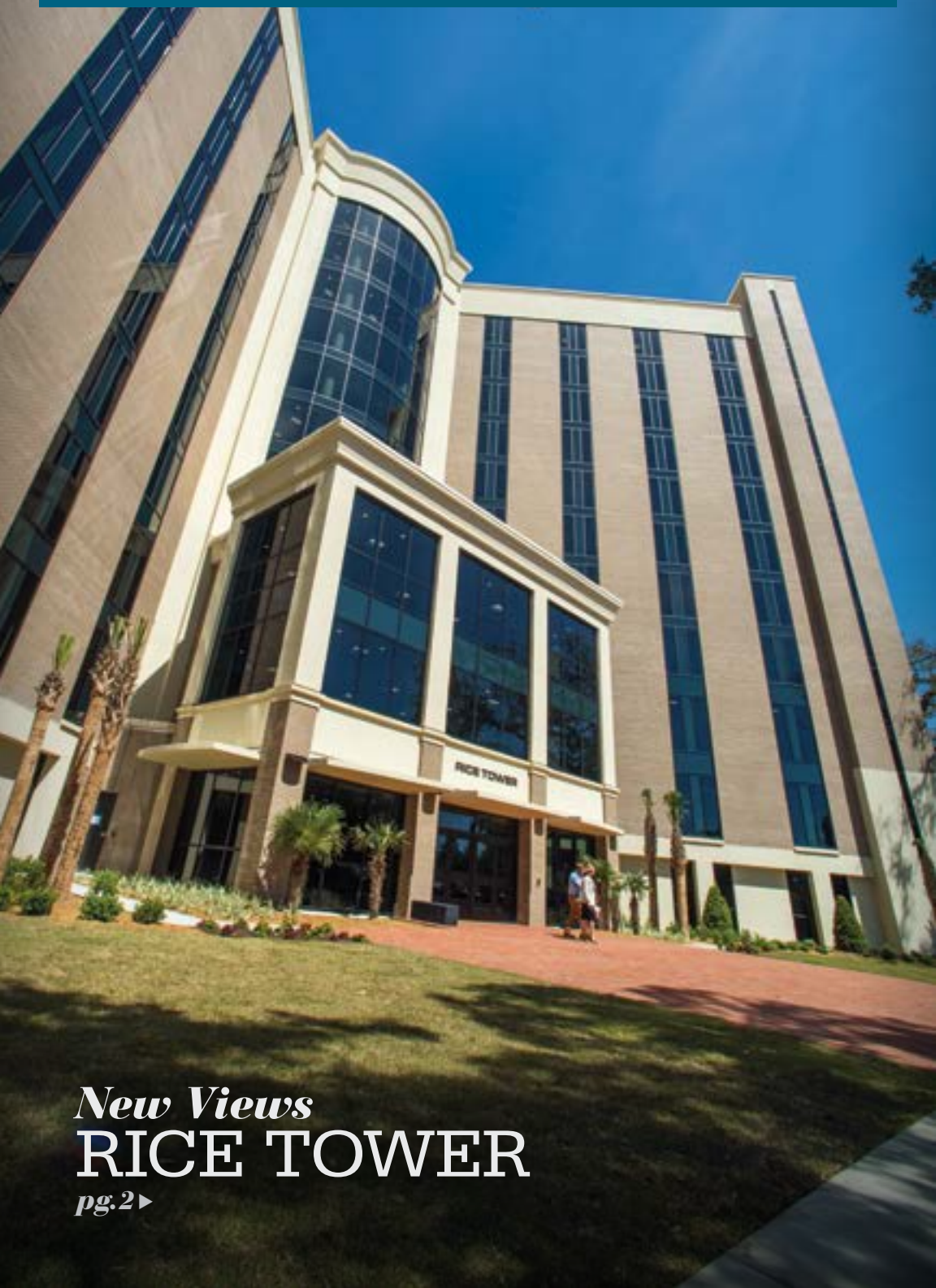


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RICE TOWER
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From the **President**

Dr. Troy A. Shoemaker @PresidentPCC



This summer, our Proclaim ministry teams are sharing God's love through music and preaching as well as helping ministries reach their communities with the gospel. While they're serving in churches across the country, they also have the opportunity to interact with prospective students and their parents in person, helping answer questions about college life.

Another part of the Promotions team, our PCC representatives, travel during the fall and spring semesters, visiting Christian schools and families to provide helpful information about PCC. Along with tabletop displays and printed materials, they're now using virtual reality headsets to give students an immersive experience of campus life. Through 360° video and the power of VR, prospective students can tour campus, take in part of an Eagle's game, and even join the audience for our Christmas Lights Celebration.

On campus in the Admissions office, our Enrollment Advisors connect with prospective students year round using social media, online chats, text messaging, e-mail, and phone calls.

More and more students are "shopping" for their college, seeking meaningful interactions and responses. It's changed the way we connect with prospective students, and we're seeing higher interest than ever in PCC.

Thirty-five years ago, when I was making my college decision, things were much different. There was no Internet to research everything I could possibly want to know about a college. There were no social media platforms to ask questions and get immediate answers. All the knowledge I had about PCC came from a course catalog and anecdotes from friends who were attending.

Back then, with no distance learning, going off to college was "the thing" everyone did. Many of us traveled alone by bus or car. When I stopped by to see my dad at work before leaving for college, he wished me well and off I went into the unknown adventure of it all.

But as different as my generation's experience was compared to today's, I'm astounded by a powerful similarity: both generations are marked by students who come to PCC because God called them.

Whether 35 years ago or today, young people are still eager to find the area of study that will best prepare them to follow God's leading in their life. They want to serve God and do something that matters for eternity. That's what drives our efforts at PCC—empowering the next generation of Christian leaders to influence the world for Christ. ■

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New VIEWS



RICE TOWER

PCC's newest residence hall, and Pensacola's second tallest building, offers a brand-new view of campus—and beyond.



When crews broke ground on Rice Tower in early June of 2017, they began constructing the newest residence hall on campus in over 20 years, following the opening of Young Tower in fall of 1995.

At 11 stories, Rice Tower soars over campus at 144' 3", making it the second tallest building in Pensacola, yet the highest building by 36 feet due to where it sits above sea level. In its 246 rooms, the new men's residence hall will house 996 students, the first of which will move in beginning this fall. Over 860 individuals worked on and in the building since breaking ground, including those from Morette Company, the general contractor, and Strobel and Hunter, Inc., an architectural firm that has worked with PCC since 1992.

On campus, Cabinet Shop made all of the furniture filling each of the rooms, along with additional pieces throughout the building. "In Rice Tower, the Cabinet Shop has built the lobby desk, lobby bathroom vanities, manager's kitchen



and office furniture, the day room tables, vending room cabinetry, music lockers, and the casework in the new Gearbox," said Cabinet Shop supervisor

Jordan Jekel. "In each individual room, we have built two dressers, one bookshelf, vestibule shelving, two closets, a corkboard, and the headboards on the bunkbeds. I have estimated it takes 175 man-hours to complete and install one room's worth of furniture."



"The building from the ground up has been scrutinized and built to suit the modern needs and wants of a college student," said **Jonathan**

Abbott, PCC's construction manager. Indeed, the modern residence hall has had the current needs of its students

taken into consideration in its design. "The placement of outlets, USB ports, the position of shelving in every place possible, purpose-built rooms such as a convenience store and practice rooms all contribute to a modern building," he said.

Young, Ballard, Coberly, Griffith, Dixon, and Bradley residence halls were named after the original members of the College's Board of Directors. All were prayer partners when Pensacola Christian School (Academy) and College were started. Rice Tower honors the legacy of Dr. Bill Rice, III. Over his lifetime, he has been an author and evangelist, served as president of Bill Rice Ranch for 25 years, served on PCC's Board of Directors and as chairman of the board for a number of years. He also was instrumental in the early stages of PCC's ministerial class and was the first recipient of PCC's honorary doctorate in 1977.

In April, **Dr. Bill Rice, III,** and his family joined PCC's leadership team at Rice Tower where they were honored in a dedication ceremony. "Seeing Rice Tower draws my attention to Dr. and Mrs. Horton and the history of Pensacola Christian," Dr. Rice said. "It makes me think of the present and the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Shoemaker. It also makes me prayerful about the future of Pensacola Christian. May its future continue to see the blessings of God."

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Dedication Ceremony *April 26, 2019*



- ▲ Campus Church pastor Jeff Redlin shared appreciation for Dr. Rice's ministry through the years. "He has a foundation that is rooted so very deeply in truths of Scripture. And through the course of my life, I've grown up listening to him preach the convictions of God's Word," he said.



- ▲ Dr. Bill and Mary Rice with Dr. Troy and Denise Shoemaker. Since PCC's early days, Dr. Rice has been a friend, strategic advisor, and influential leader. In 1977, he received PCC's first honorary doctorate (*right*).





RICE TOWER

Watch the building take shape with a time-lapse video at pcci.edu/BuildingRice.

Building Features



▲ The ground floor of Rice Tower features an open layout with an expansive front entrance, large tile flooring, and a convenience store further inside.



▲ The spacious rooms include thoughtful placement of furniture along with recessed electrical outlets and USB plugs for a new generation of students.



Attending PCC provided more than just a degree for Rich Tozour—it also provided a direction.

For the last 25 years, Evangelist Rich Tozour ('89) has worked with two eternal entities—the Word of God and the souls of men. In Kansas City, Missouri, he has led Tozour Evangelistic Ministries, traveling as a local church evangelist out of Eagle Heights Baptist Church.

Rich, who had accepted Christ as Savior at 10, surrendered to full-time ministry at 15, about a year after his parents had fully surrendered to the Lord. “It occurred to me that night that my life’s calling should be up to the Lord and not to me,” he said. “Though scared to death to do public speaking, I had an idea that I would end up being a preacher.”

Eventually, he made his way to Florida to see what PCC had to offer. “I wanted a distinctly Christian education. It needed to be in a school that

was dispensational in its theological perspective and practical in its application of God’s Word. It needed to practice biblical separation and exhibit a gracious spirit. And since I would be a Bible major, I definitely wanted a college that would teach Greek out of the Received Text (*Textus Receptus*) and that held to the King James Version in preaching and teaching,” he explained. “Pensacola Christian College fit those criteria.”

While at PCC, Rich learned much from his classes, from solidifying his own biblical convictions and beliefs in Bible Doctrines to knowing how to communicate clearly and correctly in speech and English classes. However, some of his most-used teaching methods found their roots in unexpected classes, and others weren’t received in class at all. “I didn’t appreciate History of Civilization at the time, but now I consistently



use history as source for illustrating Bible truth," Tozour said. "One of the greatest benefits to me was having excellent guest preachers in chapel, church, and ministerial class during my college years."

After graduating in 1989, Rich gave some thought into pursuing a master's degree, but his life was shaped by another opportunity—working as a College representative. At that point, he found himself traveling the country, preaching once or twice a day for two years. Loving the adventure of it, traveling often became regular for Rich, now doing so with his family for evangelism work. "Our whole family loves to travel. We've been to every state and to some other countries," Tozour said. "We love the quote from Augustine, 'The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.'"

On his life's path, Rich credits longtime PCC staff member Reggie Sellers (retired 2018) for helping steer him in the right direction.



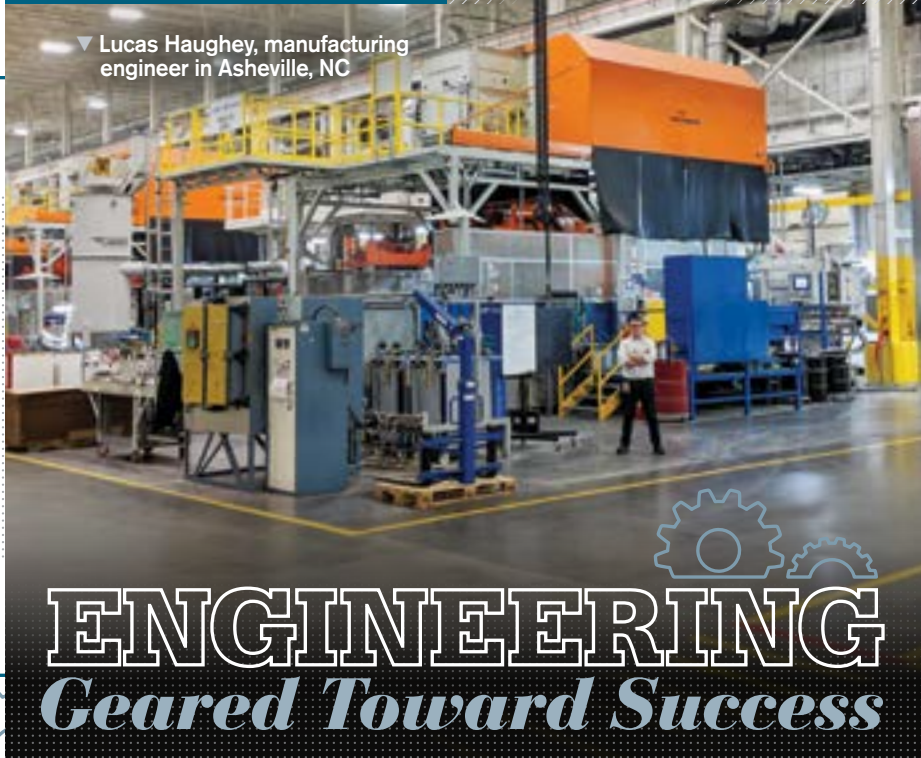
After delivering what Rich described as "a particularly heavy-handed sermon," Rich received advice from Mr. Sellers that he'd never forget. "He explained, 'Rich, people don't care what you know until they know how much you care. Your preaching is fine, but your tone conveys condescension. My concern is not just for you as a preacher representing this institution; I'm concerned for your life-long ministry. You won't last long in evangelism if people don't sense that you care about them,'" Tozour recalled. "That day proved to be the breaking point in my life. I'm grateful for many things Mr. Sellers taught me; that one was the most important."

Attending PCC proved to be more than just college experience for Evangelist Tozour; it led him down the road the Lord intended for him and gave him the privilege of seeing his daughter Briana ('18) graduate from his alma mater.

"I settled in my heart the doctrines that made me an independent Baptist by conviction. I was broken so the Lord could use me. I met the girl I would marry, Angela Wessberg ('93), whose influence would make a greater impact on me than anyone else but the Lord Himself," he said. "I'm very grateful that I received a solid foundation for ministry during my college years at PCC and in the experiences I received working as a rep after graduation." ■

MAJOR FOCUS

▼ Lucas Haughey, manufacturing engineer in Asheville, NC



ENGINEERING

Geared Toward Success

Rigorous academics and opportunities to apply knowledge prepare students for an exciting field.

Across the states, engineers are testing unmanned systems for the Navy, developing tooling solutions and programs for Intel, and finalizing support systems at NASA's Glenn Space Research Center. All these engineers are working to move their industries forward, and each graduated from PCC.



"What I enjoy most in this field are the vast array of options available," said **Daniel Miller** ('12), who works on power plant design and construction at

Kiewit Engineering in Lenexa, Kansas. "Within the U.S., there are many engineering jobs within many different fields all over the country. Even within a single company, I have found that there are various roles that one can engage with. The engineering degree from PCC allows one to steer his career in a multitude of directions."

"The rigorous academic foundation taught me how to analyze mechanical and electrical systems so that I can approach any new industry armed with a wealth of solid fundamentals," said Jonathan Fagan ('12), an associate attorney with a law firm in Washington, D.C., who earned a law degree after earning an engineering degree from PCC. He handles cases involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. "Any PCC engineering student learns to prepare. At the undergraduate level, we learned to prepare for exams and presentations. In my current role I prepare for depositions and court. But I learned that success often depends on the student—or party—best prepared."

Outside academics, PCC's focus on Christ helped these alumni learn what is most valued in the workplace. "PCC reinforced my father's work ethic, gave me a safe haven to learn godly principles and

practices for engineering, and helped me realize that living for Christ should be separated from worldliness,” said **Jason Phipps** ('00), who is responsible for HVAC, refrigerator and plumbing designs, and fire protection criteria at Page Interworks in Pennsylvania. “It was the Christian worldview that made all the difference. My previous school I attended was an excellent engineering school, but most of the engineering professors cared little for the students as they were there for their research.”



Lucas Haughey ('17), manufacturing engineer for Linamar, a joint-venture company between two global automotive suppliers located in Asheville, NC, works with facilities such as BMW, Volvo, and Ford. “The most valuable part of PCC’s training would have to be the strong focus on teams,” he said. “We have several instances in the engineering program where we worked on design teams to design and build things for classes including a drivable electric vehicle [during] junior year and various robots and machines during the engineering design competitions. This training has become exceptionally valuable in teaching teamwork and leadership as I both participate and lead various core teams to address manufacturing challenges.”

By starting off with high-level mathematics courses and studying direct application of physical sciences in their classes, engineering students are well-equipped for their fields. Although similar in their foundations, mechanical

and electrical engineering offer different outcomes for students while both focus on fundamental scientific and mathematical laws. The mechanical engineering concentration, considered one of the broadest engineering disciplines, comprises designing, developing, and manufacturing engines, machines, and countless other mechanical devices and products. The electrical engineering concentration lays the foundation for students to design and control components found in myriads of products and inventions such as mobile devices, microwaves, engines, and antennas as well as entire power systems. Students apply lessons in engineering labs where they learn to harness, control, and direct nature’s forces to achieve and measure goals.

Alumni look back at their time at PCC and fondly remember those who helped them work through each class. “[Dr. Francis] was always more concerned with understanding the concept rather than just solving the problem,” said **Kendall Worthington** ('18), who oversees the security systems and sensors at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions. “His classes were the most challenging but at the same time balanced learning with opportunities to challenge myself for a deeper understanding of complex concepts, such as electromagnetic waves.”

PCC engineering graduates are finding where God intended to use their talents. “The field of engineering is vast and exciting, and even if you study one discipline at PCC, you can go into almost any in the work field,” Lucas said. ■

“I’ve got a master’s degree in engineering, did graduate work in engineering and math at three different graduate schools, and taught as an adjunct at two colleges. Nothing so far has compared to the quality of education I received in PCC’s engineering program.”

—Josh Huber ('07) via Facebook



► Master of Divinity Online



Expanded Online Offerings

Online education is growing with new learning opportunities—
Master of Divinity Online and Dual Enrollment.

This fall, PCC expands its online offerings with a fully online Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program through Pensacola Theological Seminary (PTS) and online Dual Enrollment courses.

In the M.Div. program, men delve deeper into the Word of God to gain advanced knowledge of theological topics. The M.Div. online option allows ministry students to tailor their education to fit their busy lives, advancing their understanding of Scripture while still working in ministry.

The online M.Div. program requires 96 credit hours. Those who've participated in Pensacola Theological Seminary's Bible Exposition program are able to use their 30 credit hours from that program for the Master of Divinity program.

Online Dual Enrollment courses offer qualified juniors and seniors from Christian schools a head start on their

college credits. PCC online courses in Bible, English, history, math, and science will be available. Students will be able to take up to two courses per term (fall, spring, and summer) and may earn high school credit, as well as college credit, if their school approves.

Dual Enrollment students will enjoy the same lectures as on-campus students and will turn in assignments; take tests; and communicate with other students and their teacher through Canvas, an online-learning management system.

With the addition of these exciting options, PCC looks forward to welcoming new students to the college family this fall. ■

Online Options

To know more about these programs, visit

pcci.edu/MDivOnline
pcci.edu/DualEnrollment



Project Tanzania: Rise Up and Give

For 2019's Missions Project, the PCC student body raised money for Medical Missions Outreach (MMO) to build medical facilities in Tanzania.

MMO, an organization founded by alumnus Bradley Edmondson (*Bible, '01*), partners with local churches and missionaries and provides ethical medical care to their patients while also presenting them with the gospel and offering godly encouragement.

"We are so humbled to be able to partner with the student body for such an amazing ministry opportunity!" the Maryland-based organization shared on Instagram. "Thank you so much!"

Leading up to the Missions Run, the student body could give toward MMO through the month of April. Donations were taken in three different campaigns. "Add up" allowed students to donate \$2 by paying double when purchasing coffee at Common Grounds. "Round up" allowed students to round up to the next dollar on their on-campus purchases. "Finish up," the last of the three campaigns, gave students the opportunity to donate additional amounts in the Commons during the week of the run.

The student body, along with faculty and staff, raised a sizeable amount for the cause—\$31,582.05! The entire PCC family is excited to see the funds help MMO with its mission. ■

Upcoming Events

Summer Seminar for Christian school administrators and teachers

July 23–26

(850) 478-8496, ext. 2828
SummerSeminarInfo.com

PCC Opening Weekend for family and friends of students

August 23–25

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

Teachers Clinic for Christian school teachers and office staff

October 14–15

(850) 478-8496, ext. 2828
TeachersClinic.com

Ladies Celebration Spiritual retreat with God's Word at Camp o' the Pines

Oct. 31–Nov. 2

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LadiesCelebration.com

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

Nov. 13–15

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pcc.edu/CollegeDays

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

Connections

Stories from PCC

From Editor to Instructor

For the past two years, Mark Wainwright has been enthusiastically helping college students improve their writing abilities and increase their understanding of the publishing field. However, being a teacher was an unexpected chapter in his career.



If you've ever had to write something but felt you couldn't because of writer's block, don't complain to writing instructor Mark Wainwright ('99). He simply doesn't believe in that excuse!

After graduating with his undergraduate degree in commercial writing, Wainwright continued his education by earning a master's degree in English with an emphasis in writing. In 2002, shortly after finishing his master's, he took a position as Publications Manager for Christian Books Melanesia, the largest Christian publisher in Papua New Guinea. In this position, he helped develop more than one hundred publications focused on God's Word and Christian growth.

When Mark returned to the States in 2004, he continued working in the publishing industry, this time with Emmaus International. As Publications and Communications Director, Mark worked closely with Christian writers to produce hundreds of Christian-living resources.

During those 13 years, Mark realized that the writing field was beginning to lack skilled young writers who meaningfully connected with their peers. Not coincidentally, an English faculty position at PCC opened up. Mark took a leap of faith and moved his family to Pensacola to teach future writers. "Leaving the publishing field was one of the hardest de-

cisions I've ever made," he said. "But I knew that this was the next chapter of my life—and wherever God has directed, I've followed."

Since returning to PCC, Mark has taught courses such as Creative Writing, Grammar and Composition, and Copywriting; served as a personal advisor to Professional Writing students; assisted in the Academic Advising office, and worked with Writing Support Services. This summer, he also helped direct a new Youth Outreach Ministry Writing Camp for high schoolers.

Throughout all his teaching responsibilities, Wainwright remains passionate about training young people to write for the glory of God. He encourages his professional writing students to courageously engage and positively influence their communities—and even people across the world—through the power of writing.

"I enjoy telling my students stories about my publishing career and key lessons I've learned through the editorial process," he said. "These stories illustrate not only how to grow as writers and editors, but also how to develop a team mentality that will help them as they search for employment as copywriters, editors, journalists, or in any field that the Lord leads." ■

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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- Computer Science • Criminal Justice • Cybersecurity • Engineering • Mathematics

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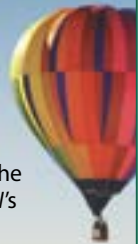
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