twenty-eight rooms on the ground floor provide guest accommodations. When the Campus House reopened on March 10, several nights were already fully booked.

Guests will appreciate new carpet and decor, updated key card door locks, 32" flat-screen televisions, and quieter heating and air conditioning units. And new room configurations will better meet guests' needs with a range of options from two queen beds to a suite with a full kitchen.

In the graduate apartments, rooms will have two beds, two dressers, a mini refrigerator, sink/counter, and a built-in wall unit over the counter for a microwave. Each floor will have a day room, laundry room with new machines, and a vending room for ice, sodas, and snacks.

Though some graduate students are moving in May, most will wait until the fall, starting a new school year in a new place.

Upcoming Events

College Days

for high school seniors, juniors, sophomores,
and qualified high school graduates

April 10–11, 2014

1-800-PCC-INFO (1-800-722-4636)
PCCinfo.com/CollegeDays

Bring a group of young people to experience
PCC college life and participate in exciting
activities and classes.

PCC Commencement

for family and friends
of graduating students

May 7, 2014

1-800-PCC-INFO (1-800-722-4636)

Seminary/Graduate Summer Sessions

Challenging studies to strengthen your
ministry or career foundation

June 15–Aug. 1, 2014

(850) 478-8496, ext. 5241
PCCinfo.com/GraduateStudies

Summer Camps

for grades 9–12, including
class of 2014 graduates

June 23–Aug. 1, 2014

(850) 969-1690
YouthOutreachCamps.com

Art • Basketball (Boys/Girls) • Cheerleading
Computer Science • Drama • Engineering & Science
History & Political Science • Music Academy
Nursing • Pre-Medicine • Volleyball (Girls)

Teen Extreme Youth Camp

for grades 7–12, including
class of 2014 graduates

June 9–July 18, 2014

(850) 969-1555
TeenExtremeCamp.com

A one-of-a-kind youth camp focusing on spiritual
development and offering thrilling extreme sports

Campus Post

Student Perspectives on PCC

From the Streets to the Savior

Xavier Small (Sr., FL) spent his youth in New York City away from the God who loved him. But one day, as he sat in his room contemplating whether his life had any purpose, the Lord showed him a better way. Read what Xavier says about God's leading him away from the streets and giving him a heart for inner-city teenagers as a youth ministries major at PCC.



I grew up in the Bronx on the streets, not because my mom was bad but because I got into things while she worked. On the streets, I saw a lot, especially drugs and guns change hands. Those were the streets—dangerous.

Then, when I was 14, we moved to Florida. We moved a few weeks prior to 9/11, and my mom had worked in the World Trade Center. Looking back, I now see how good God was to us. One Sunday, I got picked up on a bus route by Starlight Baptist Church, which is where I received Jesus as my Savior. For a while my life got rough, and I fell in with the world again. Then one night I called my youth pastor and told him how low I was. From then on, he took me to every youth activity and service. He even took me to work with him because he wanted me to see what the Lord had to offer. I soon got assurance of my salvation and began having devotions, learning about God, and growing spiritually. Then, I surrendered my life to full-time Christian service. God used my youth pastor to pull me away from the world; I wanted to touch lives the way he touched mine.

You would not believe it, but my time in the world and my introduction to Christ were probably the most beautiful combination I could have experienced. Because I lived my rough years unsaved in the world and now

am trained in Christ, I know how to use my testimony to reach the lost. I believe I went through it all so I could reach people who live how I lived. I was broken. I was lost. I was hopeless, and now I can show those who are in that trap that there is a better way.

When I had to choose a college, I knew of PCC, but I did not want to attend what I thought was a strict college; however, a friend of mine challenged me to visit. I came and felt the Lord in this place. There was something different in this campus and in these people; so I decided to attend.

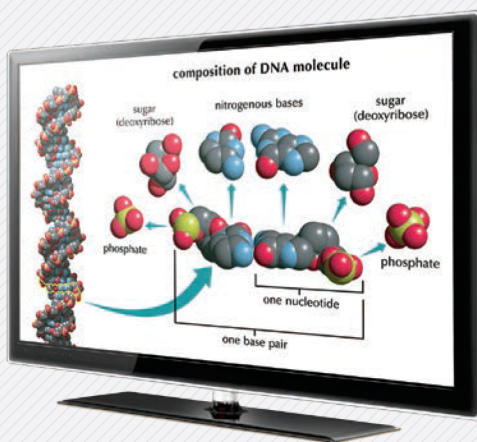
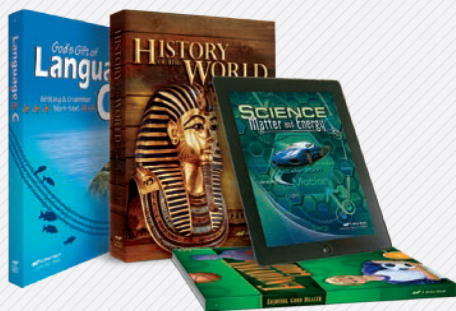
My major is youth ministries because I love teenagers, especially inner-city teenagers because I connect with them. Sometimes financial struggles are challenging, but the Lord has always provided. One time, I did not work the summer to do an internship. I saw thirty-seven souls saved personally! In the meantime, God had two people anonymously send enough funds to meet my needs through graduation. God wanted me to stay and finish!

Over the past four years, the Lord has drawn on my passion for teenagers, called me to preach, and given me the example of great youth pastors who have heavily influenced my life. After graduation, I plan to attend Pensacola Theological Seminary to earn a master of divinity." ■



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