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# *From the* **President**

**Dr. Troy A. Shoemaker** @PresidentPCC



**F**or many, college is a time to take every opportunity—get an education, take leadership positions, play sports, make friends, and decide on a career path.

Before long, it's easy to be so wrapped up in getting the best college experience that we forget to serve. The same is true after we graduate; we forget to slow down and see the people around us who have needs that we can meet. And we can forget to give service to God who has given us everything.

With this idea on my heart in recent months, I wanted to share it with the student body and challenge them to find ways to look outside themselves and serve others. They took the challenge to heart and started finding ways to give in the community and on campus.

Project Living Proof was one of the first ways that students got more involved in making a difference. The junior class saw a need—a local park full of litter underneath a busy overpass—and spent time on a Saturday cleaning it up and making it better. This simple act of kindness went a long way in the lives of those who live near the park.

This February, the month when our culture celebrates romantic love, I challenged the students to focus on God's perfect love and then try to express it in creative ways. The students expressed what God's love is to them in ways as unique as they are, from photography to hand-lettered designs, poems, songs, and videos.

At the end of the month, we had a student-led chapel service highlighting the student body's concepts of God's love. The creative and thoughtful projects encouraged us to think about the love that is beyond comprehension and let it affect how we live every day. It was a moving service that helped shift

our focus off of ourselves and onto God.

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engagement with our students during their time in college. More than just interesting exercises, these challenges present the opportunity to instill strong biblical principles for life.

In the end, focusing on God's love this past month together as a college family helped us not only to appreciate God's love more, but also to love one another better. ■



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Dr. Jeff Redlin preaching at Front Range Baptist Church, where he has served as senior pastor for over 10 years

# PRESSING toward the *Mark*

*Alumnus Dr. Jeff Redlin shares how PCC prepared him to pursue excellence in ministry.*

**D**r. Jeff Redlin ('87) never planned to attend PCC, but when a tour bus offered a \$15 trip to Florida in the midst of a Michigan winter, a teenage Redlin was first in line.

*I'm going to Florida,* he thought. "But the Lord really used that trip and the spirit of the college to connect me with PCC." Throughout that College Days experience, Redlin enjoyed the atmosphere at the college and the caring students who invested in him. He realized, "If this is the kind of person that PCC is producing, I want to be here."

For the next four years, Redlin studied youth ministries at PCC. "I got the privilege of working in the Campus Church youth ministry my sophomore, junior, and senior years," he said. "To be able to come to college as a youth ministries major, then to be able to do youth ministries in the Campus Church was fantastic! I was doing what I was studying to do. I got to plan activities, go on youth retreats, and work in the youth

department while I was still studying youth ministry."

To this day, Redlin remembers one thing most about PCC: "One of the things that I came away from PCC with is that they give the right opinion of God in whatever they do. PCC is a place that desires to do all things well not just for the sake of doing it well, but for the higher purpose of giving the right opinion of God. That has really stayed with me, and it's something I want to emulate in my ministry."

"What I observed in others and then what I got to do myself had a strong influence on my ministry preparation," shared Redlin. "I heard it, I saw it, and then I got to do it. When you take those things together...that is a powerful classroom education, but also a life education."

Watching Redlin interact with people reflects how much was invested in him and how much he now invests in the families and young people he meets.



He believes that teachers, pastors, and friends should take the time to show genuine interest in people, and when they do, that's what makes them stand out.

After serving as a youth pastor for several years, Redlin has been the senior pastor at Front Range Baptist Church in northern Colorado for the past 11 years.

Because of his love for youth ministry, he wasn't sure about teaching adults at first, but once he began, he "fell in love with the expanded opportunity to minister to families. I still love teenagers, but now I have an expanded opportunity to work with teens and their parents," as he put it. All the training he received in college and the experience in ministry equipped him to take on the larger responsibilities of being a senior pastor and connect with families in a personal way.

After visiting Front Range Baptist Church, he said, "The Lord confirmed something immediately in my heart: this was the place and these were the people

that He wanted me to minister to." All of his involvement at PCC and in Campus Church equipped Redlin to not only serve as the senior pastor but also to aid the church's growth.

Since he came to Front Range, the church has started a Spanish ministry, an after-school mentoring program in the local public school, and other outreach ministries. The Lord has blessed the church's growth and helped Redlin apply the words of Ephesians 3:20: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

"That's not just excellent," Redlin said. "That's exceptional. That's the manner in which we want to do ministry. It's befitting the One that we're serving,

Jesus Christ. He exceeds our expectations all the time. PCC certainly exceeded mine by striving to do things with an exceptionalism that is befitting Jesus Christ. And if we can do ministry in a manner that is befitting Jesus Christ, it will be exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think." ■

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## Ministering at His Alma Mater



- ① Preaching at Teen Extreme Youth Camp on the PCC campus during summer
- ② Ministering to students in the residence halls after preaching at Campus Church
- ③ Recruiting graduating seniors to serve at Front Range Baptist Academy



# Career *Services*

*Educator Recruitment and Career Fair connect students with businesses, organizations, and ministries.*

For over 40 years, PCC has prepared graduates for the future by providing both a solid education and the character training that employers are looking for. But even the most prepared college seniors know that the task of finding the right employer can still be daunting.

To make that task less intimidating, PCC's Career Services office provides three valuable employment venues: Educator Recruitment, Career Fair, and Career Services online. These events and services open the doors for students to meet representatives from organizations that are seeking ideal candidates for their business or ministry.

Educator Recruitment has brought PCC students and ministries together for employment opportunities in Christian education and related fields for over 30 years.

This February, the two-day event hosted over 75 different Christian school and college representatives who connected with upcoming graduates and alumni.

"Educator Recruitment was valuable to me because it gave me the opportunity to see all the different options out there and the chance to talk with potential employers about their visions," said **Sonja Heckaman** ('14 grad, KY).



"Because of Educator Recruitment and the opportunities available, I was able to answer God's call to overseas education as an English teacher in Limá, Peru."

Career Fair, one of Career Services' newer initiatives, provides a venue for seniors and alumni to network with potential employers—an important part of building a career.

## CAREER SERVICES EVENTS

This year, over 23 different organizations and businesses—Baptist Health Care, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety EMS, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Answers in Genesis, the United States Secret Service, the United States NAVY Officer Programs, and others—set up booths to recruit students. Representatives met students, accepted résumés, conducted interviews with potential candidates,

and, in some cases, even offered positions.

Career Services also offers potential employment to students and alumni by teaming with various organizations online at [pcci.edu/CareerServices](http://pcci.edu/CareerServices).

These valuable employment venues provide students and alumni the perfect opportunity to launch a ministry or career and put their college training to use soon after graduation. ■

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Junior class officers Hannah Loo, Jason Albano, and Guibenson Saint Jean

## *Junior class shares Christ's love with the community.*

**W**hat is proof—living proof—that Jesus Christ lives and cares about people today? PCC's junior class answered this question by reaching out into the community to share Christ's love through Project Living Proof. Their actions embodied Acts 22:15: "For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard."

The class officers started the project because "we wanted to provide a way for students to get involved in ministry and understand the importance of ministry," they said. "The goal of Project Living Proof is to make our lives living proof of a God that does exist, a God that does love us, a God that does care and is still working."

When the first project started last fall, nearly 100 juniors gathered at the Hollice T. Williams Park in downtown Pensacola for a voluntary workday.

Picking up litter, raking leaves, and collecting fallen branches, the students showed Christ's love through action as they cleaned up the area and connected with people from the community.

Residents were touched that college students—most of them completely new to Pensacola—would be willing to donate their time to make a park beautiful again. But to the juniors, they were simply following Jesus' example of serving. One student remarked,

**"I believe God can grow this project into a vibrant ministry."**

"When Jesus came to earth, He came with the spirit of a servant. By cleaning up the park, we can show a Christlike love to others."

What started as a single service project has now grown into a larger effort to be witnesses in the local community. Class President **Jason Albano (CA)** said, "I look at Project Living Proof and see unlimited potential. I hope it



## PROJECT LIVING PROOF



will become a yearly event for PCC's junior class that grows more each year. I believe God can grow this project into a vibrant ministry."

Sharing Jason's enthusiasm, Vice President **Hannah Loo** (TX) said, "The success of Project Living Proof has set in motion a whirlwind of preparations for future service projects."

Future plans for the class to reach out into the community include returning to the Hollice T. Williams Park. In the spring, they also plan to have a more extensive community cleanup day as well as hold a basketball clinic in the community.

Being part of PCC's first entirely student-led project was an honor, but that's not what excites the class. "The greatest blessing of Project Living Proof was that souls were saved that day," said Jason. Junior class member **Kassidy Eickelberg** (NV) also believes that "Project Living Proof is a cool way to say, 'Let me jump in and help,' and gives us an opportunity to talk to people about the gospel."

Because the junior class banded together to act as Jesus would, a spark of Christ's love has been lit in downtown Pensacola. ■



### ▶ Mobilizing to Meet Needs

**PCCinfo.com/LivingProof**

Hear the junior class describe the heartbeat of their ministry and see behind the scenes of their first project.





# COMPUTER

## Science and Software Engineering

*Increased programming courses push students forward.*

In a world nearly dependent on computer technology, software engineers must be at the forefront of their field, designing innovative solutions to meet people's needs. PCC prepares students for this challenge by providing more programming courses than other college programs typically offer.

"Students take at least five programming courses, which is usually more than other software engineering programs,"



said **Michael Geary**, head of the computer science department at PCC. "This gives students more experience in problem solving, logic, and debugging."

The program combines a broad liberal arts base with comprehensive computer skills. Students practice large-scale software development and work with Windows and Linux operating systems to gain understanding in areas such as networks, databases, and e-business.

"Students receive a liberal arts education along with programming, net-

works, operating systems, mathematics, software engineering, computer theory, and computer architecture," said Geary. "They are well prepared for many different avenues in the computer industry and for furthering their education."

Seniors apply their training and knowledge during a two-semester software engineering project in which they design, create, test, implement, and maintain a large software system and then present their products during the annual Software Expo. Teams are responsible for the various phases of the software engineering process, including requirements, specifications, design, coding, and testing.

"The Software Expo is rather unique," Geary said. "Its purpose is predominantly to provide students with as practical a workplace experience as possible. Students regularly comment on the practicality and real-world feel that this project provides them, paving the way for students to walk into a workplace and begin contributing immediately."

Graduates have entered a variety of computer fields, with alumni currently working in software engineering, project management, mobile application development, medical informatics, computer programming, database administration, game development, the military, and education. They are moving software forward at leading-edge companies like Apple, Intuit, Lockheed-Martin, and Microsoft. ■



▲ The annual Software Expo showcases students' original software programs.

## Student Secures Position with Department of Homeland Security

Internship leads to a big step in Leah Jennings's career.

A senior double major in computer science and software engineering and computer information systems, **Leah Jennings** (VA) is proactive in her career as both a student and a professional.



When her teachers mentioned a local internship opportunity with the Department of Homeland Security (at Corry Station in Pensacola), Leah sent out her résumé and was accepted within a couple of weeks.

"Cyber security is one of the fields that I am interested in, so I was very intrigued by this internship," said Leah, who, from the start, knew this experience would not only guide her career path, but also challenge her development in her field.

"The internship program with DHS at Corry Station has three different areas for the interns to rotate through, versus the traditional focus in one area or department," Leah explained. "This gave

me such a wide exposure to the various departments, teams, and the work that each accomplishes."

Though the internship began as a summer opportunity, DHS invited her to stay through the school year and work part-time. Now Leah wakes before most of her fellow college students to get to her early morning shift at Corry Station, in addition to working afternoon hours.

"A challenging position and career is important to me," Leah acknowledged. "Ultimately I hope to positively impact those I work with and those I serve. The world today needs more Christian leaders, and I hope to answer that call and be an example for others to follow."

Leah attributes her current success to her education at PCC. "I've been challenged by my computer science teachers to never stop learning. Seeing their passion for computer science and their care for each of their students constantly makes me strive to do better than I did the day before." ■

**Read Leah's full story at [PCCinfo.com/CyberSecurity](http://PCCinfo.com/CyberSecurity).**



## HIGHLIGHTS



# Electrifying & Dazzling

*New multimedia projectors add dimension to special events on campus.*

Darkness bursting into electrifying currents, a screeching eagle swooping overhead, and booming high-light videos of the *Eagles* and *Lady Eagles* created a floor show unlike any other. This was *Eagle Mania 2014*.

Described as “epic” across social media, this first-of-its-kind show at PCC was the result of concentrated development. Months before the show, the promotional video team, under the direction of Nick Ryan, worked behind the scenes to coordinate their projected multimedia presentation to the entrance of the *Eagles* and *Lady Eagles* players and cheerleaders. By harnessing the the new projection system’s power, the team impressed their audience, judging by their immediate and positive responses on Twitter and Instagram.

Later in the semester, the promotional video team delivered yet again. This time, they used the new technology to bring dazzling effects to the Christmas Lights concert. A projected countdown on the Dale Horton Auditorium built anticipation for the illumination of lights on campus and the sing along, then projected a high-tech lights show synchronized with projected images and the performers’ music. The words to favorite Christmas carols shone atop the DHA, along with falling snow, silhouettes of the nativity, and images of fun holiday memories like putting presents around the tree.

During the past semester, the Promotional Video team kept busy creating these two impressive shows to make special moments even more memorable. Only time will tell what’s in store. ■



**PCCinfo.com/ManiaShow**  
Opening floor show video and highlights



## Multimedia Shows in Action

**PCCinfo.com/LightShow**  
Christmas Lights concert photo highlights







## New Minor in Digital Media

To meet the needs of a growing number of students, PCC has introduced digital media as a minor, broad field, and youth ministries emphasis.

Over the past few years, students pursuing degrees in Bible, missions, and youth ministries have expressed the need for knowledge in digital media. "They are being asked to help create content to meet the communication needs of various church and ministry organizations, and this program will prepare them to do so," says Shawn Thayer, chair of Visual Arts. He adds, "But anyone interested in using creative software in their local church ministry or as an element of their fieldwork will find this program very helpful."

The program includes classes such as Digital Typography, Digital Media Production, Photography I, Media Studio Production, and Web Programming for the Designer. In each class, students learn from experienced faculty using modern facilities and industry-standard software and hardware.

"Students learn how to use various software applications to create content for print and electronic media, the Internet, and audio and video productions," Thayer says.

Over 20 students have already started the program, and the Visual Arts department is expecting the number to grow quickly. ■

## Upcoming Events

### College Days

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

**April 9-10**

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

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# Ask Me ANYTHING

*Your questions about college—answered by an expert*



Name **Anna Grace**

Classification **Senior**

Major **Performance Studies**

Hometown **Dayton, OH**

Anna Grace blogs about college life at  
**PensacolaChristianCollegeBlog.com.**

## **What should I pack to come?**

—Miriam, Torreon, Mexico

Packing can be exciting, but also nerve wracking! You know, I showed up to PCC with little more than a pillow, a toothbrush, and a duffle bag. I wasn't sure what to pack either, but I had great RAs and friends who helped me figure it out pretty quickly! Check out our student blog for tips, and ask your enrollment advisor as you're starting to fill your suitcase. They'd be happy to help with any of your specific questions.

## **Do you get along with all your roommates?**

—Carl, Waco, TX

Sure do. Look, I'll even make them famous. Here's a shout out to you guys—Sarah, Amy, Heather! You are fabulous! But anyway, roommates have definitely made up some of my richest memories on campus. Four years of study sessions, communal Dorito bags, laughing-till-we're-on-the-floor kind of Monday nights, and sometimes a few shared tears—I wouldn't take back any of it for the world!

## **What's unique about the Pensacola area?**

—Zak, Atchison, KS

Well, most people would say the beach. And don't get me wrong, the beach is fantastic. But I've fallen in love with all the nooks and crannies of the Pensacola culture over these past

few years. A drive through town will show you Pensacola locals fishing on the pier; rows of hole-in-the-wall cafés and shops; flocks of geese crossing the streets in great, squawking waves; and much more. Love it.

## **Where's your favorite place to do your homework?**

—Sean, Chicago, IL

Well, you know what they say: "homework is where the coffee is." Just kidding, I made that up. But I've made great use of our coffee places on campus for my studying! Common Grounds Café, Palms Grille, and the coffee station in our Campus Store—I've probably bought enough coffee to supply a small coffee-drinking army.

## **How do I not get stressed during the semester?**

—Scott, Upland, CA

One. Day. At. A. Time. (Emphasis on *one*.) Get in the habit of waking up in the morning and giving your day to the Lord—right at the start. If you're going through your day knowing it belongs to God, every daily moment is exciting! Press on toward that college degree, but don't forget to slow down sometimes and enjoy the journey. ■

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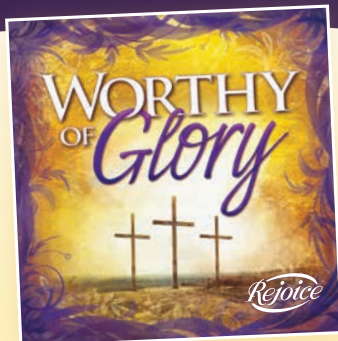
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