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THE PCC PROMISE

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE,
BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW,
AND INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE
AT AN UNMATCHED COST



In this issue, learn how students grow in knowledge, faith,
and friendships that last a lifetime—all within a community committed
to preparing them to influence the world for Christ.

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From the first graduating class of 10 in 1976 to over 27,000 current alumni, the Pensacola Christian College community has benefited from academic excellence, the biblical worldview, and an incredible experience—all at an unmatched cost.

This is the PCC Promise.



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DR. TROY SHOEMAKER

Commencement is a tradition, both solemn and celebratory. Each May, the Pensacola Christian College graduating class gathers in the Crowne Centre to recognize this milestone. Nearly 800 students crossed the stage this year, each one with a unique story. They arrived years ago as hopeful freshmen, and they left campus, degree in hand, as young men and women ready to influence their world for Christ. Beyond the ceremony was assurance: the promise had been fulfilled.

In higher education today, promises are plentiful, and it can seem like fulfillment is rare. Vision statements are polished; branding is sophisticated. But far too often, what students find once enrolled does not match what they were told. At PCC, we've chosen a different path, one paved by mutual trust.

Since 1974, PCC has prioritized core values: offering an excellent education based on the biblical worldview, while providing an incredible experience and keeping costs as low as possible. In recent years, we've become more intentional about solidifying what we have always practiced into words

we can live by—the PCC Promise. The promise rests on a foundational mission: empowering leaders to influence the world for Christ. And this May, it remained strong.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: WHERE RIGOR MEETS PURPOSE

Excellence never occurs accidentally or without effort. At PCC, academics are about thoughtfully and skillfully preparing every student for what comes next. PCC faculty, experts at their craft and lifelong learners, go beyond just instructing. They take the time to invest in their students. They model humility and scholarship. They use every lecture, every lab, and every exam as a chance to shape intellects and lives.

And the fruit of that labor was evident this year. Students graduated as thinkers and problem-solvers, communicators and servants—individuals prepared to lead purposefully and competently. We often hear from alumni that their training at PCC

was a key component to their success in their current field. They praise the faculty, the Bible-based curriculum, and sometimes even the difficulty of the material!

This is the aim of academic excellence: to go beyond informing and to prepare students for their next step. Within a year of graduation, approximately 93.7% of PCC alumni report they are employed or enrolled in graduate programs, ready for what's next.¹

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: THE FOUNDATION OF TRUTH

At PCC, the Bible is the foundation of everything we do, from how we teach to what we value. The biblical worldview is woven into every discipline, from chemistry to business, art to education; students are taught to see God's truth as the framework for all knowledge.

This generation faces a barrage of conflicting messages about truth, identity, morality, and meaning. The ability to think biblically

and live faithfully is essential. Yet, the broader cultural landscape reveals a concerning trend. According to a 2023 report by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, only 4% of Americans possess a biblical worldview.² Among those under 30, that number drops to just 1%.³ Even among self-identified born-again Christians, only 13% hold a biblical worldview.⁴

We recognize the urgency of this reality. Chapel services, classroom discussions, and moments of discipleship within the residence halls aren't isolated events—they're purposeful, allowing for organic spiritual maturity. Knowing the right answers isn't enough; students learn to ask the right questions and seek those answers from the Word of God.

By focusing every aspect of life through the lens of Scripture, we're equipping students with knowledge and cultivating discernment, character, and a steadfast commitment to truth. PCC alumni are prepared to navigate a relativistic world with conviction and purpose.

INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE: A VIBRANT CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

Come to campus on any given day, and you'll observe conversations between friends about that morning's chapel message, collegian members meeting to plan a service project, or intramural sports teams gearing up for a game. There's an energy in the air and the feeling of belonging that urges students to get involved.

This year, PCC recorded the highest level of voluntary student participation in Christian Service. More than ever before, students stepped out into churches,

neighborhoods, senior centers, and ministries across the greater Pensacola area. They gave time, heart, and testimony to those in need.

THE ABILITY TO THINK BIBLICALLY AND LIVE FAITHFULLY IS ESSENTIAL

None of this is accidental. We're dedicated to providing students with genuine community. Not the kind you scroll through, but the kind you walk alongside. The kind that laughs with you, prays with you, and calls you to be more than you thought you could be. The facilities are excellent, and the life within is extraordinary.

UNMATCHED COST: AFFORDABILITY FOR TODAY

In today's educational landscape, students and their families brace themselves for years of debt. A report from the Education Data Initiative revealed that the national average annual cost of tuition and room and board at an in-state public university is \$35,248, while the average federal student loan debt per borrower in the United States is approximately \$39,075. Many graduates spend more than 20 years repaying those loans.⁵


But at PCC, we believe a quality Christian education should be within reach. The average student pays just over \$15,000 for tuition, fees, and room and board thanks to institutional underwriting. The Work Assistance Program enables students to earn up to \$8,400 annually. Scholarships and the Fourth Year Tuition-Free program further reduce financial burdens.

At a time when student loan debt burdens much of America, PCC offers families peace of mind and a clear pathway forward. We are committed to equipping students for life and ministry and removing unnecessary financial burdens in the process. And the results are clear—approximately 79% of PCC students graduate debt-free.⁶

THE LEGACY THAT POINTS FORWARD

As I stood on the Crowne Centre platform this May, shaking hands with each graduate, I saw more than academic achievement. I saw answered prayers. I saw students who arrived unsure of themselves and left ready to take their next step. I saw the mark of faithful faculty, prayerful parents, and a gracious God.

The PCC Promise—academic excellence, biblical worldview, and incredible experience at an unmatched cost—isn't flashy, but it is firm. And the fruit is evident: graduates stepping into classrooms, pulpits, hospitals, and offices, confident in their preparation, committed to their calling, and rooted in their faith.

In a world that is constantly shifting, there is something reassuring about an institution that remembers who we are and remains steadfast in a mission that began so long ago. 



Dr. Troy Shoemaker has served as the second president of Pensacola Christian College since 2012. God prepared Dr. Shoemaker to serve in the presidency through successive academic roles in his lifetime as a high school teacher, administrator, and

a college academic vice president. Under his leadership, the College has experienced growth in enrollment, resources, and ministry outreach.

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CAELAN PAJELA

Graphic Design '25

After graduation: Caelan has had the opportunity to use her degree to teach and to support both Maranatha Baptist Academy and Maranatha Baptist Church.

Where now? Missouri

"PCC's art program emphasized that creativity isn't just a form of expression—it's a tool to bring honor and glory to our Creator. Since God is a God of structure and excellence, our work should reflect that same order, purpose, and beauty. PCC's unique combination of academic rigor and spiritual growth has shaped both my career and my personal walk with the Lord. PCC's Student Work Assistance Program and the Armed Services Scholarship were a tremendous help. Working at the Abeka Distribution Center provided both financial support and practical experience, allowing me to balance work with a full academic load. These opportunities gave me the peace of mind to focus on my studies and ministry, knowing that God had provided through the College's programs. I'm incredibly thankful for that provision and the flexibility it gave me to grow in every area of my college life."

EMMANUEL RUIZ

Political Science '25

After graduation: Emmanuel has been teaching at a local Christian high school and launched a campaign for city council in his hometown.

Where now? Virginia

"The Lord knew I needed an environment that would grow my faith, rather than attack it. Since I came to PCC just after having returned to the faith, having the good influences around me allowed me to ask the questions I needed to ask. Chapel was a perpetual reminder of the importance of our spiritual life and the friends I hung around with [who] often encouraged me spiritually and reminded me to put God first.

"A personal note to my fellow graduates: don't forget your foundation. Lean on it now more than ever. The Lord got you through midterms, finals, and more. Find a good church to start serving in. Find good role models and counselors who you can rely on when you need it. Like I told my guys when I was an RA, God has called you to make something with your life—a family, a business, a church, etc. Find it and pursue it with every fiber of your being. If that is the Lord's will for your life, He'll give you what you need, when you need it. Just trust Him."



MEET THE

Hear from some recent grads on how the PCC Promise made a difference in their college experiences.

SARAH BURRELL

Nursing '25

After graduation: During the summer Sarah served as a nurse at Camp o' the Pines and worked in the on-campus mailroom.

Where now? M.S.N. at PCC

"I knew if I pursued a nursing degree at PCC I would graduate with well-developed clinical skills and a deeper understanding of how to show and share the love of Christ with others. As a student, I was equipped to succeed academically by being provided with all the proper tools—through textbooks, teachers, online resources, and the library at my disposal. The nursing faculty were always willing to meet with me to discuss grades, classroom material, homework, and methods for me to succeed in their class. I loved how in each class, regardless of the material being presented, the teacher always brought the topic back to the Bible. I think this is especially helpful as I prepare to work in the medical field and will have many opportunities to share the love of Christ to those who are sick and suffering."

NATHAN VALENTIN

Engineering: Mechanical '25

After graduation: Nathan spent his summer serving as a camp counselor at The Wilds.

Where now? M.Div. at Pensacola Theological Seminary

"PCC has placed an intense focus on the Word of God and has created an atmosphere that fosters Christian growth in my personal walk with Christ. The godly influence of my engineering professors will stand as a highlight of my college experience. The passion for God they showed in each course influenced the way I view the engineering profession. Having courses founded in the Bible prepared me to know how to handle the worldly wisdom I will encounter. Being involved in ministries such as prayer group, Master Clubs, and Christian Service placed me into a culture of those dedicated to God's work. Such an excitement about Christ is contagious and encouraged growth in my personal life. I can say without doubt that God has grown me greatly in these four years and has shown me many areas where He desires to continue to help me grow."



GRADS

FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER

How PCC Students Are Learning from Experts and Making an Impact



DR. DONNA MARION

At Pensacola Christian College, academic excellence is more than a goal—it's a journey shaped by real-world experiences, mentorship from industry professionals, and a commitment to the biblical worldview. Across campus and beyond, students are engaging in forums, seminars, clubs, internships, and in-field learning opportunities that prepare them to influence the world through their chosen fields.

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAMS

Throughout the academic divisions, PCC students are discovering that excellence in the classroom naturally extends into opportunities beyond it. The following stories showcase the vision of PCC academics in action, where students move from in-class preparation to purpose found through internships, practicums, or full-time work.

VISUAL ARTS

When she was a senior, Clara Hansen (*Studio Art '25*) met the director of the National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL, during Portfolio Day, an on-campus event where students present their work to artists for constructive feedback and networking. As a result of this connection, Clara was hired to illustrate a book for the museum.



Clara Hansen (*Studio Art '25*) poses next to *Thach and the Blues*, a book she helped illustrate. This book is for sale at the Naval Aviation Museum, located in Pensacola, FL.

"One major thing I'd like to share to future students is to not underestimate how important connections are and [to have] a firm education in the foundations," Clara said. "While at school I realized this principle on a grand scale because of the opportunities it opened up. I was able to work with Answers in Genesis to

co-illustrate a children's book published through the National Naval Aviation Museum because of the people I met along the way at Career Fairs, art clubs, and Portfolio Day."

In spring 2025, visual arts students also benefited from a weekend with renowned fine artist Daniel Keys, who led a forum, demonstration, and gallery opening, and offered one-on-one feedback and faculty collaboration.

PERFORMING ARTS

Music students have various opportunities to perform in concerts, Fine Arts Series, and even at Carnegie Hall. World-renowned Christian composer, arranger, and orchestrator Heather Sorenson (*Music '97*) invited PCC's Chamber Choir to perform with her in November 2024 and again this November. Last spring Sarah Wu (*Music Education '25*), Roman Massey (*So., TN*), and Evvie Lipskoch (*Music '25*) placed in the Gulf Coast Steinway Competition, earning an incredible opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall this year as well.

NURSING

With clinicals starting early in the nursing program, students are gaining hands-on experience in real healthcare settings. The in-depth training frequently leads alumni to fill leadership roles. Today, alumnus Sarah Amole (*Nursing '07, M.S.N. '09*) serves in management at Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, FL, exemplifying the excellence PCC nurses bring into the field.

Fine artist Daniel Keys paints a live portrait during a masterclass, explaining his process to audience members.





In Teaching English (SE 304), Katelyn Nottingham (History Education '25) and Mrs. Holly Stark use the smartboard to explain sentence diagramming.

“One of my favorite things about PCC is being part of the alumni network—specifically the nursing alumni group,” Sarah shared. “It has been wonderful to interact with past graduates who are working and serving all over the world and being able to celebrate accomplishments together or reach out for help/questions related to our professions.”

EDUCATION

Faculty with decades of classroom experience teach students how to use curriculum and develop effective teaching methods. Students gain valuable experience observing, through peer teaching, and by taking multiple teaching-methods courses before completing their semester-long internship at Pensacola Christian Academy. By the time a student graduates from the education program, they have accumulated up to 500 or more hours of real teaching experience.

Principal at Grace Christian Academy, Knoxville, TN, Anthony Lamb (*Physical Education* '87) found the experience he gained while student-teaching and observing at Pensacola Christian Academy most valuable. “These real-world opportunities gave me a clear and practical understanding of what to expect. Many of the methods and strategies I observed back then continue to influence my work today, even as technology and tools evolve.”

IN-FIELD LEARNING AND INTERNSHIPS

Learning at PCC extends far beyond the classroom. Clubs and classes regularly take field trips to engage with professionals in action. Many of these opportunities are facilitated by alumni who are seeking to invest in the next

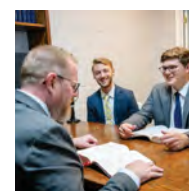
generation of PCC students. Students also participate in internships and practicums that provide exceptional experience and open doors to future careers. Through forums, seminars, and student-led clubs, students gain firsthand insights into their fields while building meaningful connections with those who have walked the same halls and now lead in their industries.



Members of the PCC IEEE branch took a field trip to the Institute of Human and Machine Cognition to tour the facilities and explore projects in process.



At a recent cybersecurity seminar on campus, Navy officers from NAS Corry Station gave insight on the digital battlefield from the front lines, applicable for both military and civilians.



Internships at local churches provide personal mentorship and prepare graduates for full-time positions in churches across the country.

Whether it's the Ministerial Seminar led by an experienced pastor or a Q&A session with a leading field expert after an academic forum, students are consistently exposed to ideas that blend professional expertise with spiritual depth.

POST-GRADUATE SUCCESS

For students who want to continue their studies after earning a bachelor's, PCC offers clear pathways to graduate education. Over 200 graduates stay to earn their master's degrees here for free, simultaneously gaining valuable professional experience.

Many other alumni who have completed a business, engineering, humanities, natural sciences, or performing arts degree have been accepted into prestigious graduate programs at institutions such as Auburn University, Boston University, Florida State University, Notre Dame, Texas A&M, The Ohio State University, Vanderbilt, and Wake Forest.

PCC holds an articulation agreement with the University of West Florida providing a streamlined option for a master of accountancy, while partnerships with Cedarville, Union, Southwest Baptist University, and Regent University have open doors for students pursuing pre-med, pre-physical therapy, and pre-law programs. These collaborations, combined with PCC's record of 370+ graduate school placements nationwide, ensure that students are well-prepared to advance in their fields.

CAREER READINESS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the academic journey, students move from theory to practice while building the skills and connections they'll need beyond graduation. Career Services plays a vital role by offering résumé coaching, mock interviewing practice, and career preparation seminars. The Career Services team sponsors recruitment events which include Career Fair, Health Professions Career Fair, and Educator Recruitment. Regent Law comes to host LSAT workshops, discuss the law school application process, and conclude with a dinner with law school representatives. Multiple other recruiters and ministries present their opportunities in the Commons Display Room.

Countless successful alumni are prepared to share wisdom, career insight, and encouragement with today's students and have access to the online Alumni Connect Mentorship Program. Students gain a mentor who has walked their path and can help them prepare for what comes next. In addition, this platform gives access to over 1,500 registered employers.

Graduates enter the world equipped to be skilled professionals who are committed Christians, prepared to carry the light of Christ into their chosen fields. For that reason, ministry isn't separated from academics but is woven into every discipline.

From the hours of music rehearsals in the practice rooms to performing at Carnegie Hall, from clinical rotations in area hospitals to medical mission fields, PCC students are learning from the best and preparing to serve with Christlike excellence. Having a foundation rooted in Scripture and a network of experienced alumni and professionals guiding the way, the journey from classroom to career is one of purpose, preparation, and influence. ▴



Before **Dr. Donna Marion** assumed the role of academic vice president, she served as the dean of professional studies. Her teaching experience spans high school through graduate students and includes Abeka video instruction. Dr. Marion brings a unique perspective to academic excellence through a combined passion for both business and education.

"PCC's Career Fair is a great experience. Coming and seeing the difference and caliber of the students is just amazing. With their work ethic, good attitudes, and preparedness when they enter through our doors, [PCC] students stand head and shoulders above others."

Kristen, Baptist Health Care



At the Health Professions Career Fair, students are able to connect with healthcare professionals and apply for jobs in the health field.



Two students take time out of their busy schedules to read in God's Word.

A FOUNDATION THAT LASTS

Building the Biblical Worldview at PCC



DR. DAN RUSHING

WHAT IS A WORLDVIEW?

A worldview can be simply stated as *internal beliefs that dictate how one interacts with the external world*. Every person has a worldview, regardless of whether they understand it or consistently practice it, and one's worldview influences how they interpret and react to life. New ideas, ethical dilemmas, relationships, spirituality, and even political matters are all evaluated through the framework of one's current beliefs. It is critical, therefore, for a believer to evaluate and interact with the world according to the truth of the Bible. A worldview that is distinctly biblical will not only honor the Lord, but it will equip the believer to navigate the complex issues with clear convictions and principles.

So then, what exactly is a biblical worldview? There are many worldviews that are not founded upon the truths of Scripture, such as Islam, Hinduism, eastern mysticism, and atheism. It is also common for individuals to construct their own patchwork of beliefs consisting of elements from many different perspectives. Any worldview, whether it follows a formal system or is personally assembled, must answer the most fundamental questions confronting humanity. *Where did we come from? Why are we here? What is wrong with the world? How do we fix things?* Christians answer

these questions by means of the metanarrative of the Bible, that is, the overarching story of Scripture and the provided truths that govern reality. Those truths can be summarized as *creation, corruption, redemption, and restoration*.

Where did we come from and why are we here? The self-existent God created man to glorify Him and to enjoy a love-relationship with Him. This is the story of *creation*.

What is wrong with the world? God created man as freewill creatures, those creatures chose to reject God, and now those creatures are suffering the consequences of a corrupted existence. This is the story of *corruption*.

How do we fix things? Man can be redeemed and transformed by personal faith in Jesus Christ, and one day God will restore all of creation to what He originally intended. This is the story of *redemption and restoration*.

These truths, which proceed from the metanarrative of the Bible, comprise the biblical worldview and affect how the believer conducts himself in every aspect of life. Pensacola Christian College strives to instill this worldview in the hearts and minds of students as they prepare for the profession or ministry to which God has called them.



People at PCC are encouraged to dive deeper into their personal studies of Scripture. Started by students nearly a decade ago, *Overflow*—a Tuesday night Bible study—is continuing to champion the initiative for students to gather together and examine the fundamentals of what is taught at PCC, strengthening their biblical worldview.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Why is instilling the biblical worldview so important to PCC? First, college is a place to not only learn important skills but to think important thoughts. God is deeply concerned with the content of what each of us contemplate, because it is what ultimately drives our behaviors. Philippians 4:8 instructs us to fill our minds with things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, virtuous, and praiseworthy. Promoting that kind of thinking is the responsibility of every discipline at PCC. It is easy to see the importance of thinking from the biblical worldview in ministry programs, but professionals and participants in every field need to “think God’s thoughts” and apply them to their individual context. We want each of our students to positively influence their world for Christ, whether in the workplace, at home, or in their churches. That starts with thinking and operating out of the biblical worldview. Every person in every place has those fundamental questions referenced above, so every one of our students must be equipped to provide the answers given in the Word of God.

EVERY PERSON HAS A WORLDVIEW, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY UNDERSTAND IT

The biblical worldview is also important to us at PCC for the timeliness of our opportunity. While the influence of parents and home are foundational to a person’s perspective, it is in those transitional years from home to independence that one truly begins to personalize and apply the worldview they’ve been taught. They are exposed to new ideas and new ways of living, and these years chart a course for the rest of life. It is vital that the “course corrections” a person makes at this crucial juncture align them more with Scripture rather than less, so the influences matter. There are many places to get an education, but far fewer where the biblical worldview established at home will be reinforced and cemented in their hearts, minds, and actions. At PCC, our desire is to see each person

During the spring 2025 semester, Ken Ham, CEO of Answers in Genesis, visited PCC to present “Living in Babylon.”



In PR 224 Media in Ministry, Dr. Scott Pauley shares his media ministry experiences with Pastor Joshua Burdick in a podcast-style interview.

conformed to the image of Christ and aligned with His plans, purposes, and perspectives. No matter their field of study, it matters that your young people are exposed to truth and the biblical values that bring about positive change.

HOW IS IT IMPARTED?

The importance of PCC's commitment to the biblical worldview is evident in many ways. For us, this is not an afterthought nor something that we just wish would happen. We undertake it passionately, prayerfully, and purposely. First, a core curriculum has been carefully structured, with all students pursuing a bachelor's degree earning a biblical studies minor as part of completing their degree. Courses such as Old and New Testament Introduction, Bible Doctrines I and II, Worldview and Apologetics, and Origins guide the students from the fundamentals of the faith to the defense of their beliefs.

Another intentional step is PCC's hosting of a Worldview Lecture Series during two consecutive chapel days each semester. For example, in spring 2025 founder of Answers in Genesis, Ken Ham, helped us to see the importance of holding to a consistently biblical worldview. Others like attorney Josh Hershberger and The

Truth Project author Del Tackett have also challenged our campus community in previous lecture series.

Furthermore, in each of our more than one thousand courses offered throughout our multiple departments, faculty members have specifically identified the worldview tenets that are supported by that course. This process ensures that all of our classes contribute intentionally to a consistent biblical perspective. The faculty's commitment to this is ongoing: just this past February, a professional development session was held for our faculty on "How to Integrate the Biblical Worldview in Your Classes." This valuable session consisted of a panel of faculty members from different departments who shared suggestions and strategies on how to do this most effectively with our students.

Additionally, each year an anonymous survey is administered to our students regarding their commitment to the biblical worldview. It is a comprehensive instrument that measures a student's beliefs, how those beliefs affect their behavior, and their basic heart-orientation. Since it is given both to students starting their college career and those nearing graduation, it allows us to compare results so that we can identify areas that may need

extra attention. Students come to us having received some Christian worldview training in their homes, Christian schools, and churches. We are privileged to come alongside these young people, partnering with their parents and pastors, to reinforce and refine what they have already been taught.

Pensacola Christian College sees it as a vital part of our mission to see our students grounded in the biblical worldview. Both in and out of the classroom, in every concentration and discipline, this desire is embedded into our very culture. You can be confident that the biblical worldview is not simply a motto for us. It is a responsibility we take seriously, as a stewardship from the Lord, and it's part of our commitment and promise to you. ▴



Dr. Dan Rushing joined PCC staff as a Bible professor immediately after graduating with his master's degree. For over two decades, he has worked in the Bible department, teaching thousands of students the

importance of the biblical worldview. Dr. Rushing now serves as the dean of biblical studies and Pensacola Theological Seminary.

MORE THAN A DIPLOMA

How PCC Students Discover Growth, Community, and Calling



DR. MIKE DAVIS

Today's Pensacola Christian College students have more opportunities than ever to shape their education. While earning degrees, many students also discover growth, community, and calling. The College is committed to supporting these journeys by offering an incredible experience. At graduation, students carry away not only their diploma but also a wealth of memories—meeting others during their first days on campus, building lasting community, and growing spiritually through work and service. Graduation is just the beginning, and this life-shaping experience offers alumni a foundation for faithful lives beyond college.

INTEGRATION

Starting college in a new place can be both exciting and overwhelming. I remember stepping onto PCC's campus in the fall of 1989—unsure of what awaited me, knowing only a couple of people and feeling daunted by the energy and activity. Over time, I adjusted, found my way, and made lasting friendships.

Today, students who are beginning their PCC journey are greeted by an entire crew of campus leaders who are ready to assist. During Welcome Weekend, upperclassmen, roommates, and residence assistants pitch in, helping new students unload their cars, find their residence halls, and navigate their first few days. Students also have opportunities to make friends while enjoying games and refreshments at New Student Connections. These events helped Lee Rolston (So., KY) find community right away. "The activities were fun and welcoming, and the leaders went out of their way to make sure new students felt included. It helped me build friendships and gave me confidence that PCC was going to be a place where I could belong."

Students are also introduced to campus social groups and service opportunities at Greek Rush and Christian Service Expo. In a full circle ex-

perience, Cammie Spicer (Jr., WV) was welcomed by collegians in her freshman year and now helps greet new students. "Greek Rush was a fun time getting to see what Greek life was like in my freshman year," she shared, "As a junior, Greek Rush was filled with decorating, planning, and building energy. This year, I was able to talk to many freshmen and answer some of their questions about campus life!"

Between these fun events, students also have opportunities to worship Christ and commit themselves to Him during chapel services. They experience Opening Convocation, a powerful gathering in the Crowne Centre filled with music, prayer, preaching from God's word, and encouragement from Dr. Shoemaker. In moments like these, students realize they are part of something greater than themselves: the PCC community.

CONNECTION

As the excitement of Welcome Weekend settles, students begin weaving the relationships that often define their PCC experience. Friendship doesn't just happen in passing—it grows as roommates share everyday life, offering encouragement through long days and laughter in late-night conversations.



At Greek Rush, collegians like the Hurricanes showcase unforgettable school spirit, welcoming new students with games, competitions, and a lively parade down Main Drive.



Students explore Christian Service Expo, learning about diverse ways to reach the community through volunteer groups ranging from music to athletic ministries.



Relationships deepen as students cheer side by side at games, face challenges together in class projects, or pray with one another. Bonds are forged in the moments of celebrating a win, working through a difficult lab assignment, or sharing testimonies during a collegian or prayer group meeting. “I’ve made friends through collegians, and their majors range from youth ministries to chemistry,” said Matt Ritchey (Sr., PA). “We’re able to challenge each other spiritually and grow closer because of those shared times.”

Community often grows stronger as relationships multiply and overlap. A friendship that starts in class may carry over to intramural teams; a bond formed during Greek Week could grow through shared ministry opportunities. “The more friendships you have, the smaller your world becomes,” said Cammie. “Through the connections I made as a new student, I met my best friends and my [current] roommate. Later, playing collegian sports opened the door to even more amazing, God-honoring friendships that I know will continue after college.”

DEVELOPMENT

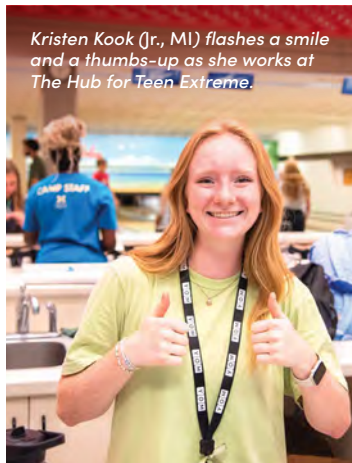
Beyond building strong friendships, one of the greatest needs of college students is personal development. There are many employment and leadership roles at the college that can help students grow into the people God intends them to be. Clara Curtman (Sr., MO) chose to work on campus to not only fund her tuition but also grow in responsibility. “I have benefitted from getting to work with a team and seeing how each little job is important and can make a big difference when it is done well,” Clara shared. “I am constantly reminded that all I do should be for God’s glory—for work, school, and life.”

Students can also step into leadership roles in residence halls, prayer groups, collegians, or even as class or student body officers. After jumping into campus life during her first semester, Cammie has been able to lead

College athletes hype up the audience at Eagles Fan Fest, a high-energy Sports Center event celebrating PCC's basketball, soccer, and volleyball teams.



both as a collegian officer and as a student body vice president. “I will never be able to fully list every aspect I’ve grown from freshman year to now,” she shared. “I learned that a great leader washes the feet of those under them, just like Jesus washed the disciples’ feet. I also learned that leadership means learning the balance of correcting and encouraging.”



Kristen Kook (Jr., MI) flashes a smile and a thumbs-up as she works at The Hub for Teen Extreme.

EMPOWERMENT

While employment and leadership roles help students grow in responsibility, ministry opportunities encourage them to live empowered Christian lives. Students may serve in Christian Service groups, the community event Serve Pensacola, summer missions’ trips, and Youth Outreach Ministry camps. These activities have helped junior Kristen Kook (MI) to grow spiritually. “PCC is preparing me for

a lifetime of service by providing numerous opportunities to serve and lead right now!” Kristen shared. “Whether it’s being a Christian service leader and getting to reach the community, getting involved in church, or even being a Prayer Leader, there is always somewhere that you can serve.”

Students can get involved in 66 Christian Service groups—these include Bible clubs, music ministries, nursing home visitation, and many others. Lee has stepped forward to lead a Bible club, and he has enjoyed following in the footsteps of the group’s previous members. “A huge moment in my Bible club was when one of the boys that had been coming for years finally accepted Christ as his Savior. It was amazing to be able to see the fruit of the labor of others before me,” Lee said.

Lee has also served in Youth Outreach Ministry camps. Each summer, more than 200 students help make these camps a success as they disciple campers, share the gospel, and build their appreciation for service. “[Camps] taught me that service to God

is the most rewarding thing that can be done. It also taught me that service to God can be done in anything, no matter how small,” Lee shared.

With all these options, any interested student can easily get involved. Bethany Teis (So., NV) shared how she has grown through serving. “Service opportunities have taught me skills like public speaking, time management, and thinking. PCC provides so many areas for one to grow in all aspects of one’s life,” Bethany said.

LIVING FAITHFULLY BEYOND COLLEGE

The PCC experience empowers students to form enduring friendships, grow through work and service, and become anchored in their walk with Christ. When they finally reach the long-awaited milestone of graduation, many can celebrate far more than earning a degree: they recognize growth, perseverance, and God’s faithfulness. “PCC has stretched me and grown me in ways that I would not have grown if I attended a different college. Pensacola Christian College is truly teaching me how to influence my world,” said Bethany.

As students hear the trumpet fanfare and don their cap and gown at Commencement, they reflect on their accomplishments while looking to the future. They have successfully completed college and received tools they can use to lead lives that count for Christ. The PCC experience does not end with Commencement, and a graduate’s success is not defined by only passing grades or landing a job. True success is when alumni finish college prepared to serve others, teach others about Christ, and live faithfully. Personally, I am deeply grateful that God used PCC in my life to prepare me for leadership and service. That is what makes the PCC experience truly incredible. ▴



Dr. Mike Davis brings nearly two decades of pastoral ministry experience to his leadership at PCC, having served as youth pastor, music director, and senior pastor. He also traveled with the Academy of Arts for four years and helped launch a Good News Club in a local public school. Now serving as YOM camp administrator, administrative director of student activities, and dean of graduate students, Dr. Davis is known for creating meaningful experiences that build strong community and lasting encouragement.

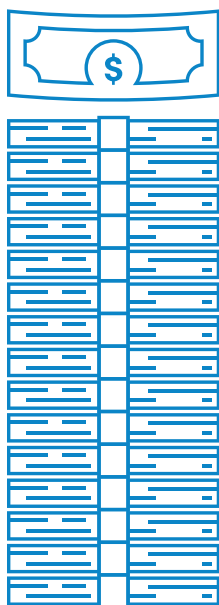
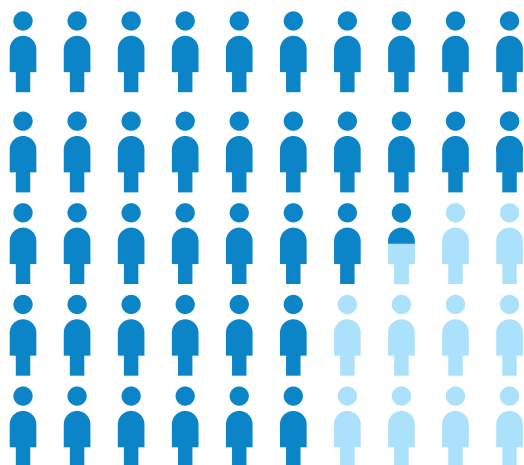


During Serve Pensacola, students led community clean-ups, volunteered at local nonprofits, and had a blast cheering for the Pensacola Special Olympics.

NAVIGATING COLLEGE COST

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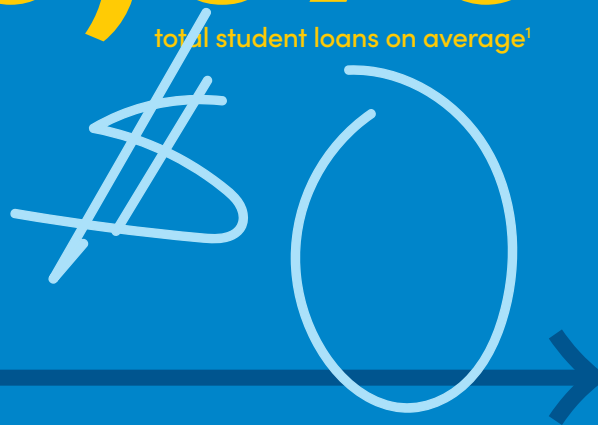


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giving seniors
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1. Melanie Hanson, "Student Loan Debt Statistics," EducationData.org, accessed October 29, 2025, educationdata.org/student-loan-debt-statistics.



JIO COLON
(Sr., FL)

Receiving support from the Work Assistance and Fourth Year Tuition-Free programs enabled Jio to not only pay for college but also achieve a life milestone—getting married! "I could afford my wife's wedding ring, and we also paid for our wedding. We are financially stable, ready to move when I graduate," Jio said.



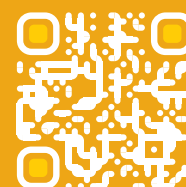
CALI SQUIRE
(Graphic Design '25)

Cali saved the money she earned through the Work Assistance Program to purchase a car. "I was able to buy my own car during my junior year because college expenses were low, which allowed me to invest in my friendships through off campus study trips, beach breaks, and fun activities around Pensacola," Cali shared.



ALEX MATTHEWS
(Pre-Medicine '22)

Alex received a head start to his medical career since he graduated debt-free through the Work Assistance and Fourth Year Tuition-Free programs. Now, he is pursuing a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (D.M.D.). "I greatly appreciate that I was able to graduate from PCC debt-free. Some of my dental school colleagues have more than \$100,000 in undergraduate debt," Alex said.



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PASSING A LEGACY FORWARD

Alumni Engagement



DR. GREG MUTSCH

There are moments in the life of an institution when its present converges with its past in a way that points unmistakably toward the future. Pensacola Christian College is in such a moment. With the articulation of the PCC Promise—a clear, enduring statement of what the College does—alumni now stand at the threshold of a new era.

For just over 27,000 graduates, the Promise is not a slogan or passing initiative. It is the embodiment of what they themselves once lived: truth taught without compromise, servants trained with diligence, excellence pursued in every field, affordability preserved as a matter of stewardship, and Christ honored above all. Alumni are witnesses to this legacy, and many are becoming partners in ensuring it flourishes for those who will walk the campus in years to come.

WHERE THE PROMISE TAKES ROOT

The Promise appears in ordinary places every day. You see it when a nurse steadies a patient, a pastor opens Scripture, a lawyer speaks for the voiceless, an engineer designs a boat, a judge weighs the law, and parents teach truth at home. The setting changes. The formation remains constant.

Preparation sits at the center. Its rhythm class after class, paper after paper—was not dramatic, but endured. Lori Antkoviak (*Pre-Law '00*) recalls the drills that formed her craft. “The English and grammar classes along with the business law practice of writing legal briefs provided the basics of legal writing,” she said. “Because of the practice and variety of classes [at PCC], I felt better prepared than many other law school students that had only majored in political science or history.” That foundation carried her

to law school, a clerkship, practice, and now leadership at Safe Harbor Children’s Advocacy Center in Michigan.

The arts tell the same story. Darrin Crow (*Speech '94*) found in PCC’s Fine Arts productions more than performance—he found a cultural formation that continues to shape his work. “The ability to communicate well is a vital skill that can open doors in many career fields,” he explained. Now serving as education coordinator at Ushers Ferry Historic Village in Iowa, he draws on those experiences daily as he teaches history through story.

Preparation at PCC is joined to the biblical worldview that guides decisions beyond the classroom. Jonathan Stormer (*Bible '03, Evangelism '05*), now a U.S. Army captain and physician at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, put it plainly: “I further developed a biblical worldview while teaching high school Bible for three years in Maine and real-

ized Christian service encompasses all aspects of life, so I returned to pursuing a ministry through medicine.” His journey reminds us that Christian service belongs in exam rooms and laboratories as much as it does in pulpits.

That worldview is reinforced by time in chapel and in community life. As Josh Hershberger (*Political Science '08*) said in a Pre-Law Forum, “It is a grand adventure. Four years of chapel and getting the worldview before going into the fire. Yes, you are leaving mom and dad, but PCC helps train you in a safe environment before you are thrown into the fire.”

ALUMNI SHAPING STUDENTS TODAY

Alumni do more than model the Promise. They extend it. Jordana Coppola (*Management '95*) has guided seniors preparing for interviews and first jobs, sharing lessons that only experience can teach, and

Pastor Matt Teis (*Pastoral Ministries '00*) fulfills Scripture by training young men through the summer internship program at Liberty Baptist Church in Las Vegas, where he is the lead pastor. "Education and experience are the two essentials of ministerial training," he said. "PCC provides both in the classroom and through partnership with alumni pastors across the country."

Each act may seem small, but together they form a pattern of influence—quiet, consistent, and strong enough to shape the next generation. And their influence does not stop at mentorship. It deepens through stewardship.

STRENGTHENING THE PROMISE TOGETHER

The PCC Promise endures not only through faculty and leadership but also because alumni choose to strengthen it in practical ways. Their mentorship offers timely help that no textbook can provide. Their gifts to scholarships and the PCC Cares Fund lighten the load for students who might otherwise step away. When they return for Homecoming, they do more than revisit memories. They show students that the work of college has lasting worth. Many extend the Promise further by hiring graduates and by sharing simple testimonies of faith and perseverance. In each case, the impact of a PCC education is measured in lives, not statistics.

History offers perspective. Alumni remember chapel that ordered the day, rehearsals

that built discipline, and course loads that demanded planning. They also remember the cost and the relief of help that arrived in time. Affordability at PCC has always been a deliberate choice that requires careful stewardship and generosity. When alumni give, memory becomes mercy for the next student. This is not sentiment—it is responsibility. The Promise does not remove hardship. It teaches how to meet it with faith, discipline, and hope. Fiscal responsibility is a conviction allowing students to graduate without debt and be free to serve wherever God leads.

LINKING GENERATIONS ACROSS TIME

Picture a freshman carrying a suitcase into a residence hall. Years earlier, an alumnus did the same and has since built a life of service in church, community, and work. Alumni stand between those moments. The link is visible at Homecoming and at Alumni Reconnects. It is tangible when a graduate earns a first chance because another graduate opened a door. It continues when an alum shares a simple story of God's faithfulness. These are the human ties that move the Promise from one class to the next.

The future will bring cultural shifts, new technologies, and economic pressure. The essential questions remain.

If the Lord delays His coming and PCC reaches its centennial in 2075, its measure will not be found in buildings or programs. It will rest in the lives of those shaped here. Were minds grounded in truth? Were servants trained for the good

of others? Was excellence practiced as a habit? Was education kept within reach? And above all, was Christ honored?

Alumni will help supply that answer. Their prayers, their gifts, their guidance, and their example will shape the future more than any plan on paper.

THE PROMISE CARRIED FORWARD

Ministry, law, medicine, Christian education, business, engineering, and the arts provide different paths but converge on the same reality: preparation joined to conviction becomes service. The Promise travels with alumni into churches and clinics, classrooms and courts, boardrooms and laboratories. For the freshman unpacking and the senior stepping out, the path is marked. Others have gone before and stand ready to help those who follow with clarity, integrity, and hope.

The Promise is steady. Alumni are strong. Their faithfulness today will echo through the halls of PCC to the four corners of the globe for the glory of Christ. ▴



Since 2022, **Dr. Greg Mutsch** has served as the PCC vice president for institutional advancement. With nearly 50 years of experience as a pastor, administrator, and Christian educator, Dr. Mutsch's knowledge has supported the College's growth and reputation.

He is beloved by students and staff alike for his ready smile and cheery personality.



HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME

A Life-giving Ministry



Alumni serving at Hope Children's Home share a life-giving purpose: to love children in need and prepare them for the future.

Every child deserves a safe, loving, faith-filled home. At Hope Children's Home, several Pensacola Christian College alumni, along with other staff, work to give vulnerable children and infants bright futures. Matt Higgins (*Bible '04*), Mandy Higgins (*studied Graphic Design '01-'04*), and Ashley Hearn (*Elementary Education '11, M.S. Educational Leadership '13*) serve in Tampa, and Pastor Matt (*Pastoral Ministries '00*) and Dallita Goins (*Nursing '00*) serve in Honduras. Together, they support the ministry's urgent mission: to love children in need and equip them for the future. Children at the ministry receive living essentials, including shelter, meals, clothing, healthcare, and an education, and, best of all, a place to call "home" centered on the lifegiving love of Jesus Christ.



Mandy and Matt Higgins ('04) lead Hope Children's Home as the creative and executive directors.

CALLED TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Matt Higgins and his wife Mandy share a desire to help children. They first became friends while they were attending PCC, Matt for Bible and Mandy for graphic design. As they got to know each other over their years in college, their friendship grew into love. Matt proposed to Mandy shortly before his graduation, and the couple was married a month after he received his Bible degree. As they looked forward, they began to pray about their future together. They imagined that Matt's studies would lead them to work in youth ministries, but God directed them down a different path. At the time, Matt's father was working at a Christian nonprofit called Hope Children's Home. He told Matt and Mandy that they were praying for a married couple to join the



House parents Lace and Julian Bonilla care for 14 children in their cottage.

administrative staff. The Higgins saw this opportunity to enter children's ministry as an answer to prayer. They were eager to start work immediately, so Mandy chose to follow Matt to the ministry before her fourth year of studying concluded.

Since 2004, Matt and Mandy have been serving at Hope Children's Home. They oversee the nonprofit's two locations in Tampa and Honduras along with its ministry for infants, Bundles of Hope. They have been able to use their skills from their liberal arts educations to provide administrative and media leadership that support the nonprofit's mission. As executive director, Matt ensures the nonprofit's administration operates smoothly. Mandy is the creative director, and she shares the mission with the public to gain supporters. "Every day we're reinforcing the things that God has called us to do, which is to love these children [and] prepare them for the future, to have a ministry that's Christ centered, and for the children to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," Matt said.

Matt and Mandy believe a distinct way Hope Children's Home helps children is by providing a support system into adulthood. When children graduate from the ministry's high school, they are assisted as they take on responsibility. Many choose to attend college, and Matt and Mandy frequently help graduates move to their chosen schools. Students are welcome to come back to the ministry on semester breaks. The message is clear: the door to home is always open. "What happens to the children when they turn 18? That's a question we get a lot," Mandy said, "Because in the foster care system, you 'age out.' We say 18 is just another birthday—it's family for life."

LIFE AT HOME

A day at Hope Children's Home in Tampa combines education, play, family, and Christ's love to help children thrive. The

children live in six colorful and spacious houses and are cared for each day by sets of cottage parents. These caretakers create loving, Christ centered homes. A child's day begins with waking up in his or her bedroom, a homecooked breakfast, and house devotions with cottage parents and other children. After busy school days, the children can explore the secure, green, 55-acre Tampa campus, climb the tree house, or use the two playgrounds. They also can compete in casual basketball and pickleball games at outdoor courts. After playtime, children eat dinner, have devotions, and are finally tucked into bed. House parents Lace Bonilla and her husband care for 14 children in their cottage. Watching over the children is deeply fulfilling for Lace. "[Being a house parent] is something I've always had a heart to do," Lace said, "and my husband really has a heart for children as well."

Since they have stable, loving home lives, children can focus and excel at school. They attend the on-campus Hope Christian School, which provides a high-quality education exclusively for ministry children. PCC alumna Ashley Hearn is principal, and she is at the forefront of the school's mission: to equip students academically and spiritually, preparing them for success while strengthening their faith. Ashley has found that new arrivals are often academically behind, and she leads efforts to help them get back on track. The excellent education helps the children to change the trajectory of their lives. According to the nonprofit's website, 95% of graduates go to college. Ashley believes listening is crucial to helping children succeed. Her office door is always open to students—whether they have questions or simply want to talk. "[I want] to rebuild those relationships so that they feel like they have somebody on their side who will listen to them and is there to walk through life with them," Ashley said.

Beyond prioritizing education, recreation, and family, Hope Children's Home



THE DOOR TO HOME IS ALWAYS OPEN

encourages children to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Children participate in house devotions, attend weekly worship services, and go to Christian camps during the summer. Through these activities, children hear the gospel and have an opportunity to respond to God's grace. Ashley believes seeing children saved and growing in Christ is a highlight of being principal. "Watching God transform their lives is one of the most beautiful parts of working here," Ashley said. "They haven't just learned that their past doesn't define them; they've embraced the truth that God defines them."

HOPE IN HONDURAS

The mission of Hope Children's Home goes beyond the United States, touching lives in Honduras. Matt and Mandy partner with PCC alumni and missionaries Pastor Matt and Dallita Goins to lead this location, giving the Goins primary administration of the home. Since 2004, Pastor and Mrs. Goins have been using their degrees in pastoral ministries and nursing to reach the Honduran people with the gospel at Iglesia Bautista El Faro. Through the partnership with Hope Children's Home, many children have been saved and bap-

tized. These children also have an opportunity to become church members and participate in Christian service. "I believe the most rewarding aspect of having the Hope Honduras partnership is the transformation of the gospel in the lives of the children," Pastor Goins said.

The ministry benefits Honduran children by providing them with a practical education that prepares them for life. Belkis Bonilla (*Nursing '22*) grew up at Hope Children's Home of Honduras and was its first graduate. Receiving a high-quality education propelled her to academic success. After graduating from high school, Belkis attended PCC and earned a degree in nursing, building a foundation for a fulfilling career and stable livelihood. Pastor Goins appreciates how providing an education allows the ministry to reach the Honduran community. He shared, "Hope Children's Home enables us to serve our community in unique ways, enhancing the reach of the local church."

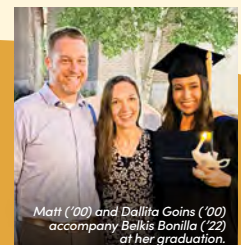
Beyond equipping children for the future, the Goins do an even more important work through Hope's Children's Home: sharing the gospel. The Goins highlighted the testimony of Kathya, a child that came to the ministry because of childhood instability.

"Kathya came to us as a nine-year-old girl. She had never been to school," Mrs. Goins said. "Fast forward nine years with plenty of food to eat, a nice home and bed to sleep in, spiritual nourishment, genuine love and kindness, and Kathya is a beautiful 18-year-old that has learned to read, has a heart to serve, and, most importantly, has given her heart to Jesus!"

Through Hope Children's Home's ministry, hundreds of children like Belkis and Kathya have received a safe, faith-filled home where they experience the love of Jesus Christ and are prepared for the future. Over their years of service, these PCC alumni have seen God bless the ministry with enough resources for expansion. While still serving children in Tampa and Honduras, the ministry is moving forward to open as many as eight new Florida locations. From bringing together committed Christians like the Higgins and the Goins to meeting the ministry's needs, God has faithfully provided. The future is bright, and Hope Children's Home is prepared to provide lifegiving care to many precious children in the years to come. "God's hand is evident in the ministry of Hope Children's Home," Matt said. "It's a testimony to people who are fully committed to Christ, and He's blessing it. It's just miraculous." ▴



Ashley Hearn ('11, '13)
and her family smile
for a picture.



Matt ('00) and Dallita Goins ('00)
accompany Belkis Bonilla ('22)
at her graduation.

**TUITION
FREEZE**

September 3, 2025

**PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE FREEZES TUITION,
ROOM AND BOARD**

Pensacola Christian College has announced a freeze of tuition, room and board at \$15,068 annually for the 2026–2027 academic year. This marks the second consecutive year of holding costs steady, underscoring PCC's commitment to keeping Christian higher education affordable. Read about it here:

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September 25, 2025

**ADDING BEAUTY
TO THE WORLD:
VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM**

The visual arts program prepares students to add beauty to the world through graphic design and studio art. Read about it here:

pcci.edu/VisualArtsProgram**ANTHONY LAMB**

October 2, 2025

**A CHAMPION
FOR EDUCATION
AND ATHLETICS**

Physical education graduate Anthony Lamb ('87) has invested in young students and athletes throughout his 38 years of ministry. Read about how Anthony's education at PCC helped him fulfill his calling:

pcci.edu/AnthonyLamb

Influencing the World

This past year, many Pensacola Christian College students have influenced their world for Christ. Here are a few examples of the ways students have made an impact!



ADDY AWARDS

A total of 36 graphic design and studio art students from Pensacola Christian College received awards at the 2025 American Advertising Awards (ADDY) Gala: 19 gold and 15 silver for the regional division. Cali Squire (*Graphic Design '25*) won the Judges' Choice Award, and HyunGi Choi (*Graphic Design '25*) won the Best of Show. Four students also won silver awards at the district level: Leah Dahnke (*Graphic Design '25*), Emily Coblentz (*Graphic Design '25*), Cali Squire (*Graphic Design '25*), and Jessica Wilder (*Graphic Design '25*).



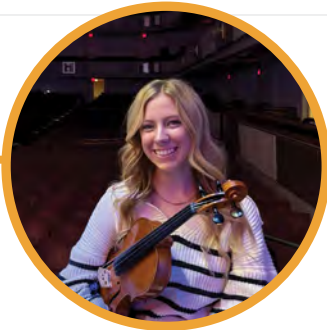
ADAM ANDERSON

Senior Adam Anderson (*Finance, Marketing*) interned at an Amazon facility in North Carolina this summer. The site he worked at helps streamline inventory management and ensure timely delivery of packages across the country. Adam had the opportunity to implement a new system that increased productivity by 10%. He shared, "It was a great summer, and God blessed me with a great team who taught me the ins and outs of the job site!"



SUMMER CAMPS

Hundreds of PCC students served in Sports Center Day Camp, Discover Day Camp, Camp o' the Pines, Teen Extreme, and NEXT Summer Camps (sports, academics, and fine arts). Over 12,000 campers attended these camps, and many were led to the Lord. Dr. Mike Davis, the director of Youth Outreach Ministry, said, "This was one of our greatest summers of camp so far. Because student leaders stepped up, they had the opportunity to see God use them to make a difference for eternity. It is hard to fully describe the joy that comes from being present when a camper accepts Christ as Savior."



ALYSSA DEGARDE

This past year, Alyssa DeGarde (Sr., *Pre-Law, Music: Instrumental*) performed in orchestras at both the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and Carnegie Hall in New York City. Her musical ability has opened many doors for her, and she gives all glory to God. "My heart is overwhelmed by the immeasurable love of our Savior—so vast, so undeserved, yet freely given. I was reminded that His love is not distant or abstract, but active, pursuing, and redeeming," she said.



YOM MISSIONS TEAMS

Five mission teams, made up of 74 students and 12 faculty, traveled to 8 different countries this summer. Students and faculty helped spread the gospel, work with local missionaries, and show Christ's love. "I went on this missions trip to help make a difference in the lives of the Filipino people, but I can say without a doubt that I left the Philippines having been the one whose life was touched by the Filipino people and their earnest desire to serve the Lord," shared 2025 team member Sophia Gustafson (Sr., *Elementary Education*).



SEBASTIEN PRUNEAU

Sebastien Pruneau, a senior studying both mechanical and electrical engineering, interned this summer at the Nevada National Security Site and helped assemble and test different projects. Since 1950, NNSS has been both a testing site for nuclear weapons and an educational site preserving the site's history. Visitors can enjoy the Atomic Museum, where they can learn the story of America's nuclear weapons program and gain a better understanding of nuclear power and its effects.



CAMPUS CHURCH INTERNS

Every summer, ministerial students have the opportunity to work with the Campus Church staff through the Edge Mentorship program. This summer, graduate assistant Christian Ramirez, Bryce Hammond (*Pastoral Ministries '25*), and senior missions student Caleb Kenney helped Campus Church minister to the congregation and the Pensacola community. Working with Campus Church, the interns were able to gain valuable experience preaching and preparing for ministry.



YOHAN SHIN

During the 2025 spring semester, senior nursing student Yohan Shin received the Flower Bud Award from HCA Florida West Hospital. This award is presented to students who go above and beyond in their clinicals, showing professionalism and compassion. Yohan recognized stroke symptoms in his patient and reported these findings to his instructor and nurse. His quick assessment ensured his patient received proper care.



PROCLAIM MINISTRY TEAMS

During the summer (and a few weeks in January), students traveling with the Proclaim Ministry Teams work with churches, Christian schools, and camps all over the United States. Michael Hubers, a sophomore pastoral ministries student, witnessed the importance of serving. "We saw our music move people spiritually and emotionally," he shared. "Music is so much more than entertainment; we share it not only to worship, but to minister to the hearts of the people we visit."

Eternal RELEVANCE

PASTOR JEFF REDLIN



Students lift their voices in worship at Campus Church.



Members and students alike experience community during Wednesday night Lifeshare groups.



Pastor and Julie Redlin stay after the Sunday morning service to personally greet guests.



Founding pastor of Campus Church, Bob Taylor, posed outside St. John Chapel where services were held 50 years ago.

Construction takes time, discipline, a plan—and it's costly. Yet the thrill of watching something take shape, of seeing the architect's vision become a reality, is incredibly rewarding. Jesus Himself said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). He presented Himself as the bedrock on which the Church would be built. As the Master Builder, He continues to do just that—building a living, called-out assembly of believers who seek to know God and make Him known.

Campus Church first opened its doors in 1974 with a clear purpose: to preach the gospel and make disciples. A further goal was to provide a place of shared worship—not only for those connected with the ministry

of Pensacola Christian College but also for the greater Pensacola community. For over 50 years, that purpose has remained unchanged. While every church shares a singular foundation, each is uniquely shaped to fit the time and culture in which it exists. Campus Church has a distinct opportunity to walk alongside college students, offering a place for worship, ministry involvement, and mentoring—all designed by God and just as relevant today as when Christ first established His Church 2,000 years ago.

One of the most meaningful ways Campus Church fulfills this mission is by serving, not as a replacement for a student's home church, but as a "home away from home." Here, students can worship, grow, and engage in the life of the church. This happens not only through shared worship services but also through a host of intentional connections. For example, we offer several small group settings like Lifeshare groups, Conquer Series for men, and Authentic Discipleship for women, providing students opportunities to connect with the larger body of Campus

Church in a smaller, more personal setting. These groups allow for interaction, connection, deepening friendships, and accountability that is all a part of a healthy church. And they are available to *everyone* who is a part of our Campus Church family. Many of our college students have discovered that through small groups, even a large assembly like Campus Church begins to feel not just like “church” but like a church *family*.

To help deepen that sense of family at Campus Church, students are welcomed into the homes of church families for events like Family Game Night where they enjoy pizza and games after a Sunday night service. They participate in fun, church-wide fellowships throughout the year that include events like “Deacons vs. Ushers Wiffle Ball Game” or a kickball game that pits the Bible Study Group Leaders against PCC students who serve in leadership positions. These events, and others like them, help make a big church feel more personal and provide a refreshing atmosphere outside of the normal worship service schedule.

And every year, hundreds of students serve in ministries such as music, children and teens, hospitality, and outreach. Students sing in the choirs, join in a variety of orchestras, help behind the scenes with our livestream and TV ministries, lead services in nursing homes, greet guests with the hospitality teams, and so much more! And those participating are not only those who are training for ministry but also represent an incredibly diverse range of majors and areas of study. And really, isn’t that exactly what every church should be doing—engaging believers from every walk of life to advance the work of the church in the lives of others, even as God is advancing His work in us?

As a graduate of PCC, I have the privilege of watching today’s student body continue to benefit from the same “building tools” that were used in my own life so many years ago. The benefits and growth I experienced from Campus Church in the early 80s are still thriving today. What I received from this local church was not only timely, it was truly *timeless*. It is true that God is always building His Church. And to build His Church, He is building individual church members. What a blessing it is to see God doing both—building His Church

and its members—in part through student involvement and participation at Campus Church!

WHAT I RECEIVED FROM THIS LOCAL CHURCH WAS NOT ONLY TIMELY, IT WAS TRULY TIMELESS

Do you remember overhead projectors? For years, they were a helpful tool used by many churches—simple, effective, and inexpensive. But like flannelgraph stories (I do miss those!) and the mimeograph machine, they’ve faded into history, becoming relics of the past. The Church, however, is anything but outdated. Established and empowered by Christ Himself, the Church remains central to God’s eternal plan and continues to play a vital role in the spiritual growth and health of every believer.

Our ultimate desire for the students of PCC is that they would come to see the timeless value and eternal relevance that God places on the bride of Christ, the Church. That they would not only embrace His ongoing and eternal plan for the Church but also their personal role within it. Just as a branch must remain connected to the vine, so we must stay connected to Christ. And one of the primary ways God has given us to maintain that connection is through His Body, His Building—the Church. ▴



Dr. Jeff Redlin (Youth Ministries ’87) became the Campus Church youth pastor in 1988 and served in this position for 15 years until becoming the senior pastor of Front Range Baptist Church in Fort Collins, CO. There he led an active ministry for another 15 years before returning to Pensacola in 2018. Jeff and his wife, Julie (Humanities ’94), consider it a privilege to invest in a church that serves the surrounding community adjacent a thriving college campus.



The ushers and deacons come head-to-head in a lighthearted wiffle ball game.

INVESTED PR MISE

Team members who work at Pensacola Christian College and its affiliate ministries firmly believe in promoting the cause of Christ, whether they are teaching college students, creating promotional content, or cleaning baseboards. Dedicated employees help ensure PCC fulfills its promise to students, parents, and alumni.

Hear why staff and faculty love what they do!





Dustin & Rachel Hubbard

Director of Creative Services,
Enrollment Clerk/New Parent Liaison

Serving as the creative director in the advertising department, Dustin Hubbard oversees video, photo, print, and digital media. He and his teams work hard to make sure PCC's message is clearly communicated through design. "I genuinely enjoy working with such talented people, but what makes my job truly meaningful is knowing what we create supports students, parents, faculty, and the ministries of PCC."

Dustin's wife Rachel works closely with incoming students and their parents. "I truly enjoy meeting the students and their parents," she shared. Rachel helps them with all their paperwork and makes sure the transition into college goes as smoothly as possible. "It's exciting and rewarding to be part of such an important step in their journey."



Amy Meyer

Special Events
General Manager

"My job is very fast-paced and demands flexibility, but I enjoy the challenge. I also enjoy meeting other people's needs through this job," said Amy Meyer, Special Events general manager. Leading and managing Special Events, Amy uses her expertise to serve others. She also provides financial insight and looks for ways to improve Special Events as a whole.



Josh Grover

Environmental Services
General Manager

Environmental Services is a large department that keeps all of campus clean. As the Environmental Services general manager, Josh Grover manages all ES teams and makes sure each team member is fully equipped to do their job. He also oversees training and team motivation. "ES is so much more than just one person; it's all of us working together to get the right things done at the right times so we can best serve others for God's glory."



Crystal Rangel

Alumni and Event
Coordinator

Crystal Rangel partners with PCC's alumni community and helps them stay connected to their alma mater as the alumni and event coordinator. She manages media content and communication, plans alumni events, and enhances alumni connections through the Alumni Association. "I greatly value the opportunity to engage with alumni and learn about their experiences at PCC," she explained. "The alumni get so excited to see all the changes on campus, and I enjoy getting to share those changes with them."



Joseph Coffey

Electrical Engineering
Instructor

Joseph Coffey helps inspire engineering students. As a faculty member, he teaches multiple engineering courses and mentors students. "I love being able to interact with students and observing them beginning to blossom as new engineers." Joseph also assists with curriculum development and participates in various academic committees and professional development opportunities.



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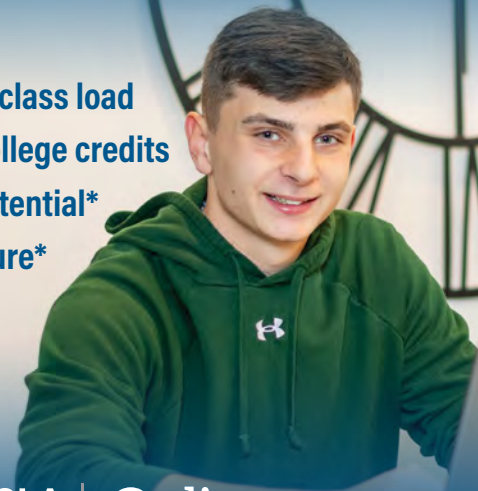
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11–14 College Getaway

18–20 Bible Conference
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23–24 Educator Recruitment

25–27 College Days

MARCH

10–12 Enrichment Retreat

16–20 Greek Week

25–27 College Days

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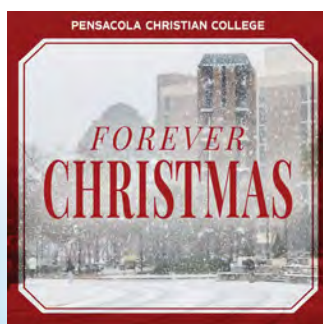
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23–25 Fine Arts Series:
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7 Nurses' Pinning and
Lamp Lighting Ceremony

8 Commencement



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