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From the **President**

Dr. Troy A. Shoemaker @PresidentPCC



Commencement is always a special time as our graduates and their families celebrate one of life's biggest milestones. PCC's 41st Commencement ceremony this May felt extra special to me because the class of 2016 was the first class I had the privilege to serve as president during all four of their college years.

When they came as freshmen, this year's graduates were just beginning their PCC journey. Everything was new and unknown.

But as the years went by, they gained confidence as they experienced growth academically, spiritually, and socially. Some had difficult or unexpected circumstances back home, but they continued on with God's help and strength, committing themselves to follow His will and finish strong. Truly, God has done great

things in each graduate's life, and they stand ready to go out and influence this world for Christ.

Many are doing so already, right now, serving in local churches, ministering on the mission field, starting their career, or beginning graduate school.

Following in their footsteps, a new group of incoming freshmen will be starting their college journey with us in less than two months. As our team prepares for their arrival, I can't help being thrilled about the potential they have and the excitement they'll bring to campus.

These new students will be joining a family of students, faculty, and staff who will welcome them and help them realize their potential in Christ. And, Lord willing, in four years they'll graduate prepared for God's service just like this year's graduates! ■





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From Kitchen TO TABLE

Whether it's a caramel latté with soy milk and stevia or a slice of pizza with peppers, olives, and bacon, PCC's dining experience offers variety and freshness. College students, faculty, staff, and guests have an abundance of food options on campus at Four Winds, Varsity, and Grab N Go; plus items for sale at Palms Grille, Common Grounds Café, Papa Johns, or The Hut.

"Variety is key to college students," said Toby Baker, general manager of on-campus restaurants. "People are looking for their own personal niche when it comes to dining options so that when they're here at PCC, they're not just one of thousands of people on campus," he said. "They want to have some of their favorite little things like at home."

Some of those little things include seven varieties of milk at The Common

Grounds Café (including coconut and almond milk) and five types of sweeteners for drinks. Plus, fourteen different menus in the residential dining area are



offered daily—from grilled hamburgers to Asian cuisine (not to mention dozens of desserts, from ice cream cones to slices of creamy peanut butter pie).

According to **Scott Cochran**, director of Dining Services, "We focus on quality over quantity. All of the menus are so diverse."

With that diversity come healthier options like fish tacos with mango avocado salsa or grilled Italian chicken and asparagus atop a bed of savory quinoa. The Garden Bar, Gluten Free line, and Fresh and Healthy line are just three of the seven lines offered at Four Winds. Cold deli sandwiches, chicken and waf-

fles, Philly cheesesteaks, and chicken fajitas are just a few of the many choices available at Four Winds.

Varsity sports the traditional soup and salad fixings along with standard college favorites like Tex-Mex, pizza, hot deli, or chicken tenders. For those in a hurry, the Grab N Go menu offers four different options daily, including a healthy choice like a chef salad served with apple slices and a granola bar or a hot entrée like a breaded chicken sandwich with BBQ chips and an oatmeal cream pie.

For faculty and staff who remember dining in PCC's early days, seeing the diversity of the food menu shows them how greatly the Lord has blessed PCC. English faculty Ann Raymond recalls a time when there was only one option for each meal, and students looked forward to their favorite being served; hers was mac & cheese with a cinnamon roll and veggies. It wasn't "all you could eat" in those days, but it was simple, wholesome food. Now, time has added convenience and variety.

"Personally, I enjoy the convenience of having choices available in case I become hungry in between meals," said student manager Dustin Howard (Jr., GA), who works at Palms Grille, Common Grounds Café, The Hut, and Papa Johns. "I find our products to be fresh, hand-

sorted for quality, and served with customer appreciation."

Once the Palms Grille relocates in fall 2016, it will expand its offerings with the inclusion of a Fast Service menu of ready-made items. Baker says this menu option will offer cold items, drinks, and sides available immediately for purchase with no wait. Included in



the Fast Service menu will be favorite cold sandwiches, salads, and wraps, as well as a variety of fresh fruit, chips, and yogurt.

Emily Johnson (Jr., WI) can't wait to get food from the new Palms Grille Fast Service menu. "I like knowing that any time I order food it's going to be high quality and extremely fresh," she said.

With over 10,000 meals served across campus daily, PCC's Dining Services continually meets a high standard for freshness and variety. Senior Kirby Brandenburg (OH) appreciates that. "I enjoy the freshness and ability to live a healthy and active lifestyle through the variety of choices which are provided," he said. "Dining Services really wants to give the students what they want, and I believe the department has done a more than ample job by providing fresh and delicious options any lifestyle can appreciate." ■

500

pizza crusts

2000+

oven fresh rolls

MADE
FRESH
DAILY

2200+

Grab N Go meals

3000+

cookies

In chapel, President Shoemaker and Dr. Phyllis Rand shared stories of God's work in PCC's founding.



BUILDERS

of the Dream

New book release chronicles PCC's history

“This College which we all enjoy is a direct answer to prayer,” said President Troy Shoemaker during a special chapel this past semester. “This ministry is a result of individuals who have given themselves wholly to the work of the Lord.”

For the first time, those answers to prayer and the details of what God has done have been written down and published. Readers will be able to share in the untold stories behind the history of PCC and its ministries.

Builders of the Dream: The Education Ministry of Arlin and Beka Horton in Pensacola, Florida was announced in that chapel service and has since

been released in hardcover and softcover. Available for purchase online and at the Campus Store, proceeds from the book's sale will go directly into the Founders Scholarship Fund to aid students financially.

This inspirational chronicle recounts the adolescent years of Arlin and Beka through their college experiences and marriage. It walks the reader through the decisions the Hortons had to make as they followed the Lord's prompting, forging a foundation beyond their dreams. Throughout the book, readers can trace God's providential leading and blessing as these builders of the dream followed God's will.

“God used this sweet couple to do things greater than their imagination. God will take you farther and use you greater than you ever imagined,” said Dr. Shoemaker as he welcomed PCC’s founders Dr. and Mrs. Arlin Horton to the Crowne Centre stage during chapel. The students applauded, knowing something special was to follow. Sophomore Beka Thomason (FL) said, “I loved being able to see the Hortons. I feel like I was included in a little part of this college’s history, and I love that the Hortons’ focus was on how the Lord worked.”

The book’s author, longtime PCC faculty member Dr. Phyllis Rand, has worked on writing the history for the past eighteen months. At first, she felt inadequate to handle such a huge task, but she was encouraged to tell the Horton’s story when she received two valuable resources at just the right time.

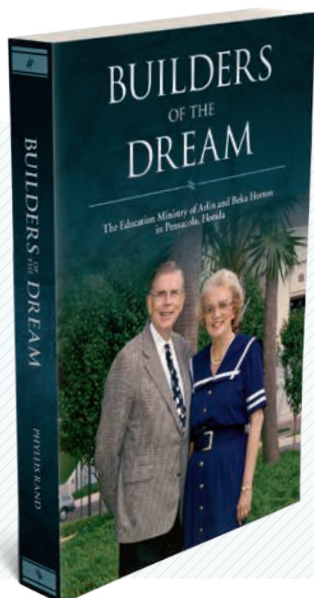
The first was a notebook that Dr. Horton had written of his childhood as well as early years of the ministry. The second was a series of transcripts from Dr. Greg Mutsch’s interviews with the Hortons during PCC’s 25th Anniversary. These and other resources helped Dr. Rand write *Builders of the Dream*.

Excited to share the completed work, Dr. Rand chose a few excerpts from the book to read to the students. Each quotation, memory, and picture brought to life a history that had unfolded before this current generation of students had ever been born.

A smile broke across Dr. Horton’s face as he listened to the excerpts being read. Earlier, he had told Dr. Shoemaker and Dr. Rand that “people need to know what God has done—to hear a story that shouldn’t be lost. Our story would encourage the students to know God can use anyone, even Beka and me.”

The story truly did encourage many students. Margaret Benson (Jr., FL) said, “Seeing the Hortons’ love for both God and each other and how they have stayed strong for all these years was inspiring.”

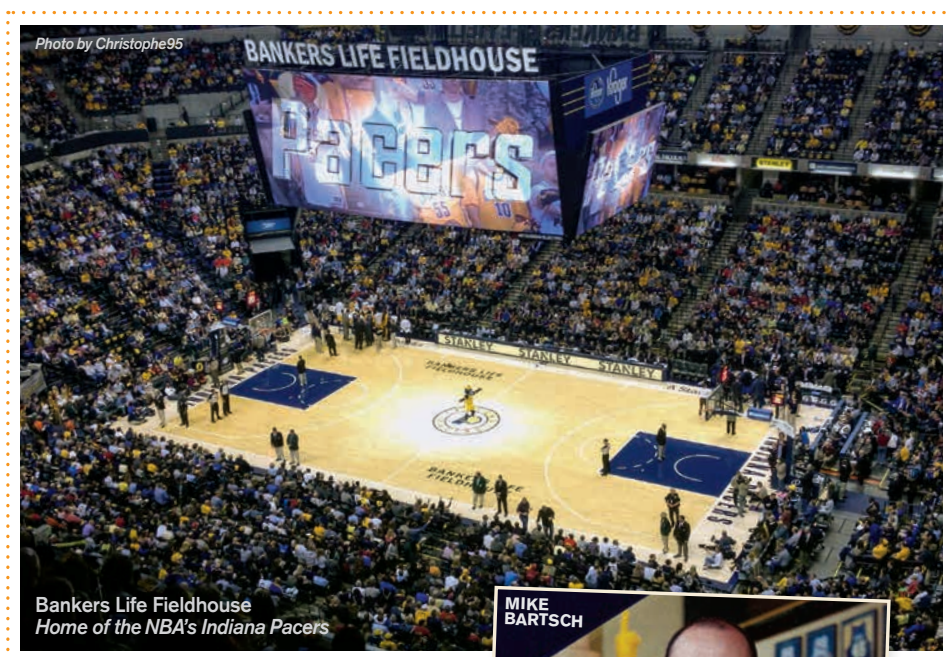
Another student, Rose Quigley (So., NJ), felt that same way. She said, “I enjoyed hearing the excerpts from the new book. Dr. Horton had also made it clear that this book wasn’t about him and his wife but rather about how God has used two individuals to accomplish His work. That really touched me, and I’m looking forward to reading the book.” ■



Discover the Dream

Share in the untold stories behind the history of PCC and its ministries while tracing God’s providential leading and blessing. This inspiring account walks readers through the decisions that Arlin and Beka Horton had to make as they followed the Lord’s prompting, forging a foundation beyond their dreams.

Get your copy at pcci.edu/Dream.



From MBA TO NBA



Over 18,000 fans whooped and cheered during the final seconds of an Indiana Pacers' game as they clinched a playoff berth. Excitement electrified the 750,000 square feet of Bankers Life Fieldhouse, the mammoth basketball stadium built to pay homage to Indiana's NBA team. For most of the fans attending, this was a unique experience for one evening. But for Mike Bartsch ('13, MBA '15), this was another rewarding day at work, turning dreams into memories.

Seeing the fans' excitement, giving them an incredible experience—that's what working as a corporate ticket sales manager is all about. "For me, to

provide people with lasting memories of an exciting experience is very rewarding!" said Bartsch.

Sports had always been Bartsch's

focus, but this M.B.A. and Sports Management grad never expected the Lord to place him as a corporate ticket sales manager for the NBA's Indiana Pacers. "For as long as I can remember, I have always loved sports—especially basketball," he said. "But during my high school and college years, I really enjoyed studying marketing and business. This job is the combination of these two passions of mine."

On a daily basis, Bartsch sells ticket packages to local businesses, helping them build relationships with their clients and provide incentives to their employees. He sells 5–10 game ticket packages as well as full- or half-season ticket bundles. Currently, he manages over 80 clients and their accounts for the entire season. He also provides tours of the Pacers' arena in the Bankers Life Fieldhouse. During his tours, he incorporates interesting and little-known facts about the history of Indiana basketball and the rise of the Pacers.

When he started working with the Pacers last year, he was the first consumer sales executive to have a single sale over \$10,000 and the first to reach the annual sales goal of \$148,000 in only seven months. Bartsch believes networking and preparation are why he has been so successful.

"Networking was key to my attaining this position with the Pacers," he said. "I interviewed with several NBA teams prior to landing the job with the Pacers to get a trend of the interview questions that sales managers would ask during the interview process."

After Bartsch and his wife, Meghan, graduated from PCC, they both knew they wanted to relocate closer to their families. "As we began to pray where God would lead us after graduation," he said, "the Lord confirmed that Indiana was where He wanted us. It is

almost halfway in between both of our families."

Now, in the field, he sees how the Lord had prepared him throughout his college career for this job. Multitasking on various class projects helped him to gain a strong work ethic and to meet deadlines. As a Christian businessman, he understood his responsibility to always handle situations appropriately and be a good testimony to his colleagues. "I love using the business skills that I learned at PCC in the area that I have been passionate about my whole life," said Bartsch.

One particular quotation from his ethics teacher, Dr. John Cirone, has molded him into the businessman he is today: "We are not business people who just happen to be Christians; we are Christians who just happen to be business people." For Bartsch, "that embodies the way that I try to approach my career," he said.

Every day, Bartsch steps foot into one of the largest basketball arenas in the nation to save people money by teaching them about the different ticket options offered to fans. For him, helping his clients is the end goal.


He recalled one of his greatest experiences with a client, a time when he upgraded their seats from row 1 in the balcony to row 1 in the lower level. Smiling, he said, "Their feet were literally on the court. I was able to sit with them for the entire second half and get to know them much better. The next day, my client e-mailed and thanked me for the experience and stated that 'it was an event they will never forget.'"

Experiences like this are why Bartsch enjoys being a sales manager with the Pacers. Considering his daily responsibilities, he said, "I love seeing the pure joy and excitement on my clients' faces when they get to experience a professional basketball game. Nothing compares." ■



Criminal Justice students learn to administer

JUSTICE

by The Book 

The criminal justice program at PCC provides students with more than just a fundamental knowledge of their field. Practical classes equip students to face the growing challenges of the field while building strong Christian character.

In one class, students assess a mock crime scene. In another, they direct traffic at a local school. In yet another, Chief Deputy Eric Haines ('93) of Escambia County Sheriff's Office conducts a mock Oral Review Board to help graduating seniors prepare for future interviews. Students also develop strong writing and communication skills that help them

write reports and communicate with their superiors.

"It's kind of a joke among my squad—when people submit a report to me, they know it's going to be checked; it's going to be very thorough; and if there's anything wrong, it's going to be sent back for changes," said deputy sheriff **Chris Sawyer** ('05) of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office in Virginia. When he interviewed for his position in 2005, the lieutenant conducting the interview was so impressed with Chris's character that he called PCC to ask for more recruits. During police academy training, Sawyer

finished first in his class of 99 recruits, while four others from his graduating class also successfully finished and obtained jobs with the department.



Former **Lt. David Mundt** served in the patrol division at the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department before joining PCC faculty in 2013. He said, “Understanding that God is in control gives students a different perspective of crime and the consequences of crime. The criminal justice major prepares students for a career in law enforcement by introducing them to the criminal justice system, explaining the patrol function, and developing their understanding of criminal and procedural law.”

Before retiring to teach, former **Sgt. John Heckel** served in Long Island, New York, for 21 years. He said, “Policing is a ministry—whether it be administering first aid, searching for a lost child, or any of the innumerable types of calls for service. We want our graduates to be able to articulate the role of the criminal justice professional in the God-ordained institution of government.”

Criminal Justice Forums bring in a variety of organizations to speak with students. One year, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) brought equipment for students to try on. Other years, the FBI, Cold Cases, and a District Attorney (DA) have spoken with students about solved cases.

Required internships give students the opportunity to apply their book knowledge in tangible ways. **Ashley Davis** (¹⁴) said, “Internships are a lot of fun because you actually get to see what goes on in the police department. You have the note taking in class, but the internships give you the opportunity to see

law enforcement in action and be more involved in the process.”

Jonathan Walker (¹⁶) had the opportunity to complete a ten-month internship with the United States Federal Probation Office. “I attended federal court proceedings alongside criminal justice professionals from various federal agencies,”

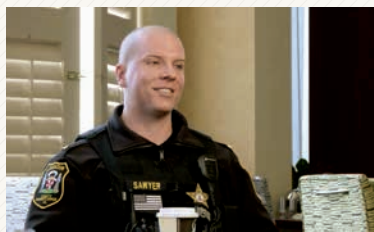


he said. “This internship gave me an insight into workings of the criminal justice system that I had previously learned about in several of my classes.”

“PCC was the obvious choice for me. I knew that I would be able to get a well-rounded degree that would better my chances for hiring once I graduated,” he said.

Jonathan recently accepted the position of deputy sheriff with the Loudon County Sheriff’s Office—eleven years after Chris Sawyer first accepted his position and paved the way for future recruits.

Other graduates serve in 40 of the 50 states in a variety of careers, including federal agencies such as Homeland Security, the Secret Service, and the Federal Air Marshals Service. Internationally, criminal justice graduates serve in Her Majesty’s Prison in the Bahamas and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. ■



Alumni Spotlight

Chris Sawyer describes what a day in the life of a deputy sheriff is all about.



Watch the video at
pcc.edu/CJgrad.

Commencement

Four years ago, as Dr. Troy Shoemaker began his first year as president of PCC, the College welcomed the class of 2016. Now, these students are the first class to graduate having had Dr. Shoemaker as president their entire college career.

May 11 marked PCC's 41st Commencement with 850 students graduating from Pensacola Christian College, PCC Graduate Studies, and Pensacola Theological Seminary. In a beautiful ceremony recognizing God's faithfulness, graduates celebrated this milestone with family and friends proudly watching from the audience. Commencement speaker **Steve Maldoff** ('95),

Southeast Asia Director at Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI), addressed the graduates.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, graduates turned their tassels, symbolizing the completion of their degree and the start of a new chapter in life.

Aaron Conley ('16) said, "Graduation is the end reward for all our hard work over the past four years, but God has amazing plans for each of us who walked across that stage. Graduation is only the beginning!"

PCC is honored to have had a part in these graduates' education, and is excited to see how God will use them in the coming years. ■

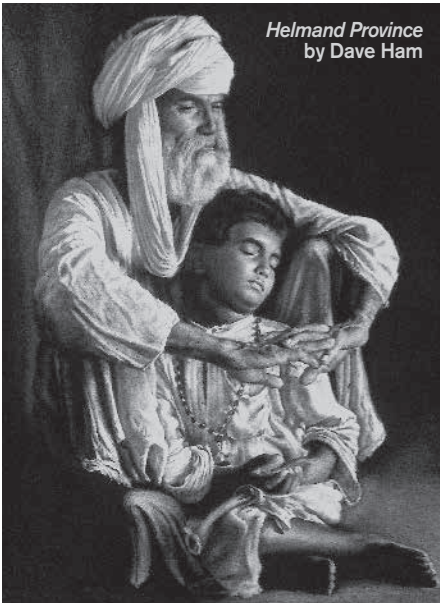
President's Citation of Merit



- 1** Tom Messick (*Canada*) and Danae Vandenburg (*MI*) were awarded PCC's highest honor.
- 2** Kayla Udd (*TX*), Molly Barbour (*NH*), Carrie Shrewsbury (*WV*), Timothy Francis (*FL*), Elyssa Houk (*FL*), Jeffrey Snow (*TN*), Nicholas Nicchitta (*VA*), and Amber Richards (*ME*) earned highest undergraduate GPAs.

Faculty Academic Scholarship Awards





*Helmand Province
by Dave Ham*

Art of the Portrait Winners

When **Dave Ham** (So., AU) and **Lucas Silveira** (So., BR) came to PCC last year, they never dreamed how far their abilities would take them. Both entered the prestigious Portrait Society of America's competition to win scholarships to "The Art of the Portrait" Conference held in Washington, D.C.

When they discovered they had won full scholarships to the conference, they were shocked. Dave said, "Lucas and I were able to meet many famous artists and competition winners. It was a unique experience creating relationships with artists I have admired for years."

As two of the five winners chosen from an international myriad of contestants, both felt blessed. Dave attributed his success as an artist to two things: his teachers and God's leading.

"My teachers at PCC are talented, and I love being taught by them," he said. He could also see God's providential plan working in his life. "I chose an art major because nothing else interested me, and I believe that was just a very obvious way God led me to art." ■

Upcoming Events

Summer Seminar for Christian school administrators and teachers July 26-29

(850) 478-8496, ext. 2828
pcci.edu/SummerSeminar

PCC Opening Weekend for family and friends of students September 3-5

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

Teachers Clinic for Christian school teachers and office staff October 10-11

(850) 478-8496, ext. 2828
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Ladies Celebration Spiritual retreat with God's Word at Camp o' the Pines November 3-5

(850) 478-8496, ext. 2828
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College Days for high school seniors, juniors, sophomores, and qualified high school graduates Nov. 23-26

1-800-PCC-INFO (1-800-722-4636)
pcci.edu/CollegeDays

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

How God Made Me

Catherine Morton ('16) knew she had disabilities from a stroke in the womb, but nothing would keep this motivated young lady from pursuing a degree in English. Read how the Lord led her to PCC and later guided her toward a unique internship opportunity.



I have fully accepted that this is how God made me, and He makes no mistakes. I'm thankful for my stroke because it has allowed me to reach people that I wouldn't have if it weren't for my disabilities. God uses our shortcomings for His glory!

In utero, my twin died, which caused me to have a stroke. The stroke affected the right side of my body and my speech. That's why the right side of my body is weaker, causing difficulty for me to do certain tasks and giving me a stutter. However, my disabilities have never affected my personality.

Growing up, I always loved to write. When it was hard for me to speak because of my stuttering, the pen always caught what I wished I could say. My love for writing was born during the fourth grade when my teacher really made English and writing come alive. She always taught me that I was capable of anything, just like everyone else, and that my stroke did not make me any less of a person.

I love how words have power; they have the ability to change people both positively and negatively. That's why I chose to be an English major, because I wanted my words to affect people positively.

I always knew that I needed to attend a Christian college, and I began looking into various Christian colleges. The fall of my senior year of high school, I visited PCC for College Days. When I visited classes and was surrounded by the atmosphere, I knew this was where God wanted me.

He has taught me so much here. By far, Copy Editing has been the most profitable course I have taken during college. We use editing more than we think we do. It really helped me in a lot of different classes to know how to effectively edit my papers.

For a while, I had been praying that God would open up a door for an internship. A couple of weeks later, my friend Danielle told me about her experience at *Joni and Friends*, a ministry that shares the love of Christ to people affected by disability. It was really neat to see how God wove it all together, perfectly in His time!

My internship with *Joni and Friends* was probably one of the best experiences of my life—just being around someone that has overcome immense adversity but has used it for good. I enjoyed every moment being around people that had the same passions I did.

During my time there, I interned with the radio department. I was able to write scripts, various disability pamphlets, and public service announcements. It was so neat to see how God brought my two passions of writing and disabilities together.

Ultimately, I would love to work with the disabled in the future. I would love to use my passion for writing to inspire those that are affected by disabilities. My plans after graduation are ultimately to do what God wants, and at this moment, that means teaching English. I'm very excited about the next chapter in my life!" ■

Employment Opportunities

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

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