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From the **President**

Dr. Troy A. Shoemaker @PresidentPCC



We have a wonderful student body this year—the largest in the history of PCC! It is thrilling to see so many young people here eagerly following God's leading in their lives.

Just before our students began traveling to Pensacola to start the year, we introduced #PCCJourney on the College's social media pages. Within minutes, students started sharing pictures and videos that gave a glimpse of their journey to PCC.

This one simple thing—a hashtag—helped us connect with our students even before they arrived on campus. And it helped connect students with each other. New students asked questions, and upperclassmen answered them by giving tips about where to go and what to do. It was thrilling to see how they were looking out for each other even though they were states apart!

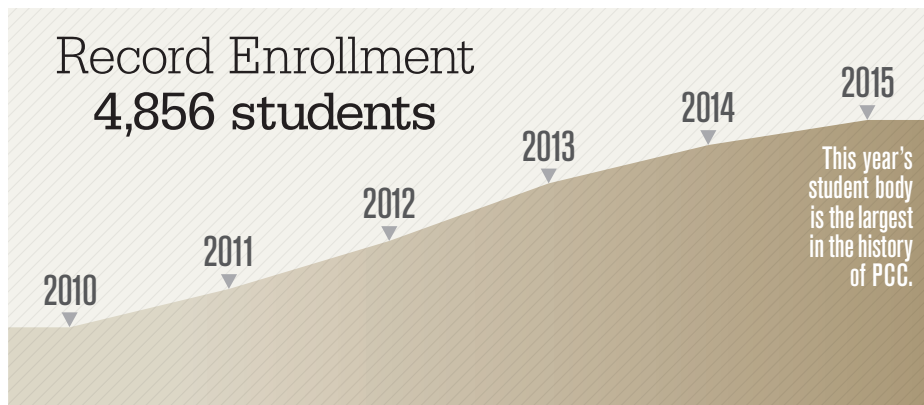
By the time everyone had arrived, hundreds of creative pictures showed

that the travelers had truly enjoyed their journey. They had a destination in mind, surely, but they also took the time to appreciate what their journey had to offer.

As cliché as it may sound, viewing college (and life) as a journey is an excellent way to think about it. It's a thought I shared with a group of students in the Four Winds recently while my wife and I ate lunch with them. During the conversation, a young lady asked, "What one piece of advice would you give to college students?"

My encouragement to those students was this: view college, and life, as a daily step of faith along the path on which God is leading. Life isn't about having God instantly transport us to a destination like graduation, marriage, or a career. Rather, life is about letting God direct our path each day as we trust in Him (Prov. 3:5–6). ■

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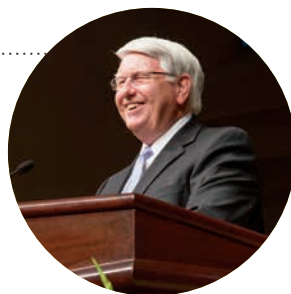
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Turning the World Upside Down

Students ministered across the United States and internationally.

How does it happen—something as extraordinary as turning the world upside down? When ordinary people give themselves to God for His service, anything is possible. This summer, PCC students followed in the footsteps of the first-century church, sharing the hope of Christ wherever they were.

Deanna Cheung (Sr., OH) traveled to Lima, Peru, to teach ESL. “The Lord really taught me that I had a narrow view of missions,” she said. “Our team went through long days, some from five o’ clock in the morning to past midnight, and we got up the next day to do it all over again. Imagine the missionary family doing that every day! To be able to spend long hours talking to people and spreading the gospel—that takes God’s love.”

Josiah McCurdy ('15), part of the Youth Outreach Ministry missions team to the Philippines, brought hope to the poor and outcast. “The feedings and tract distributions were very eye-opening

to the conditions that the people there live in,” he said. He and his team fed over 500 children, some who had not eaten a meal at all that day, and distributed basic school supplies like pens and paper to over 1,000 children. “There is no end to the things that God has taught me through this trip,” he said. “To be thankful, to be humble, to be a witness, to be an example—I could go on.”

Ashley Garrison (Sr., VA) was surprised by the willingness of the Papua New Guinea (PNG) natives to accept Christian literature. “We passed out 1,200 John and Romans booklets in less than thirty minutes because the people were asking for numerous copies for their family and friends,” she said. “They are hungry and eager to learn about the Lord.” She hopes to return to PNG as a full-time missionary after graduation.

While over 150 PCC students ministered internationally this summer; over 1,800 served in the States, helping with summer camps, Vacation Bible Schools,

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bus ministries, and other outreach opportunities.

For her fourth summer in a row, **Bianca Brennan** (Sr., FL) worked with Teen Extreme, a Youth Outreach Ministry camp held on the PCC campus. “When you see teens get saved and dedicate their lives to the Lord, it’s very encouraging,” she said. “You never know the background that they come from. I’ve learned to love and care for each camper.” Part of Bianca’s ministry was having a devotional in the evenings with her girls, which let her get to know them better and mentor them.

Other PCC students worked with children’s ministries during the summer, like **Briana Tozour**, a sophomore from Missouri. For her, “The children’s ministry isn’t just a babysitting time, but a time when kids can soak up truth. I enjoy helping with everything from singing songs to playing games and handing out pizza.” In Tennessee, sophomore **Aimee Yingling** boarded a bus on Sundays to bring children to

church. “I want the children to see that I am different because of Christ who lives in me,” she said. “I want them to long to know my Lord and become willing servants for His glory.”

Jhoan Alfaro (Jr., NC) served the Lord by helping with his home church’s food pantry ministry. “We gave away more watermelon and strawberries than I could count to complete strangers,” he said. “And you know what? Seeing the faces of those grateful people was worth it all.”

For **Bobby Smith** (Jr., FL), an internship with New Testament Baptist Church allowed him to get to know teenagers better as he stepped in as the youth pastor. “God has taught me so much this summer,” he said, “especially to have an unwavering, unconditional Christlike love for people.”

These and so many other students gave of their time and energy to feed the starving, medicate the sick, love the unloved—ultimately, to turn the lost to Christ. ■

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Giving Honor

to a Faithful Servant

Vice President Dr. Joel Mullenix retires after 41 years of ministry at PCC.

Many times you don't know the full scope of what God is doing in your life with the little things. They just seem like daily things, but when you get down the road, you can see His hand in your life," said Dr. Joel Mullenix, describing God's direction in his life over the past 41 years of ministry at PCC.

Before coming to Pensacola in 1974, Joel H. Mullenix served as a Christian high school teacher in Boise, Idaho. When he and his wife attended a Christian school conference in Seattle, they saw Dr. Arlin Horton (PCC's founder/president emeritus) for the first time.

"When I heard him speak, I said, 'My, he believes the way I do.' It was at that meeting that Glenda and I felt called to something, though we didn't know what," he said.

That May, they got a phone call from Pensacola, and they knew immediately that it was direction from God to serve at PCC. "We came here with a deep sense that the Lord was calling us. It was something definite. My first job was on a Saturday, helping pick up bits of concrete around Ballard [Hall] while we were frantically trying to get it ready for students to move in."

Many Roles through the Years—Faithful in All

▼ Dean of Students 1975



▼ Seminary Faculty 1998



That first semester, Dr. Mullenix started working as a librarian because there were no teaching positions available. By January, he was the director of admissions. Since then, he has held many roles in the ministry, from dean of students to vice president to pastor of *Rejoice in the Lord* TV.

Through *Rejoice in the Lord*, Dr. Mullenix ministered to viewers all over the world, with many coming to know Christ through his preaching.

“He has been a steadying force, consistent and calm,” said Campus Church Pastor Denis McBride. “He has helped keep the ministry even keel—a great source of advice and counsel.”

No matter what role he was serving in, Dr. Mullenix always enjoyed the college students. “I enjoy being around them, their energy, their creativity,” he said.

“We have college students who have a heart for others, who are friendly, who have a burden for the unsaved. So I’m encouraged by our young people,” he said.

And those young people have been encouraged by him, too. History graduate Nic Petit (’15) said, “I remember during my sophomore year, it was a bitterly cold day, and I was walking past the Commons when I looked up and saw Dr. Mullenix. We looked at each other, and he smiled. It was not a fake or

forced smile; it was a smile showing his genuine happiness. Seeing his smile, I could not help but smile myself. It was the first time that I met Dr. Mullenix in person, and it is a moment that I shall not soon forget.”

Dr. Mullenix’s positive influence is reflected across campus as students joyfully greet each other or even as they order a coffee at the Common Grounds Café. For many students, their favorite choice is the Mullenix Mocha, a frothy white chocolate mocha as warm and inviting as the man himself.

During retirement, Dr. Mullenix plans to enjoy his grandchildren and travel with his wife.

Since he has already received invitations to speak at several churches, it looks like preaching may still be in his future. And that’s not surprising for a man who has walked with God faithfully for a lifetime.

When asked if he had any final advice, Dr. Mullenix said, “Walk with the Lord, just a day at a time. You’re going to sin sometimes, but confess it, and He’ll forgive it. Just do what He puts in front of you to do. He’ll direct your steps without your even realizing it. You can see them a whole lot better in the rear-view mirror than you can going forward, but it’s one step at a time, one day at a time, all through life.” ■

▼ *Rejoice* TV Pastor 2011



There is great value when a person chooses to invest a life of service in one place. Dr. Mullenix has given himself to this ministry for 41 years, and he has fulfilled many roles during that time. He has always had an exceptional spirit of willingness to be used wherever the Lord placed him.

—Dr. Troy Shoemaker, President

Students expressed their thanks to Dr. Mullenix by giving him hundreds of cards and notes.

MULLENIX RETIRES

Showing Love & Appreciation

Starting in early February when Vice President Dr. Mullenix announced his upcoming retirement, the PCC family showed their love and respect through hundreds of cards, notes, and gifts. “Highest on my list would be the notes from students, and there are several that really stand out in my mind,” he said.

During the spring semester, two of PCC’s founding collegians asked him to attend one of their meetings so they could honor him. The Phi Beta Delta Spartans gave him the Leonidas Award for his “shining example of leadership,” and the Zeta Chi Delta Falcons awarded him the Faithful Servant trophy for his dedication. “I will always treasure this because of the thoughts behind it, but I don’t feel that I deserve it. There are so many people who serve the Lord so very faithfully year after year.”

According to Dr. Mullenix, the outpouring of love—from bags of Seattle’s Best coffee to hot Krispy Kreme doughnuts and giant peanut butter chocolate bars—astounded him. Some prayer groups even made him giant poster-board cards. The *Summit* yearbook staff dedicated the 2015 edition to him, and the Student Body officers invited him to share his experiences with the students during one of their meetings.

The College, to preserve his legacy on campus, renamed Rawson Chapel to Mullenix Chapel. How fitting, since the pipe organ inside had already been named after his wife, Glenda, in 2011, for her service as director of interiors.

As Dr. Mullenix begins his retirement, the results of his work and servant’s spirit will continue to influence generations for Christ. ■

Expressions of Appreciation

▼ Rawson Chapel renamed



▼ *Summit* yearbook dedicated



▼ Speaking to pastors at the Georgia General Assembly



The Voice of One

Alumnus Paul Smith influences public policy through his work at Citizen Impact.

“When we put ourselves in a position to be used of God, we will see Him do ‘exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,’” said Paul Smith (’87), founder of Citizen Impact.

Smith has always had an interest in public policy. While he was still a youth pastor and pastor, he began advocating for Christian education and taking a stand on moral and religious liberty issues in Georgia, his home state.

He was just one man, one voice, until a friend came to him with a challenge. “A friend challenged me to pray about starting Citizen Impact,” he said. “I did pray, and the Lord began to direct. I sought counsel from numerous pastors as well as Christians I knew in the public policy arena. Almost all of them encouraged me to do it.”

In 2009, he put everything into Citizen Impact with one goal: to motivate Christians to be active citizens. At Citizen Impact, “there is a strong emphasis on educating the community about how to register to vote, when to vote, offering voter guides, and so on,” he said. “We hold an annual seminar with the express

purpose of educating people of faith on how to defend their religious liberties in the public policy arena.”

Within five years, he had spoken to thousands not only in Georgia but also in Alabama, Florida, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and Virginia. He has organized state-wide conferences, regional pastors’ meetings, Pastors’ Days, and Student Legislative Days. And he was one of the speakers at the Religious Freedom Rally at the Georgia State Capitol this past March.

Throughout his experiences, Smith is thankful for PCC’s preparation. “The preaching in chapels and Campus Church motivated me to want to impact my community and my country,” he said. “PCC helped me develop the faith to trust God when I left my previous ministry position to do Citizen Impact full time, without a salary, but trusting God by faith to provide for our family.”

When Smith started Citizen Impact, he was just one man with a desire to make a difference. Now, he has helped thousands of Christians realize they too can have a voice in public policy. ■



Experiment + Solve

B.S. in Engineering ► Electrical ■ Mechanical

Engineering students challenged beyond fundamentals

Not many people secure a job with NASA fresh out of college, but 2010 grad Stephen Sinclair did just that after earning a degree in mechanical engineering.

The summer before his senior year, Stephen was chosen for an engineering internship at the NASA Space Power Facility in Sandusky, Ohio. During the internship, he impressed his management by helping find solutions to technical problems. By the end of his internship, NASA had offered Stephen a full-time position after graduation.

Now, as Stephen directs a diverse group of electrical and mechanical technicians, endures schedule pressure, tests space-flight hardware and equipment, and deals with funding issues, he uses knowledge from his engineering classes at PCC. More importantly,

he demonstrates the character traits of honesty, punctuality, and professionalism he said he developed at PCC. "I came to PCC undisciplined, but left with some good ideas of how to conduct myself in a professional setting," he said.

In spite of the job's challenges, Stephen realizes NASA's significance in enhancing communication and giving the United States better security capabilities. "NASA is the modern pioneer in continuing exploration and discovery into the unknowns of space, resulting in increased technology," he said. "This makes going to work every day pretty exciting."

In today's competitive environment, engineers must have a solid grasp of the fundamental concepts of engineering. The ability to think innovatively when solving problems comes through

careful development of reasoning skills and practical application of classroom studies. Through class projects and extracurricular competitions, engineering students learn to successfully apply mathematical and scientific laws to finding solutions to real-life problems.

Five on-campus engineering labs and an engineering computer lab provide workspace for students to create and test designs in areas such as machine design, instrumentation, circuits, electronics, microprocessor programming, computer programming, and microwave systems. In a room ancillary to the engineering computer lab, two MakerBot 3D printers allow engineering students to produce 3D prototypes of their software designs.



Dr. Joel Porcher, P.E., chair of the engineering department, said, “Students create and depict their designs by means of software tools such as MATLAB, AutoCAD, and SOLIDWORKS. For example, in Kinematic Design class, students calculate and draw cam profiles by writing their own spreadsheet programs. And in Machine Design, they design and model vehicle frames with SOLIDWORKS, then print scaled models on 3D printers.”



Engineering faculty **Steve Manciangli, P.E.**, said, “Software that is important to the industry is updated annually on campus. Engineering labs utilize practical, real-world equipment. Lectures, labs, individual assignments, and team projects all work together to prepare students to be positive contributors and leaders in the workforce.”

Senior engineering student **Joel Keating (MO)** has already completed three summer engineering internships. He said that the practical projects in



the engineering program helped prepare him for a job in the engineering field. “The project I found most beneficial as well as enjoyable was designing and building an electric vehicle for Machine Design I and II,” he said. “I have had an engineer tell me that a project like that is something he looks for on résumés and hopes to hear feedback on during interviews. He is actually the one that has hired me for two different summers and has stated that he wants to see practical knowledge and experience in a candidate.”

After graduation, Joel hopes to work at an engineering firm, preferably as a design or test engineer. “With the quality mechanical engineering education I have received at PCC, as well as practical experience I have gained at internships, I currently have two mechanical engineering job offers upon graduation. One of those offers even includes a possible part-ownership position,” he said.

At PCC, technical instruction in a Christian environment enables students to achieve academic excellence with a strong biblical foundation. Since the founding of the mechanical engineering concentration in 1984 and the addition of the electrical concentration in 2004, over 450 students have graduated with engineering degrees from PCC. These graduates have found positions in many different industries including NASA, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Rockwell Collins, the U.S. military, the automotive industry, and engineering consulting firms across the country. ■

The first phase of renovations brought new architectural design elements to the ceiling.

HIGHLIGHTS



Transforming VARSITY

First phase of renovations in the College's oldest dining facility completed this summer

Since 1982, the Varsity dining hall has given students a place to make memories with their friends during meal times. Over 20 years later, the building transformed into a circus-inspired space with the addition of brightly colored confetti carpet, decorative banners, and carousel-shaped salad bars and serving lines.

As the circus theme became legendary among students, the time came to revamp the interior into something with a stronger collegiate identity. "The name *Varsity* conveys esprit de corps for the institution," said Dr. Shoemaker when he announced the redesign in the spring. "So it is fitting that the décor reflects a grown-up collegiate atmosphere with a strong PCC identity."

Over the summer, contractors removed old décor from Varsity and added new ceiling architectural designs with contemporary lighting. The interior de-

sign, now in the final stages of planning, will be completed next summer, allowing students to continue enjoying meals in Varsity throughout the school year.

Adjoining Varsity, the Commons continues its makeover, with plans in place to redesign the Campus Store and to relocate the Palms Grille. The Grille's new location, where the Commons and Varsity connect, will feature an expanded capacity and an outdoor patio seating area. The Grille's current location in the Commons will become two 110-seat meeting rooms and a new larger display room. Students will be able to use these rooms to form study groups and meet with pastors and recruiters for employment and internships opportunities.

In the ongoing effort to be good stewards of the facilities God has provided, the College continues to enhance student life while making the best use of current facilities. ■



Keyless Locks for Rooms in Residence Halls

PCC Cards took on another use for students this fall. In the past, students have used their college ID cards to gain access to their residence hall, enter the dining halls for meals, do their laundry, check out library books, and make purchases on campus. Now, with the installation of keyless locks on each residence hall room door, students are using their PCC Cards to enter their rooms.

Taking advantage of the same technology found in many high-end apartment buildings and hotels, the new keyless lock system relies on radio-frequency identification (RFID) to read students' cards and unlock their doors for entry. Personalized locks provide privacy and security for students while still allowing easy access to their rooms with a simple tap of their PCC Card.

Keyless locks are just one of many summer renovation projects completed on campus. See more at pcci.edu/Renovations. ■

Upcoming Events

Ladies Celebration

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for organizations and businesses seeking
candidates from among PCC students

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Sparking an Interest in Politics

Victoria DePerno (Jr., NY), a marketing and management double major, never saw politics in her future. But this summer, she interned for the Maine Senate Republicans and started what she never expected—a political journey. Read what Victoria has to say about her time at PCC and her summer internship.



Iknew I wanted to go to a Bible school for at least a year to really get grounded in my faith because I knew life would test my faith after high school. I felt very at ease with my decision and knew that this was what God wanted for my life. I love being in an environment where we are so encouraged to grow.

I chose two business majors because I love working with people and believe that graduating with two degrees will better equip me to pursue and find a vast number of different jobs. I had no intention of ever being involved with politics, until a friend told me about the internship opportunity and that my double major might be something new and helpful to the internship. So, I applied, and once I was interviewed, that's when my interest sparked.

Marketing and politics are very similar because the key factor is connecting with the people, to get on a personal level and to develop a meaningful relationship with them to help them. Many of my business classes at PCC have helped me to really connect with the people of Maine and to genuinely care about what is best for the people and what they want.

Some of my responsibilities as an intern included preparing for parades throughout the state; walking in parades with the senators handing out flags, candy, and brochures; campaigning door-to-door; and reaching people hoping to gain

their votes in the upcoming election. Through all of this, the hard work at PCC has paid off as God has given me this great opportunity to demonstrate what I have learned in the classroom.

It's one thing to sit through lectures in classes and just study and memorize to pass the tests but another to take what you learn and apply it. PCC prepared me for the internship and political field by various classes that I have taken.

The things I have enjoyed most about this internship are the great and rare opportunity of being able to sit in on sessions in the Maine Senate, meeting and getting to know the Senators, and really learning and experiencing many new aspects of politics that I did not know before. It has really opened my eyes to how important it is to have the right people elected and in our government positions.

Another big bonus of this internship was the hiking and sight-seeing we got to do in our downtime.

In the future, I would love to help Senator Garrett Mason ('06) and other Republicans with their campaigns for next year's election in hopes of winning a super majority in the Senate." ■

Visit our website to read more about the internship experience for Victoria.

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Employment Opportunities

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