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*In
Memoriam*

Dr. Beka Horton
1929–2020

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*Commemorative
Edition*

From the **President**

Dr. Troy A. Shoemaker @PresidentPCC



This summer, our Pensacola Christian community was saddened by the passing of our co-founder, Mrs. Beka Horton. For 60 years, she labored quietly and intently alongside her husband Arlin until their retirement in 2012. Her influence on the ministries she co-founded will be felt for many years to come. And as the Apostle Paul wrote, we do not sorrow as those who have no hope, knowing that Mrs. Horton has gone home to meet her Savior, Jesus Christ!

While remembering her life and ministry in recent days, I have thanked God for the rich heritage and legacy

that Pensacola Christian enjoys. We have been blessed with godly founders who followed His call on their lives. They

put the highest priority on personal evangelism and the importance of Christian education. Together, both Dr. and Mrs. Horton established a high expectation for excellence, for doing things right, and for remaining committed to a biblical foundation.

Mrs. Horton invested in me personally, beginning in my teaching days and later as an administrator. She personally mentored me, showing me the importance of building patterns and systems to plan for the future.

And she exhibited godly patience in teaching how to do things in the best way when improvement was needed. Mrs. Horton's personal commitment to excellence was an inspiration to all of us who served with her.

On a practical level, Mrs. Horton had a keen ability to see things through the eyes of the reader, the audience, or the customer. She could step outside her own view and put herself in the mindset of others in order to make the experience for them be the very best.

But more importantly, she instilled in her colleagues the power of Scripture to build a conscience for what's

right and to stir the soul toward evangelism. She would graciously remind us that it's important not to let the way we do things

overshadow the real spiritual purpose in what we're doing. She helped us keep our focus on the gospel and not on things that could get in the way.

That emphasis has made the difference and will have a lasting influence here at Pensacola Christian. Our founders sought to honor God, recognizing that His unusual blessing has been bestowed on the ministry. Following their example, may we remain committed to honoring God with our labor and staying true to His Word. ■

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REMEMBERING *Dr. Beka Horton*



“My innermost thought is to look at what God’s done. It’s unbelievable what He has done. We certainly cannot take any credit ourselves; we’ve just been doing what our job is. He’s done it, and so it is just beautiful to behold. It’s beautiful to behold.”

Dr. Beka Horton spoke these words when reflecting on the ministries that she and her husband of nearly 70 years, Dr. Arlin Horton, had been blessed to lead before their retirement in 2012. Having served God faithfully throughout her life, Rebekah Leah Horton went home to be with the Lord on June 27, 2020, at the age of 90.

A memorial service celebrating Mrs. Horton’s life of ministry was held in the Crowne Centre. All areas of the ministry ceased operations for personnel to attend in person or watch online. The service respected her wishes and honored the Lord through Scripture readings from Campus Church pastor Dr. Jeff Redlin; selected song performances by Alisha Burke, Drs. Ray and Ann Gibbs, and Luan Mutsch; a eulogy by Dr. Joel Mullenix; and a dramatic reading of the poem “Go Down Death” from Rhonda Autrey.

For the eulogy, Dr. Mullenix chose to focus on one quality that defined her

to thousands across her lifetime—her love of introducing people to Jesus. “As I think back on the life of my friend and colleague, Beka Horton, I think of a woman who loved souls and who wanted and actively sought to introduce people to Jesus,” he said.

As requested, Mrs. Horton was laid to rest on the campus of Pensacola Christian College. The burial site is located under stately live oak trees south of Four Winds and faces west toward the Crowne Centre and MacKenzie Building. When complete, the memorial will comprise a garden-like atmosphere for guests to pay tribute and thank God for the legacy of our Founders. ■

Rendering of the finished memorial



A LIFE MARKED BY *Faithfulness, Dedication, and Love for God*

Rebekah Leah Hall Horton was born in Wartburg, Tennessee, on July 23, 1929. As a young teenager, she accepted Christ as her Savior and soon after dedicated her life to His service—and what a life of service it was!

Called to Serve

Beka chose to attend a conservative Christian college to prepare herself for God's call on her life. While in college, she worked part-time in the campus dining hall. Her faithful work habits, poise, and desire to do right caught the attention of another student, Arlin Horton, and it didn't take him long to realize that she was the girl for him.



College portrait

Serving Together

Arlin asked Beka to marry him during Christmas break of their college sophomore year, but she waited three months to say yes, taking time to pray about God's will before committing herself. A few months later, Beka's parents transferred to an army base in Germany. Arlin said, "I knew she would need someone to look after her, so I volunteered." They married on August 28, 1950, just before the start of their senior year. Arlin and Beka continued to look after each other throughout nearly seventy years of marriage and ministry.



Beka (age 4) in Huntsville, Tennessee



Beka and Arlin's wedding, 1950



College graduation, 1951

MEMORIAL

Teaching Bible in the city park,
McMinnville, Oregon



The popular local camp, Camp o' the Pines, was established under the Hortons' leadership, where Beka was once a cabin leader and program director.

Heart of a Teacher

Beka's deep love for God made her eager to share His Word. After graduation, she went right to work teaching Bible lessons in a local park in Oregon. When the Hortons moved to Pensacola in 1952, their first ministry was hosting Sunday schools and Bible clubs for Child Evangelism Fellowship, with Arlin gathering the children and leading singing while Beka taught the Bible stories. She also served with him in the summer camp ministry that later grew into Camp o' the Pines. At Pensacola Christian, she taught teachers to "first love what is nearest God's heart—telling the children about Jesus and how He loves them." Throughout years of ministry, Beka never forgot her most important task: sharing the love of Jesus.

Expanded Influence and Ministry

In 1953, her ministry expanded to television with a weekly flannelgraph Bible lesson that aired on Pensacola's only local television station each Sunday afternoon as *Aunt Beka's Bible Stories*. These televised lessons continued for

twenty years and still captivate children today through the *Bible Truth* DVDs. Along the way, Beka also began teaching a weekly ladies' Bible class at a local bookstore, a community outreach she continued for 45 years. At Pensacola Christian College, she taught freshman girls Sunday school for two decades. From teaching the Bible, Mrs. Horton made a natural transition to writing, authoring three Abeka high school Bible textbooks and numerous Sunday school materials. Whether in a park, on television, or in a classroom, her lessons were always expressive and earnest, not depending on humor or entertainment tricks. Straight from God's Word to her own heart and then to the heart of her listeners, Beka's teaching has inspired generations of children and adults.

A Vision Realized

Once Beka decided to follow Jesus, there was no turning back. For more than sixty years, she dedicated her life to serving Christ by her husband's side as they fulfilled the vision that God revealed one day at a time. Although the Lord did not bless the Hortons' marriage with children of their own, they were the spiritual parents of countless children and adults who were touched by their work. Mrs. Horton was her husband's chief assistant, never wavering from any new challenge. In the early days of Pensacola Christian School, she was a

Aunt Beka's Bible Stories on WEAR-TV



teacher, office worker, administrator, and the school's chief promotion through her televised Bible lessons.

When it became obvious that their students needed traditional, Christian textbooks, Beka spearheaded the writing of academic programs that later developed into the publishing ministry named after her: A Beka Book. She remained chief editor for many years. In 1971, Arlin's dream of a Christian radio station came to fruition in WPCS, and Beka became instrumental in guiding programming and music selection. When God called the Hortons to start a college in 1974, she embraced this new opportunity, saying, "The future is as bright as the promises of God; so with our eyes upon God and upon His promises, we will go from day to day this next year and ask Him to help us be as faithful to Him as He has been faithful to us." Faithfulness characterized Beka's life.

God Gave the Increase

She was a gifted teacher, writer, and administrator, yet when credited for her accomplishments, Mrs. Horton reflected



Beka at an education conference

the praise back to her Savior: "Well, to be truthful, I'm not sure that I could do what I have done except that the Lord says as we give Him our talents and abilities and are obedient, He multiplies them." There can be no doubt that the Lord multiplied her talents and used her obedience and faithfulness for His glory. Among the honors she received for her influence on Christian education is an honorary Doctor of Letters bestowed by Clearwater Christian College in 1991.



Hortons in front of PCC's first dormitory

Although Beka Horton has gone home to be with the Lord, her life's work will continue to influence thousands for Christ through the ministries of Pensacola Christian Academy, Camp o' the Pines, Abeka, and Pensacola Christian College. ■



Honors Concert on April 20, 2012, celebrating the Hortons' Diamond Jubilee and retirement



In these uncertain times, PCC recognizes that the needs of students may have changed as they pursue a college education.

Announcing **PCCCares**

As a response to COVID-19, the College has developed an assistance and assurance plan for PCC students.



Financial Assistance

PCC realizes that students and their families have been impacted financially during the worldwide pandemic. So in addition to already offering tuition at one of the lowest rates in Christian education, PCC is taking further steps to help every student financially.

These steps include a tuition freeze for the 2020–2021 school year, new extended payment plans, discounted room and board for new students, and textbook assistance for all students.

Since the plan's launch, many students have inquired about the additional financial assistance being offered. Mark Brown, a PCC Cares representative, has

been working closely with these students and their families.

"The best news we can give parents of new students is how we are helping financially," said Brown. "We've made it as easy as possible to afford Pensacola Christian College. I've had many parents continually thank the College when I share with them all of the financial benefits."

In addition to PCC Cares funds, regular PCC scholarships, loans, and the Work Assistance Program are available to help ease financial burdens and empower students to meet their academic goals.



Academic Support

In anticipation of the fall semester, PCC is planning to maintain the current academic calendar with some modifications. As students return to begin classes, changes will be in place to keep them safe in the academic setting, including smaller class sizes, staggered meeting times, and flexible course delivery methods.

Online courses will be available alongside traditional on-campus instruction to allow for smaller class sizes in commonly larger lecture classes. A combination of online, on-campus, and hybrid courses will be offered.

Also, personal academic support will be available to meet with any students needing help to meet their degree requirements and to assist with finding solutions they can use to graduate on time, including internships or preceptorships.



Campus Health

Students can expect several changes aimed at maintaining a healthy campus. Anticipated student events such as Greek Rush may be modified, and Eagles intercollegiate sports game attendance limited to promote a healthier campus. Events such as chapel and Fine Arts will be altered to accommodate students while remaining within the current capacity requirements.

As we begin to move toward normalcy, PCC will continue to adjust preventive measures with adherence to guidance from federal, state, and local agencies. Please continue to pray for God's direction and continued protection as we face this adventure together. ■



Quick Facts

PCCCares

An Assistance and Assurance Plan for PCC Students
PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, PCC is taking extraordinary measures to help students and their families financially.

- **Tuition freeze to 2019–2020 rate**
- **12-month payment plan each semester**
- **\$200 textbook credit**
- **50% off room & board for new students**

That's just the beginning of what we're doing to help. And with the existing scholarships, work assistance, and the available Fourth Year Tuition-Free program, PCC is making college possible, even now.

More Information

pcci.edu/PCCcares



Return to Campus Plan

pcci.edu/Coronavirus

A brightly lit stained-glass window adorns a wood-paneled wall while display cases filled with artifacts line the others. The air, crisp and cool, remains at exactly 71.5° Fahrenheit with 40 percent humidity to help preserve the objects housed inside this special room, this—

Museum of **TREASURES**



Though the level of care given to the Bible Manuscript Room matches what many would expect at a larger museum, it may be surprising to find it tucked away on the fourth floor of the Rebekah Horton Library.

Since 1993, students and guests have been invited to tour the Bible Manuscript Room, which is home to over 100 historical Bibles and related artifacts.

Many of the Bibles were added by PCC founders Drs. Arlin and Rebekah Horton, who began collecting, purchasing, and accepting donated rare Bibles in the early 1980s. They recognized

the value that comes from learning the history surrounding the preservation of the Bible. The Bible Manuscript Room “was an answer to prayer,” explained Sherri Lefmann, curator of the collection.

“We are thankful to have it to share with others and glorify God through its testimony.”

“Knowing the history of the English Bible is important because it allows us a confidence in using the Bible that we have today,” said Duncan Aldrich (*Jr., MO*), who visited the room when he attended Teen Extreme as a camper five years ago. Now, Duncan works in the Library and has given tours himself. “I

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BIBLE MANUSCRIPT ROOM



- ◀ Centuries-old illuminated manuscripts—with their bright colors and ornate calligraphy—capture the imagination of all ages.
- ▼ As curator of the Bible Manuscript Room, Sherri Lefmann helps manage the collection and shares its history with visitors.



was challenged by the fact that some of the manuscripts were illegal when they were printed, and people were willing to carry them around, even though they and possibly their whole family could have been executed if they were caught with those Bibles.”

One Bible that illustrates this danger is a 1566 edition Tyndale Bible. This Bible is one of Lefmann’s favorites because it reminds her that “God has given to us an inheritance incorruptible.” Tyndale was labeled a heretic and was sentenced to death for his translation work. During his life, his Bible translation was banned, and many of the Tyndale Bibles were collected and burned. “This 1566 edition survived, a reminder of the life of one man and the price he was willing to pay to give us a Bible in the English language,” explains the artifact’s description card, written by Miss Gloria



Cooper, the Bible Manuscript Room’s first curator.

Bible faculty **Dr. Rob Small** reflected on his first time visiting the Bible Manuscript Room. “I remember thinking it was like a museum of treasures, containing truly the greatest treasure of all—God’s Word,” he said. “It is physical evidence for God’s providential preservation of His Word, the Bible. We want our students to embrace this vital Bible doctrine, and the Manuscript Room shows them that they can trust what God’s Word says about itself in Scripture.”

If you’d like to learn more about the Bibles found in the Bible Manuscript Room, stop by PCC’s Library Circulation Desk the next time you’re visiting campus. A tour guide would be honored to show you the collection! ■

In Italy, alumna Shannon Wood served with Samaritan's Purse responding to COVID-19.



A LIGHT *in Darkness*

In the midst of turmoil, Shannon Wood acted as a witness of God's love to her patients in Cremona, Italy, as she served on the front lines of the pandemic.

After realizing she wanted to work in the medical field, nursing alumna Shannon Wood ('16) had envisioned herself within the walls of a hospital, serving in the emergency room. Fast-forward to March 2020, and Shannon found herself caring for the critically ill in Samaritan's Purse Emergency Field Hospital in the ICU (intensive care unit) in Cremona, Italy—a hotspot amidst a pandemic.

"The Cremona hospital was completely overwhelmed with patients," Shannon said. "Samaritan's Purse

stepped in to shoulder some of that burden and help the hospital while sharing the hope of Jesus with that community."

Since August 2018, Shannon has been part of Samaritan's Purse Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)—a team of on-call professionals who respond to disasters around the world. She has been deployed with the team on four occasions to treat others at the southern U.S. border and in the Bahamas, Iraq, and most recently, Italy.

Before the spread of COVID-19, God prepared Shannon with what she needed

as she cared for patients with the illness. For nearly four years prior, she had been gaining experience in the ICU, which included treating respiratory illnesses such as pneumonia and influenza.

As she worked with COVID-19 patients in the ICU, Shannon longed to let Jesus shine through her work and attentiveness, especially through the language and safety barriers in place. “Our patients could only see our eyes. The rest of our faces and bodies were covered up with masks, face shields, and gowns. We could not even touch our patients without gloved hands,” she explained. “But this just made us even more intentional to share the hope and love of Jesus through our smiling eyes and gentle touch and kind words. We prayed every day that our patients would feel and know the peace and love of Christ through us, despite the PPE (personal protective equipment).”

Some hardships Shannon faced when treating her patients were the separation they experienced while being isolated and the heartache she felt when some passed. In those moments, she found comfort in her colleagues’ encouragement, choosing to continue to love her patients rather than be caloused by loss. “We ended up being our patients’ ‘family.’ We were the ones to hold their hands when they were scared. We were the ones to tell them it was going to be okay. We were the ones who got to love them, encourage them, and comfort them,” she said. “It was very special—something I cannot fully put into words.”

Between the team’s swift arrival mid-March and their final patient discharge

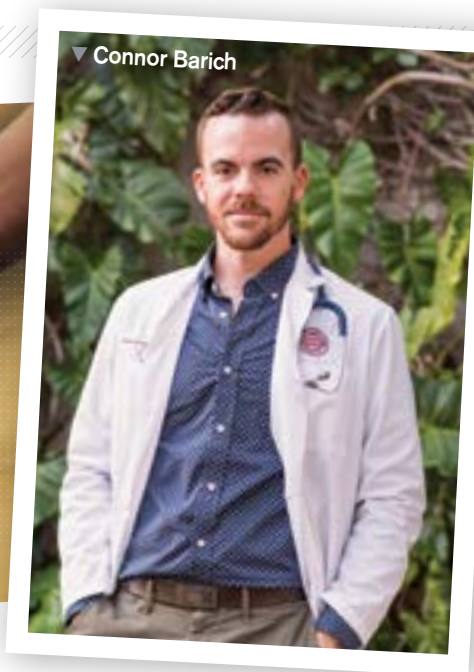
early May, Samaritan’s Purse treated over 280 patients in its Emergency Field Hospital, with 30 of those patients staying in the ICU. “It was so exciting to see God prepare me with the medical skills needed to treat a horrible respiratory disease like COVID-19,” Shannon continued. “I have always loved helping people when they need it most. That is why I became an ICU nurse in the first place—to help people in their darkest moments and to walk beside them in their suffering.”

Her interest in medicine, which began in tenth grade biology, and her desire to help others made studying nursing an easy choice. PCC’s affordable Christian education and cultivating atmosphere prepared her to effectively treat patients’ physical needs while caring for their spiritual needs.

“During my senior year, I took my Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing class (NU 407). This was basically an ICU-specific course. People told me I needed to get experience as a floor nurse before doing ICU nursing, but God opened the doors for me to start in the ICU as a new graduate,” Shannon explained. “Being part of DART is my greatest joy and wildest dream. There is nothing more exciting than being in the center of God’s will doing the things that, in His timing, He has prepared for me to do.”

Disaster relief with Samaritan’s Purse has allowed Shannon to bring care and hope to some of the most broken parts and helpless people of the world. As for what keeps her going, Shannon’s heart is revealed in Psalm 91, one of the few references she wore taped to her back as she treated her patients:

“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.”



FOR SCIENCE

Glorifying God through Research & Practice

Graduates in biology and pre-med are using their talents and discipline to further scientific progress, treat others, and share God's Word through their work.

After camping out on assignment along a tropical shoreline, a group of scientists and graduate students awake to movement nearby in the sand. Under their watchful care are several nesting leatherback sea turtles, each one larger than a man. Over the course of about 15 days, while the beach is blocked off to protect them, several of the endangered reptiles are tagged with trackers before they and their young scuttle away into the ocean.

This is one of several adventures that PCC biology graduate **Connor Barich** ('16) experienced while pursuing his dual degree at St. George's University School in Grenada, located in the Caribbean.

Connor is about to finish graduate school, earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Master of Public Health de-

grees. During his time studying abroad, he has gained experience treating a variety of animals, including dogs, cats, goats, cows, horses, sheep, and even iguanas.

"Veterinary medicine is a puzzle, and I look forward to getting to put a different one together each day," he said. "Obviously, my patients can't talk, so they aren't always as much help as we would like. I have always loved solving problems though, so I find that I thrive in this type of field."

"The challenging biology program did more than prepare me for the intense science and medical courses that I would have to dive right into in my first semester of veterinary school," Connor said, crediting English and speech classes with solidifying skills needed

for the papers and presentations of his master's courses. "Both classes gave me a foundation in apologetics that I used throughout my time in school in many great discussions with my colleagues. Being in my last year and looking back, I have no doubt that this was the plan God had for me."

As for pre-medicine graduate Grace Goode ('16), PCC allowed her to strengthen her foundations of faith and understanding of science. Just recently, she spent two years as a clinical research assistant and is now pursuing her Medical Doctor and Master of Public Health (M.D./M.P.H.) dual degree at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

"I was able to score well on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and be accepted into medical school," she said. "My peers from other colleges didn't take Anatomy and Physiology (BY 311) or another course and had to learn this completely on their own. Every single subject that was on the MCAT was covered by my courses, which made studying for the exam so much easier."

Both the biology and pre-medicine programs equip students with the tools necessary for a variety of careers and graduate degrees, including those in biological sciences and clinical disciplines. The biology program exposes students to a wide range of studies from ecology and conservation to zoology and botany, while the pre-medicine program focuses on scientific study for students to develop a solid foundation in the basic sciences needed to pursue medical graduate degrees.

"Students are uniquely prepared to understand science and medicine from a biblical perspective, including the relevance of a Christian worldview in scientific research and clinical practice," said **Dr. Elijah Spencer** (*Biology '06*),



natural sciences faculty. "We utilize vanguard technology, such as virtual anatomy dissection software BodyViz, to ensure that students are adequately prepared for the integration of technology in their careers."

After PCC, biology graduate **Shai Araki** ('15) earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) and now works as



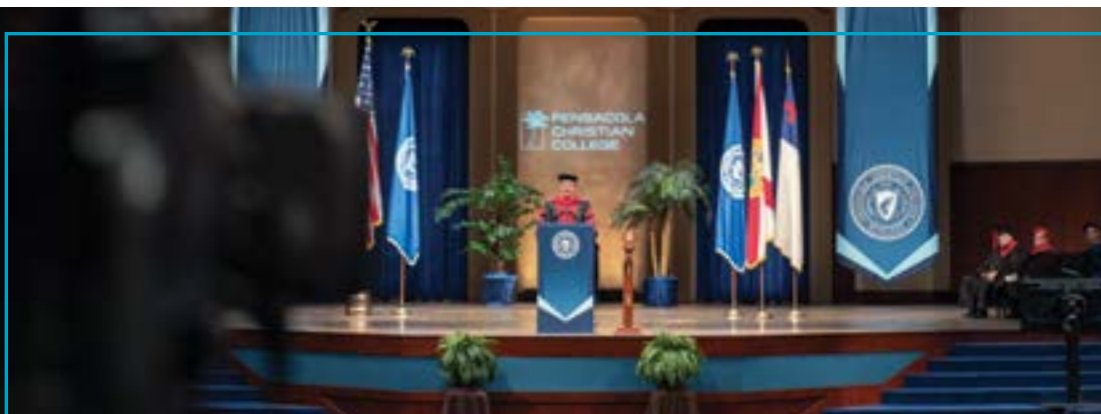
an associate dentist at The Smiling Place in Hawaii, where she currently manages the Ewa Beach branch.

Shai has appreciated the flexibility of her practice, allowing her to serve on 13 medical missions in countries including Myanmar, the Philippines, and Mexico. "Dentistry can be done anywhere. I am able to work with several other dentists to provide free dental treatment to people who need it most," she said. "Before these patients see a dentist, the gospel is shared with them. Some countries are closed to Christians, but dentists are able to go."

One moment from Shai's Anatomy and Physiology class at PCC left an impression on her. "The professor asked us to take out a 3x5 card and a pencil. I thought 'Oh no, a pop quiz,'" she said. "He asked us to write some prayer requests down so he could pray for us. No professor outside of PCC has done that for me."

"We as faculty are passionate about seeing each of our students succeed in the field that God has called them to," said Dr. Spencer. "With our broad range of experience we are able to mentor students to not just meet standards, but to excel in their preparation for scientific or clinical careers by utilizing their unique God-given strengths." ■

**For more information, visit
pcci.edu/NaturalSciences.**



Virtual Events: Milestones to Be Remembered

Following the transition to online learning, PCC's end-of-year ceremonies went virtual, bringing the student body together one last time.

In place of a crowded campus during a time of social distancing, two special events took place in the virtual space—the Nurses' Virtual Pinning and Lamp Lighting, which recognizes graduating nurses, and Virtual Graduation, which honored the graduates of 2020.

During the Nurses' Virtual Pinning and Lamp Lighting on May 7, a collage of videos showed senior nursing students across the country being pinned by a friend or family member, as they would have been on campus. The nursing pin, which is unique to each college or university, bears the College's nursing seal. Along with the pin, each graduate received a lamp, a tribute to Florence Nightingale, known as "The Lady with the Lamp." Virtual Graduation on May 8 opened with a short reflection of how things would have been, but did not belittle the day's significance as families came together through the livestream. The virtual event featured a recorded performance of "Behold Our God" from last year's Commencement; an address from the Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers ('90), a congresswoman in the United States

House of Representatives; and remarks from Zach Lewis (AL), the senior class president.

President Troy Shoemaker expressed his heart with the graduates. "I'm excited to see what God is going to do through the class of 2020. You've worked hard and shown courage and strength that's been magnified during the final weeks of your senior year," he said. "I want to thank you for your time here with us and for your commitment to God, your friends, your academics, your college. It's been our greatest honor to serve you. Pensacola Christian College is a better place because of you."

The graduating class of 2020 consisted of over 950 undergraduate, graduate, and seminary students, representing 49 states and 34 countries or territories. Graduates were able to share their achievements with friends and families online by posting their Graduate Profiles from the College's website.

On August 29 at 3 p.m., we are planning to hold the Forty-Fifth Annual Commencement on campus to honor the graduates of 2020 in person! ■



Published before Graduating

When professional writing senior **Blair Lane** (CO) submitted her short story to a publisher as part of Advanced Creative Writing (EN 401), she didn't expect it to be accepted and published in a magazine she had enjoyed as a child—Focus on the Family's *Clubhouse Jr.* Magazine.

"When I found out Focus on the Family had accepted my story for publication, I was absolutely ecstatic," she said. "I couldn't stop smiling and had to tell everyone I knew."

In her children's story "Super Z," a boy named Zander wants to become a superhero, but doesn't know what his superpowers could be. He and his friend Drew then decide to put several to the test!

"I was inspired by my own memories from when I was younger, playing 'superheroes' with my siblings. Writing this story was so much fun for me because I got to think like a kid again," Blair said. "I hope the children—and the parents—are reminded that we all have unique 'superpowers' that God has given us—even if some of them aren't as flashy as others." ■

Upcoming Events

PCC Welcome Weekend for families and friends of students

August 28–30

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

PCC Commencement for families and friends of graduating students

August 29

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

TENTATIVE

Teachers Clinic for Christian school teachers and office staff

October 19–20

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

Alumni Homecoming for alumni and their families

October 23–24

(850) 478-8496, ext. 2222
pcci.edu/Homecoming

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

November 5–7

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

Connections

Stories from PCC

Reaching the Generations

Investing in the place that made such a difference in his life, **Dr. John Reese** has reached generations of students through his history classes and beyond.

Dr. John Reese ('85, M.S. '88) thought he'd be teaching in Pennsylvania, his home state, after graduating from PCC. Instead, he stayed, choosing to point students to live for Christ in Pensacola, Florida. For his 35 years of service, Dr. Reese was honored in the dedication of the 2019–2020 *Summit* yearbook this spring.

"I am a beneficiary of this ministry, and I am both humbled and honored to have a small part in this great outreach," said Dr. Reese. "I met my wife here, we reared our three sons here, and watched each of them graduate from PCC as second-generation alumni, marry fellow PCC grads, and follow the Lord's direction in their families' lives."

As a teacher, Dr. Reese has seen generations of students pass through both his own and his colleagues' classrooms. "I appreciate the opportunity to work with some of God's choicest servants who are like-minded in their desire to invest in the next generation," he said. "It is a thrill to have had a small part in shaping the educational experience for thousands of students who have passed through the halls of learning at Pensacola Christian the past three decades."



Other serving opportunities have allowed Dr. Reese to make an impact beyond the classroom, including starting the annual History Seminar and leading short-term missions trips to Ghana, West Africa, with his wife Beth through Youth Outreach Ministry. "Over the years, we have made many fast friends in Africa and have seen team members benefit from this life-changing experience," he said.

One thing Reese has valued is the financial stability of PCC. "I never missed a paycheck in all my years of employment," he said. "And the leadership team has been very generous in the benefits packages offered to employees."

At the start of his first year teaching, Dr. Reese wouldn't have imagined he'd remain at PCC for 35 years. Thinking back on those years, he's never regretted it.

"I loved the spirit on campus, the academic and spiritual excellence, as well as the myriad opportunities to get involved," he said. "I jumped in with both feet and never looked back." ■

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Employment Opportunities

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

PCC Faculty

- Computer Science • Cybersecurity • Engineering

PCC Staff

- Advertising Video Editor • Auto/Bus Mechanic • Collections Account Manager
- Electronics Engineer • Employee Development Coordinator • Enrollment Advisor
- Financial Analyst • Maintenance Carpenter • Maintenance Director • Photographer
- Production Cook • Seamstress • Security Coordinator • Substitute Teacher

Abeka

- Brand Director • Educational Consultant • Field Representative (willing to relocate)
- Preschool or Elementary Editor/Writer • UX Designer

Send résumé with short testimonial to Employee Services,
P.O. Box 17023, Pensacola, FL 32522-7023, U.S.A.
EmployeeServices@pcci.edu

For more ministry openings, visit
pcci.edu/EmploymentOpportunities

PCC ALUMNI *Homecoming*

OCTOBER 23-24

Come reminisce during Alumni Homecoming.

Join us for a weekend of fellowship, relaxation, and fun activities. Bring your family to see what's new here at PCC and catch up with old friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Shoemaker look forward to seeing you there!



Reserve your spot today at
pcci.edu/Homecoming

Scholarship Fund Giving

Whether you have a friend or loved one at PCC, or you're just a friend of the College and want to help out, giving is simple. You can support the PCC scholarship program or even create your own new scholarship.

Visit **pcci.edu/Giving** for more information about the Scholarship Fund.

Planned Giving

It is often difficult to make a large donation during one's lifetime, yet many would like to make a significant contribution to PCC. You may consider a bequest to Pensacola Christian College.

Visit **pcci.edu/PlannedGiving** for information about estate planning. For information about both the Scholarship Fund and Planned Giving, call (850)478-8496, ext. 2327.

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- Tuition freeze to 2019–2020 rate
- 12-month payment plan each semester
- \$200 textbook credit
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