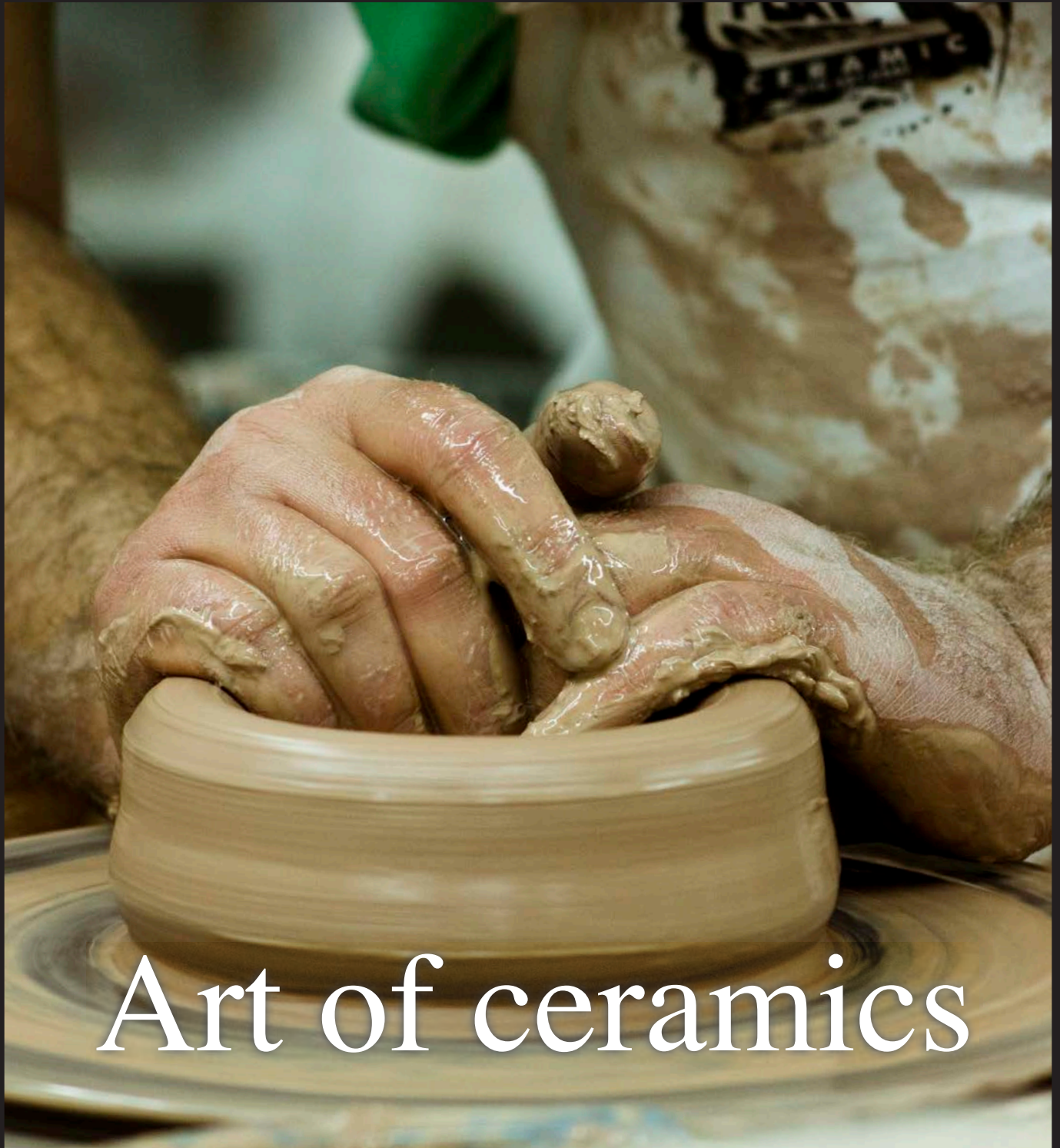


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The ceramics instructor, John Simmons, throws a pot on a wheel, in less than five minutes.

Spinning the wheel



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Art department instructor Susan Moore continues work on her handmade tea pot collection.



Keith Carter /The Bat

John Simmons, ceramics instructor, demonstrates the process of throwing a pot on a wheel.



Keith Carter /The Bat

Beata Louquet, secretary for jewelry technology at PJC, is excited about her completed ceramic projects.

Artistic PJC employees find inspiration in creating custom ceramic projects

**MICHAELA PHILLIPS
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STAFF WRITERS**

There is the sound of running water and clay blobs hitting tables. Hands covered with red or gray clay, shape other blobs spinning around on a metal wheel, working the clay into vases, bowls, and tea cups--or into anything the artists can imagine.

Three ceramics classes gather in the Art Building studio for five hours on Monday nights and, this semester, several PJC employees have enrolled along side the other art students.

Beata Louquet, secretary of jewelry technology, has always

had an interest in working with clay, especially with the wheel. For inspiration she looks online and thinks of how she can use the clay or how she might make a good gift.

"John (Simmons) gives us a lot of freedom with our projects and lets us experiment with the clay," said Louquet. Simmons teaches Ceramics I and II and Advanced Ceramics.

Shannon Calloway, jewelry technology instructor, and Susan Moore, art instructor, are both taking ceramics for the first time. Calloway and Moore both know how to make jewelry and, for Calloway, ceramics

has been different.

"Ceramics is different from jewelry because you get to get in with your hands and form things," Calloway said. "You do the same thing (with jewelry) but you use so many tools and it is not as malleable. With clay it's more natural and earthy."

Moore finds inspiration in her four daughters.

"They have my paintings hung up on the wall and I've also made jewelry for them; now I guess their shelves will be filled with my pots too," Moore said. She is currently working on a shoe with little mice in it.

Since these two instructors

have become students again, they have been able to see others they work with on campus that they have not talked to in a while.

"We're so much like family down here because we're together all day long," said Calloway. "We're actually with each other more than any family and I get to see Susan, who I don't get to see a lot of the time because we're in different departments."

On May 2, there will be a booth set up at the Farmers Market 400 1st St. SW with the art students' creations and on May 9, a booth will be set out at the Art Fair at Love Civic Center. Items will be available for purchase.



Keith Carter/ The Bat

Students' ceramics will be on sale May 2 at the Farmers Market, 400 1st St. SW and again on May 9 at the Art Fair at the Love Civic Center.

Filing for financial aid made easy

Questions about financial aid are finally answered

TAYLOR MCCLOURE
EDITOR

Students often feel overwhelmed sifting through all the forms that must be filed to receive financial aid. Deadlines and terms can be confusing, but help is available.

Pell Grants are money from the U.S. government to help students pay for college.

They are like a loan, but they do not have to be paid back to the government.

They are usually only awarded to undergraduate students. In order to receive any of this money, students have to fill out

this form.

Once someone starts, the website does offer help if a student gets lost while trying fill it out. Students can fill out FAFSA anytime before that school year runs out.

“If you are a college student, go ahead and fill out FAFSA as soon as your parents have completed tax returns,” PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin said. “You do not need your parents’ tax information if you are an independent student.”

Keep
Calm
&
File
FAFSA

a FAFSA form.

Students can complete this form online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> on or after Feb. 1 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Students and their parents need to file taxes before going online and filling out

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 Twitter

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Did you know?

Award Amount-amount of aid a school expects to pay a student based on the student’s current grant and eligibility

Award Year-school year for which financial aid is used to fund a student’s education. Generally, this is the 12-month period that begins on July 1 of one year and ends on June 30 of the following year

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)-a form used to determine how much money a student can expect to receive from the government for college fees

Federal Student Aid Programs-the programs authorized by the Higher Education Act that provides grants, loans, and work-study funds

Financial aid-funding that is intended to help students pay for tuition, books, room and board, and other fees.

Grant-financial aid, often based on financial need, that does not need to be repaid (unless, for example, you withdraw from school and owe a refund)

Pell Grants-the most common form of financial aid

Scholarship-money awarded to students based on academic or other achievement to help pay for education expenses

Work-Study-a federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while you are enrolled in school to help pay your education expenses

Money Facts

- The maximum federal Pell grant for 2015–2016 will be **\$5,775**.
- FSEOG at PJC offers between **\$200-\$2000** to students who demonstrate most need-based.
- **\$1 million** in scholarship money will be available from the Memorial Foundation for the 2015-2016 school year.



Students can receive Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters, which is about six years.

According to the FAFSA website, the maximum federal Pell grant for 2015–2016 will be \$5,775.

The amount an individual student may receive depends on a number of factors.

These factors include a student’s financial need, the cost of attendance of the college, whether the person is a full-time or part-time student, and whether or not the student plans on attending college for the full academic year.

If a student has been found guilty of drug convictions, he or she may be limited on the financial aid he or she receives.

Students also need to maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher to receive aid.

“The PJC financial aid office will help you fill out the FAFSA. Schedule a time, bring your tax returns, and they’ll sit with you and help you fill it out,” Dr. Anglin explained. “FAFSA is often confusing, but we have people who do it all the time and, in less than an hour, it’ll be done.”

Scholarships and grants available

Learning more about different financial opportunities



TAYLOR MCCLOURE
EDITOR

Financial aid is also available in a variety of forms. Scholarships, awards, grants, and other opportunities are available once FAFSA has been completed.

Students can apply for work-study at the college of their choice. Work-study is an employment opportunity on campus awarded to students who demonstrate the greatest financial need.

PJC Students enrolled in this program will work an average of 15 hours a week at a specified wage, but the available positions are limited.

Students must maintain acceptable work habits to continue employment. Any students interested in work-study must fill out an application and turn it in to the Human Resources department at the beginning of every fall semester.

Students may receive financial help if they have served in the military or if they are the spouse or child of someone who has served in the military. Students who meet the criteria can apply for benefits at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>.

Veterans who apply for VA educational benefits should call the VA Regional Office at 1-888-442-4551 to verify eligibility. Veterans have to maintain at 2.0 GPA to be eligible. Contact Jennifer Smith for more information..

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) awards students who demonstrate the greatest financial need, but they are granted on a first-come first-served basis. It is a campus-based aid program that gives out amounts that range from \$200-\$2000.

If a student is interested in applying for FSEOG awards, contact the PJC financial aid office for information and deadlines.

Scholarships are another type of financial aid that does not have to be repaid. PJC

offers scholarships for qualifying students. On the PJC website, click on “New Students”, and find “Scholarships at PJC” for information.

In order to receive scholarships from PJC, students must fill out the general scholarship application and FAFSA.

“There are all kinds of scholarship money out there and many times it’s hard to give all that money away,” Dr. Anglin said. “FAFSA doesn’t influence scholarships, unless the scholarship is specifically for need-base.”

One million dollars in scholarships from the PJC Memorial Foundation will be available to students for the 2015-2016 school year for the second year in a row.

It is advised that students should be cautious while filling out any financial aid information. Applications that aren’t correct, or complete, or contain misleading information will not be processed.

“On the FAFSA, make sure you answer their questions honestly,” Dr. Anglin said. “My recommendation for students is to always fill out FAFSA because a lot of other scholarship money is going to require a student to fill it out.”

Financial Aid Offices

<p>Paris Campus 2400 Clarksville Street 75460 in the Alford building 903.782.0429 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Greenville Campus 6500 Monty Stratton Parkway 75402 903.454.9333 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Sulphur Springs Campus 1202 W. Houston St. 75483 903.885.1232 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>
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Sports Schedules

Baseball

March 31	Kilgore CC	Kilgore, TX	4 & 6 p.m.
April 8	Trinity Valley CC	Athens, TX	1 & 3 p.m.
April 9	Bossier Parish CC	Bossier City, LA	2 & 4 p.m.
April 10	Navarro College	Paris, TX	2 & 4 p.m.
April 15	Bossier Parish CC	Paris, TX	1 & 3 p.m.
April 16	Tyler Junior College	Tyler, TX	1 & 3 p.m.
April 17	NTCC	Paris, TX	1 & 3 p.m.
April 21	TVCC	Paris, TX	1 & 3 p.m.
April 22	Angelina College	Lufkin, TX	1 & 3 p.m.

Softball

March 30	Eastfield College	Mesquite, TX	3 p.m. (1x9)
April 2	Panola College	Paris, TX	3 p.m. (1x9)
April 3	Panola College	Paris, TX	1 p.m. (7&9)
April 6	Tyler Junior College	Paris, TX	2 p.m. (1x9)
April 10	Navarro College	Paris, TX	3 p.m. (1x9)
April 11	Navarro College	Paris, TX	1 p.m. (7&9)
April 14	Eastfield College	Paris, TX	3 p.m. (1x9)
April 17	Angelina College	Paris, TX	3 p.m. (1x9)
April 18	Angelina College	Paris, TX	1 p.m. (7&9)
April 21	Richland College	Dallas, TX	2:30 p.m. (1x9)
April 23	Bossier Parish CC	Bossier City, LA	2:30 p.m. (1x9)
April 25	Bossier Parish CC	Paris, TX	1 p.m. (7&9)
April 28	Brookhaven College	Paris, TX	2 p.m. (1x9)
April 30	NTCC	Mt. Pleasant, TX	2:30 p.m. (1x9)
May 2	NTCC	Paris, TX	1 p.m. (7&9)

Golf

April 19-20	Southwest District Championship	Pottsboro, TX
April 26-28	NJCAA District II Championship	Abilene, TX
May 11-17	NJCAA National Championship	Newton, KS

In the 2014 Spring season, the men's golf team made it to the NJCAA National Championship which was held in Burlington, Iowa. The men placed 16 out of 22 teams with a score of 1264 after four rounds. The men's golf team is hopeful about making it to the national tournament this year with new players and better standings at previous tournaments. This season's conference starts on April 19 and two 54 hole tournaments will be played. The two tournament scores will be combined and the top five teams will move on to the national tournament.

DRAGON



PUFFS

Graduation Information

Graduation will be held on Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in Noyes Stadium. Students must meet in the library at 6 p.m. to receive important information. Pick up for cap and gown will be held on May 6 from 1- 4:30 p.m. and on May 11-14 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Student Records office in the Administration building room 138. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the tennis courts.

March Madness Party

Paris Junior College will host a party for March Madness on Monday, April 6 at 7:30- 10 p.m. in the Student Center.

Softball Fan Appreciation Day

The PJC softball team will hold a fan appreciation day on Wednesday, April 15 from 1-3 p.m. at the Civic Center field number four.

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Phi Theta Kappa events



CourtesyPhoto

Phi Theta Kappa inducted new officers on Monday, Feb 16. From left to right, Jeramy Howell, Paula Vaughan, and Kristin McConnell. Paula Vaughan, past president, swore in McConnell, president elect, and Howell, vice president. Vaughan is serving as secretary through May 2015.

AMBER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

On March 12, Phi Theta Kappa inducted more than 100 students into the honor society for the 2015 spring semester. As each new member's name was read, the students lit their candle of light and learning and signed the official membership book.

The Texas Region of Phi Theta Kappa is currently taking charge of an important project of sending pencils to students in Kenya.

Right now in Kenya, students do not have the luxuries that students in other countries have. Pencils are usually passed around the classroom to do schoolwork and those pencils are slowly getting smaller and smaller.

Phi Theta Kappa has set out bags around campus to collect pencils until April 10. On April 14 through 19, the students will be in San Antonio at the Phi Theta Kappa annual convention, known as PTK NerdNation, where they will hand in all the pencils that were collected to be shipped off to Kenya.

The pencils must be new standard #2 yellow pencils with no other color or decorations on them.



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Sew what? Students learn costume design

MICHAELA PHILLIPS
STAFF WRITER

Upstairs in the Administration Building, a visitor can hear the snipping of scissors cutting into fabric and the humming of a sewing machine punching thread into the fabric. There are old costumes covering the walls and, across the room, a wall of shoes and old sewing machines with sewing materials are neatly organized into clear shelves.

Yes, there is an “upstairs” in the Administration Building although few may know about it. At 2:30 on Mondays and Wednesdays, students in William Walker’s Costuming class climb the narrow stairs just to the right of the main entrance to practice their sewing skills. The students have already made “ditty bags”

which hold actors’ accessories for costumes.

“They’re basically pillowcases that hang on hangers and have pockets and we’re currently working on pajama pants,” said theatre major Andy Johnson.

Laurent Salvador is taking the class in hopes of one day becoming a costume designer.

“I’m a very artsy person but I don’t want to use my drawings to make money so this is another way I can show my artistic side,” Salvador said.

Johnson and Salvador have both had



difficulties throughout the process of learning how to sew.

“Sometimes the sewing machines can be a little intimidating,” Johnson said. “It’s a very sensitive machine, the pedal especially since it controls the speed of the machine. Also I got my thread tangled in the machine

once and Will (Walker) had to fix it.”

At the end of the semester the students will create a costume of their choice.

“I’m undecided right now but I like the crazy, fun, colorful plays like ‘Alice in Wonderland’ or anything in children’s theatre,” Salvador said.


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