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A student organization fair was held in October in the Student Center Courtyard. Student Government Association was a popular booth.

Student organizations



The new officers for the Blend Club on the Paris Junior College-Sulphur Springs Center campus are from left, vice-president Sarah Williams, president IdaLou Fry, and secretary Erisela Garcia. The Blend Club, a student service organization, meets each week to study and discuss a subject of interest.

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At right, Student Veterans Organization advisor Jennifer Smith at the SVO's booth at the Student Organizational Fair held in October. The organization meets weekly in ITV rooms at all three PJC locations.

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Earlier in the semester a student at the PJC - Greenville Center signs the Phi Theta Kappa completion banner (at left) as PTK-Greenville member Rebecca Graham looks on.

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Many opportunities for students at PJC

Paris Junior College has many different clubs and organizations. Getting active in a club can help you later by building connections and showing future employers that you are ready to take on more. Included here are brief profiles of many of PJC's clubs.

Student Government Association

SGA's Constitution states that its purpose is to encourage student involvement in the life of the college.

"This is for students who want to get involved and make a difference here at PJC," says Kenneth Webb, club sponsor, and "train future leaders. If a student wants to make a change or make things better on campus this would be a club to become a part of."

SGA allows students to meet others who have a lot in common with them and, according to Webb, it's a great way to build a resume. Meetings are held in room 205 in the student center at 12:30 pm every Monday. Reach Webb at kwebb@parisjc.edu.

African American Student Union

This organization is open to all students and focuses on the promotion of awareness and mutual respect for the contributions and concerns of individuals of African-American heritage.

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"I teach students to learn from African American history and use it to go forward," said club sponsor Webb. "Our forefathers laid the foundation for them to do better and education is the key."

AASU goals include developing leaders, giving back, and providing the vision of students making positive actions to the community. Students create a support group, meaning everyone involved is supportive of each other.

"It's a beautiful experience to be part of a club that teaches the importance of African Americans' contribution to history, and also leadership," said AASU President Kadija Pannel.

"It's a great way to learn how to become a leader and interact with other ethnicities," said Juanita Martin, the club's vice president.

Those interested in AASU may contact Webb at kwebb@parisjc.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society for two-year college students, with 3,101,624 members worldwide, according to club sponsor Diann Mason.

"There are about 15 active members at the Paris campus," said Mason. "Active members on campus participate in leadership, scholarship, and fellowship activities, and do services for the community. PTK offers up to \$90 million in scholarships for qualifying two-year students to continue their education."

PTK in Sulphur Springs will be sponsoring a canned food drive that will benefit the FISH Ministries and Women in Need, according to sponsor David Larkin. The drive will run from the beginning of November until the second week in December. They are also planning to help Shadow Ranch, which provides therapeutic horse rides for children with disabilities (PTK will help groom the horses, and walk along side the horses making sure the kids are safe).

PTK will also sponsor a clothing drive for SAFE-T, an organization that helps women who are victims of sexual assaults and rape. Victims must turn over their clothing for testing and often end up with nothing to wear. This drive will run from the beginning of November until the second week in December. PTK may also help the Blue Santa program by collecting toys for children who otherwise would have nothing under the tree for Christmas.

PTK in Greenville helped with a Halloween trick and treat on the downtown square in Greenville on Oct 30. PTK ran a bean bag toss and gave away candy and PJC items to every kid that stopped by the booth.

For information on PTK in Paris campus contact dmason@parisjc.edu or PTK president Joel Mutchler joelmutchler@gmail.com. In Sulphur Springs and Greenville, contact dlarkin@parisjc.edu.

Student Veterans Organization

The Students Veteran Organization (SVO) is a great opportunity for future students and enrolled student veterans seeking educational opportunities at Paris Junior College in Paris, Sulphur Springs and Greenville. Every fall and spring semester, enrolled PJC student veterans may

come together for information and support from their fellows.

SVO meetings are held via ITV every Tuesday at 12:25 p.m. in Applied Science Room 105, Sulphur Springs Center Library Conference Area and in Greenville Center Room 217.

Currently enrolled PJC student veterans will receive the newest financial aid information updates available. Information may also help spouses and family members meet challenging financial needs.

A total of 167 veterans are enrolled with benefits this fall, something club sponsors Jennifer Smith, veterans specialist, and Larkin take great pride in. For more information contact Smith at 903-782-0371 or veterans@parisjc.edu, or stop by the Alford Center. In Sulphur Springs and Greenville, contact Larkin at 903-885-1232 or dlarkin@parisjc.edu.

Delta Psi Omega

DPO is a two-year theatre honor society, according to club sponsor and drama instructor William Walker. Anyone who has an interest in, has done, or wants to do theatre may pledge to be a part of the society. The students earn points by learning sonnets, memorizing the Greek alphabet, and then reciting. Some of the students also participate in events.

Students in Delta Psi Omega are very active throughout the school campus and the rest of the community. They do community service regularly and also volunteer and help out with the Paris Community Theatre. Delta Psi Omega members also produce student directed shows on campus.

"I help organize events and fund raisers," said DPO Vice President Dalton Smith. "I am also responsible for handling any money transactions for the organization. The members of DPO have been helping out with the PCT haunted theatre."

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Courtesy Photo

AASU fall semester officers are, from right, secretary Ravyn Bossett, vice president Juanita Martin, activities coordinator Kamryn Smith, president Kadija Pannel, and treasurer Plensir Willie.

A hero among us

PJC radiology student rescues Cooper Lake fishermen

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Paris Junior College student Justin Goldsmith, along with brother Jaden, rescued two men from drowning on Cooper Lake on October 15, 2015.

The two young men live in Sulphur Bluff area. Both know Cooper Lake very well and something in the water just did not look right. So the two decided to get a closer look.

With dusk setting in quickly the two brothers saw it was an overturned boat with two men holding on for their lives. The two young men approached the vessel not knowing what to expect and pulled the men into a small flat bottom boat. The survivors had been in the water for six and a half hours, exhausted with hyperthermia, do or die emergency.

Justin is enrolled in the radiology program at the PJC and plans to further his education at Texas A&M University - Com-



Courtesy Photo

PJC radiology student Justin Goldsmith (center left) and his brother Jaden (center right) are shown visiting with the men they had rescued from Cooper Lake, Neil Bruton and Kenneth Long.

merce. Earlier in his life he said he was hospitalized and noticed the hard work and dedication he had received from doctors

and nurses. That experience from Justin's early childhood set his educational goals in health care.

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DPO also helps with the One Act program at local or near by high schools, along with working at the food bank. Members also maintain their own theatre activities at PJC as well.

Student Art League

The Art League is dedicated to the educational advancement of art and is open to any student with artistic abilities as a place to come and be involved, according to club sponsor Susan Moore, a PJC art instructor. Students daily see landscapes, shapes, colors, textures, contrast and lines. PJC has sculptures, monuments, drawings, paintings, ceramics, and photography.

The group is currently painting trash cans for the City of Paris, Texas. Trash cans and painting supplies were donated and will be painted by PJC students to then decorate the Trail de Paris. They will also help paint the scaled down version of the solar system on the Trail.

A Silent Art Auction will be held Nov. 2-12, 2015 in Student Center Room 205 daily, 11 a. m. to 5 p.m. Those with winning bids must pick up their art between 9 a. m. and noon on Friday, Nov. 13.

In December there will be a showing of all

students works. An opening reception will be Dec. 8 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Foyer Gallery. The Art League meets every Monday at 12:30 p.m. sharp, according to art league president Chelsea De La Rosa. For information contact Moore at 903-782-0438 or smoore@parisjc.edu.

Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Technology Students Association (HARTS)

HARTS was created to serve the needs of students in the HVAC (Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning) program at PJC, and its members have a passion for HVAC.

To help promote the interest of members, HARTS takes trips to explore different areas of the HVAC industry. Last year the association visited the RHEEM factory in Fort Smith, Ark. After the factory tour, the members got to visit the studio where RHEEM films the company's commercials. This year the club plans to visit the TRANE factory in Tyler.

Members raise money for trips through fund raisers and membership dues. The main goal of both the HVAC program and the HARTS Association is to prepare students for a career in

a growing and increasingly changing industry.

Like all sectors of the economy the HVAC industry has been altered by the digital age. For instance, a building's heating and cooling system can now be controlled with the use of a smart phone. The HVAC program and HARTS Association help students develop the technical skills needed to succeed. For more information contact Ormsbee at 903-782-0347 or jormsbee@parisjc.edu.

Wesley Methodist Ministry

"Christianity is one hungry man feeding another," says Reverend Edrue Dodd, director at Wesley Methodist Ministry. He adds that folks need food and love. The ministry seeks to feed the body and soul of faculty and students at PJC.

Starting from humble beginnings in a basement on campus serving cold sandwiches, the ministry has grown and relocated across the street from campus. Supported by local Methodist churches, the ministry is currently raising funds to build a new center to house the ministry.

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PJC named Leader College

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EDITOR

Recently it was announced by Achieving the Dream that Paris Junior College has been awarded Leader College distinction. This is a national designation that is awarded to community colleges that have committed to improving their students' success and closing achievement gaps.

PJC, along with 18 other colleges this year, has been selected for showing how data can inform policy and practice to help students achieve their goals. This makes for improved skills, better employability, and economic growth for families, communities, and the entire nation itself.

"Paris Junior College faculty, staff and students have worked together in a commitment to student success," said PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. "PJC has consistently increased retention of students

from the fall to the spring. The fall to spring retention rate increased from 59.4 percent in 2010-11 to 67.1% in 2013-14."

"Becoming a Leader College is very powerful and affirms the exceptional work and commitment of faculty and staff to their students' success," said Achieving the Dream Vice President for Community College Relations Cindy Lenhart. "Paris Junior College is using evidence to make informed decisions that lead to significant institutional change."

Achieving the Dream is a national, non-profit organization that now leads the most inclusive non-governmental reform movement for student success in higher education history. Achieving the Dream is dedicated to making sure community college students are successful and remaining in school

Their goal is to help these students to complete their education along with ob-



taining market-valued credentials. PJC has been selected by Achieving the Dream because of the progress and commitments made to achieve the five principles: committed leadership, use of evidence to improve programs and services, broad engagement, systemic institutional improvement, and equity.

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Free hot lunches are served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunches include spaghetti, barbeque, fried chicken, burgers and other home cooked meals. Donations are accepted. The ministry also allows students the opportunity to serve in the downtown food pantry. Everyone is asked to sign their names and be sweet to one another, and all are welcome, according to Dodd.

Baptist Student Ministry

Drive to the square in Paris, Texas, on a Thursday evening, and you might witness a bunch of guys and gals hiding and chasing each other. You've just witnessed a "zombie epidemic" that often invades downtown Paris. They are not real zombies, though, they are students participating with the Baptist Student Ministry at PJC playing "Zombies," a hybrid of hide and seek and extreme tag.

According to Scott Powell, ministry leader, if rain is in the forecast the group's activities are confined to the ministry's headquarters across from the PJC campus and they play video games or watch movies and eat pizza. The night staff reporter Shane Pace dropped by, the entire "Jurassic Park" movie series was showing. The ministry was founded over fifty years ago. Today it has the same goal as when it was founded: to offer a safe, judgment-free place for students

no matter their race or creed.

"Many students come in broken, searching for something," said Powell. In addition to game night the ministry also offers a free lunch every Monday. Area Baptist churches take turns providing food for the lunch, which are usually home cooked meals. Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m., the ministry has a bible study. The study, like all weekly activities, is open to all students regardless of religious background. The ministry has two yearly mission trips. The first one is in South Padre Island during spring break. The second one takes place during the summer in South Dakota. Students also have opportunities to take part in mission trips virtually anywhere in the world.

Eco Club

The newest PJC student group is the Eco Club, located at the PJC-Greenville Center. According to club sponsors Matt White, history instructor, and Jon Rutherford, sociology instructor, the organization is open to all students interested in promoting ecological and environmental awareness. Students also learn how to grow healthy vegetables in a backyard-type environment and about sustainable living in a modern world. Other topics and learning activities involve preserving food, preventing and controlling plant insects and diseases, water

conservation, recycling, composting, and generally preserving the ecosystem. Outside speakers are also brought in. For information contact mwhite@parisjc.edu or jrutherford@parisjc.edu.

The Blend

The Blend Club originally began as the Hispanic Club at PJC, but was renamed to better reflect an interest in learning about all global cultures. This organization is open to all students interested in awareness of world cultures by appreciating different people, traditions and world issues for a better understanding of and connection to the world around us. The club participates in campus activities and sponsors programs that lead to cultural awareness and student success.

In Paris, the group is reorganizing with new sponsors Linda Miles, psychology instructor, and D'Lynn Gage, history instructor. Interested students should come by SC 205 at 12:15 p.m. each Wednesday, or contact lmiles@parisjc.edu or dgage@parisjc.edu.

In Sulphur Springs and Greenville, spanish instructor Mayra Cummings is the club sponsor; she may be reached at or mcummings@parisjc.edu. Meetings at the Sulphur Springs Center are on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m., and in Greenville meetings are at 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays.

Homecoming 2015



PJC Homecoming will be busy: above, right, the Art League readies signs for their parade entry; top left, Dr. Stephen Tallant (left) and Dr. Gary VanDeaver (right) will be honored; middle, the 2005 National Champion Basketball team will be inducted into the PJC Athletic Hall of Fame; and crowning of the Homecoming King & Queen will be at halftime of the men's basketball game.



Kendall Vogt

Kelsie Adams

Melissa Murray

Jordan Brown

Cameron Copeland

Nathan Hickey

DRAGON



PUFFS

Veteran's Day Ceremony

PJC students and guests may pay tribute to veterans by attending the Veterans Day Ceremony. While many Americans believe that Veterans Day honors American military personnel who died in battle, it is actually Memorial Day that honors America's war dead. Veterans Day honors all American veterans, both living and dead, and is meant to thank living veterans for their service to their country. The ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the DeShong Chapel. Dr. Kenneth Haley, Dean of Communications & Fine Arts, will preside and read a poem as well as read PJC Veteran memorial names. Student veterans will also participate in the ceremony.

Phi Theta Kappa Inductions

Sulphur Springs: 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, Room 102
Paris: 5 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, SC Ballroom
Greenville: 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 23, Room 123

Thanksgiving Holiday @ PJC

PJC will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 25-27. Offices will reopen and classes start on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015.

Follow PJC on...



Thursday, Nov. 12

Parade..... 4 p.m.
Hunt Center

Pep Rally 5:15 p.m.
Hunt Center

Friday, Nov. 13

President's Reception
..... 5:30 p.m.
SC Ballroom

Saturday, Nov. 14

Alumni & Friends Board Mtg. 10 a.m.
SC Cafeteria

Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon
..... 11:15 a.m.
Love Civic Center

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction 2:30 p.m.
SC ballroom

Women's basketball vs. Weatherford 4 p.m.
Hunt Center

Men's basketball vs. Weatherford 6 p.m.
Hunt Center

Homecoming King & Queen Crowning
..... 7 p.m.
Hunt Center

Banquet an eye-opener



Courtesy Photo

Among attendees at the banquet were (seated from left) Mrs. JoAnn Parkman for the Parkman and Thompson Endowments, Bobby Walters for the Walters-Novak Endowment, and Jean and Dr. Craig Stephens for the George Stephens Endowment. Standing, from left, are Savannah Blake, Lexie Jackson, Molly Bolton, and Kierra Miller.

MOLLY BOLTON, EDITOR

As a student and scholarship recipient at PJC, I was very happy to attend the scholarship banquet on Thursday evening, Oct. 22. Students were asked to sign in and were then showed to their table where they would enjoy dinner and conversations with their scholarship donors. There were speeches made by PJC students and scholarship recipients Anna Watson and Matthew Steman, as well as donors Ginna Bowman, Joan Mathis and Dr. Ronald Dodson, that were very worth hearing.

Going to this dinner made me feel a lot more appreciative of what I have been given and has motivated me to work harder to achieve. The amount of people who have given so that these students can have an education is unreal. PJC's alumni, faculty, and even others who have just known of the school have really showed that when you give, amazing things can happen. Even though PJC is a small school, there have been enormous amounts of scholarship money awarded to students.

Being in that room full of students who are just like me, knowing that every single one of them had been given a scholarship was extremely eye opening.

“9 to 5: The Musical”

A tale of three women – an overworked office manager, a jilted wife, and an objectified secretary – who conspire to depose their smarmy boss and make woman-friendly changes in the workplace is at the heart of the new production at Paris Junior College, Nov. 12-15.

“9 To 5 The Musical,” with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and a book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is out-

rageous, thought provoking, and even a little romantic.

Pushed to the boiling point, three female co-workers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot who is their boss (Hart). In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy - giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains “otherwise engaged,” the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down.

SHOWTIMES

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
Nov. 12-14, 7:30 p.m.

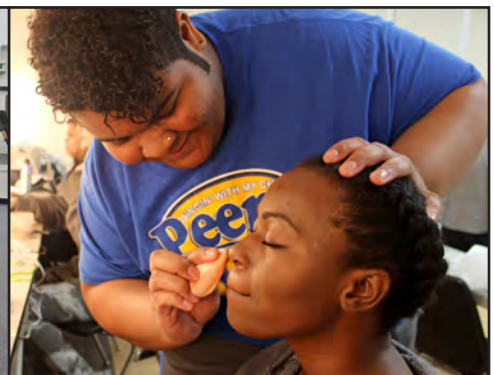
Sunday, Nov. 15,
2:30 p.m.

Ray Karrer Theater
in the Administration Building, PJC campus
(free with current PJC ID)



Lots of work goes into a production: set building, dance practice, makeup, & more, by opening night.

Photos by Molly Bolton



New home for PJC-SSC

ANTONIO FOSTER

STAFF WRITER

The Paris Junior College Sulphur Springs Center has found a new home with the purchase of the old Foxworth-Galbraith facility on East Loop 301. The building consists of 11,000 square feet. Starting this spring, all of PJC's programs will be moved to the new facility. Technology programs like 3-D printing and mechatronics have already been available during the fall semester.

Along with new technology programs and a new building, a 4,800 square foot welding shop was built at the site to make a welding program available for the first time from the Sulphur Springs Center.

By the beginning of the spring semester, everything except dual credit will have been located to the new building. The purchase of the building gives PJC the option for future expansion and allows the opening of more doors to education and job training in the area.

"For a long time we've wanted to bring the workforce programs to Sulphur Springs and Hopkins County but have not had the space to truly do the welding or the mechatronics," said the president of PJC, Dr. Pamela Anglin. "This will allow us to fulfill our promise to Sulphur Springs and bring those work force programs there."



Courtesy Photo

Above, the front door of the new PJC-Sulphur Springs Center will welcome students in all programs except dual credit beginning with the Spring 2016 semester. Below, the new welding shop under construction. At right, student Steve Edwards operates an automatic torch in the new welding shop.

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