Paris Junior College

3 National Partnerships

Achieving the Dream
LEADER COLLEGE

Pathways

CMT EMPOWERING EDUCATION

2015 Annual Report

From The President

Text

Dr. Pamela Anglin
President

Bringing Northeast Texas Ideas to the White House

Suggested Pell Grants be awarded to dual credit high school students. Now it's federal policy and benefitting area students.

National partnerships will aid students

Student success is the common thread among three national partnerships launched with Paris Junior College in 2015. PJC was named an Achieving the Dream Leader College, a partner in the Pathways Initiative of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and a partner with Country Music Television's Empowering Education (CMTEE) initiative.

To be named a leader college, PJC demonstrated commitment to improving student success and closing achievement gaps. The college has used data to inform policy and practice to help students achieve their goals, through improved skills and better employability.

"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, from 59.4 percent in 2010-11 to 67.1 percent in 2013-14."

Nineteen colleges were named leader colleges nationwide, mostly large urban institutions. They joined 28 other colleges recertified as leader colleges. PJC is making strides in the national movement to increase student completion and close achievement gaps, demonstrating the power of the Achieving the Dream Approach.

For the Pathways Project, PJC joins 30 other colleges nationwide, including four Texas Colleges, in the project led by AACC. This initiative will design and implement guided academic and career pathways at scale - for all students. PJC was chosen through a highly competitive national selection process to join in and contribute to the work.

"This is a huge opportunity for Paris Junior College to be involved in this transformational work to implement academic and career pathways to improve student completion rates and prepare students for academic transfer or to go to work in order to meet the ambitious statewide goal of Texas to have 60 percent of individuals 25 to 34 years of age with a certificate or degree by 2030," said Dr. Anglin.

The selected colleges will be the first to participate in the pathways institute series over the next 2.5 years and will work with expert coaches at those institutes. They will contribute to learning both across the initiative and more broadly, across the community college field.

"These very diverse community colleges can feel proud of the strong foundations they have laid for this transformational work," said AACC president Walter G. Bumphus. "We are pleased with the rigor and integrity that the Pathways partners have ensured in the selection process, and all of the partners look forward to the intensive work ahead."

The CMTEE partnership will help PJC with outreach to both area industry partners and prospective students to boost the economy. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 5.8 million jobs open right now in the United States. Many remain unfilled due to a lack of skilled applicants.

The cable network chose PJC as a partner to encourage area residents to go back to school as part of the CMT Empowering Education initiative. The campaign highlights the important role community colleges play in providing affordable, relevant education and training aligned with the workforce needs in rural America.

"Although the number of available jobs is on the rise nationally, many go unfilled to the lack of applicants with the necessary skills or credentials, Rural areas are among those which struggle the most," said Lucia Folk, vice president of public affairs, CMT. "Through this initiative, we're working in smaller communities to highlight the available tools and resources to earn degrees and certificates. In less than two years we've nearly doubled our reach, but there's still much more to do."

In this partnership, PJC was one of 25 colleges selected across 17 states. First announced in 2014, CMTEE works in collaboration with AACC, and experienced early success as the 10 pilot partner schools hosted local events, bringing star-power and helping to put a face on education by highlighting success stories of students. Prospective students learned about solutions to some of the biggest obstacles they face, including financial aid and part time programs.

"It is imperative that we increase the educational attainment level and skill level across this region of the state in order to have a prepared workforce for the future," said Dr. Anglin.

As part of the initiative, PJC and CMT will cosponsor an economic industry partner roundtable, and a demonstration of critical PJC workforce programs along with a concert to reach prospective area students.

The stage is set for 2016 to be a very busy year for PJC, leading to a better future for local students, businesses, and the economy.

Upgrades for Texas jewelry institute

PJC jewelry instructor Serina Omori (top), explains a technique. Students raved about the professional results they obtained from the new equipment (center). Darrell Warren explains a third hand soldering station to (from left) other TIJT advisory board members Clay Mintor and Terry Daniels, Omori, and PJC Vice President of Workforce Education John Spradling.

Long known for graduates sought worldwide, PJC's Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology underwent a major renovation to keep students at the forefront of developing technologies. The fourth semester classroom makeover brought the latest technology to students completing their final semester at TIJT. Special white floor tiles, new paint and ceiling tiles created a brilliantly lit setting for the new benches and equipment, purchased from Stuller, Inc. of Lafayette, La. Students now wear white lab coats in keeping with the clean room environment.

The classroom has 20 new work benches with Leica microscopes on flexible stands that can be moved to any position, micro motor units for stone setting and polishing and GRS GraverSmiths for stone setting and hand engraving. Each bench also has a GRS Benchmate system that includes a third-hand soldering station to make it easier for students to hold and work on their creations.

"Our new bench tools have been a great asset in class," said student Casey Farrell of Homer, Alaska. "My microscope has allowed me to see crystal clear on my projects such as my nine-stone and twenty-five stone pavé rings, plus my LED lamp provided great light. I got a chance to use a bench mate and a micro graver ball which made it easier for me to hold my rings when chasing and stone setting. The GraverSmith made chasing go a lot smoother, especially on baguette stones. I felt like a professional bench jeweler!"

TIJT's industry advisory board works with the college to ensure graduates have up-to-date skills sought by employers. PJC Memorial Foundation funds dedicated to the jewelry program helped acquire the state of the art equipment, in addition to Paris Junior College funds. Three members of the advisory board were on hand for the equipment installation in late summer: Darrell Warren, then-Vice President of Tools, Packaging and Finished Metals for Stuller Inc.; Terry W. Chandler, President/CEO of the Diamond Council of America in Nashville, Tenn.; and Clay Minton of Clay Minton Watch Services in Paris. A second classroom also received the clean room treatment, including 10 new outfitted bench stations, and casting, polishing, and cleaning areas as well as a camera and lightbox allowing students to create digital portfolios of their work. The school recently upgraded to a 3D printer in the CAD classroom, as well.

TIJT started in 1942 in the basement of the PJC Administrative Building. By 1946 the program was training returning World War II veterans under the GI Bill. PJC instructors have travelled to other countries to assist in setting up training programs. Nearing its 75th anniversary, the program has continually reinvented itself to stay on the cutting edge.

New day in Sulphur Springs

Classes begin at new location

The new Paris Junior College – Sulphur Springs Center, located at 1137 East Loop 301 in Sulphur Springs, opened in time for classes to begin with the new year.

The former Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company facility was transformed into a modern and spacious college campus building and will replace the location on Houston Street next to the Sulphur Springs High School, where the college has been located since the late 1990s.

"We are excited to get the new campus in Sulphur Springs open and ready for our students," said PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. "We are proud to provide students in the Sulphur Springs area with a new and modern college learning facility, where we can expand educational opportunities."

The new center facilities will provide additional space for academic classes, workforce development programs and continuing education classes.

The building has 11 classrooms, testing facilities, a library a bookstore, and a new parking lot.

The old location on Houston Street was turned over to SSHS. Dual credit courses will still be taught at SSHS.

Welding shop opens at PJC-SSC

The new welding shop at the PJC – Sulphur Springs Center opened for the fall semester and has seen heavy use by an increasing number of motivated students. Below, Caitlin Kimberlin is shown practicing a weld; she is pursuing her associate of applied science degree in welding. In addition to an associates degree, students may pursue certificates in structural steel welding, pipe welding and advanced welding shop technology.

PJC - Greenville Center Flourishing

Since moving into the new building in 2008, the PJC – Greenville Center has seen continued growth and usage. Not only does it house workforce and academic programs such as nursing (top) and art (right, center), it also features a meeting room available for public use (shown during registration, below right). In addition to the Greenville Board of Development (below), the meeting facility has hosted Leadership Hunt County and the Northeast Texas Counseling Association.

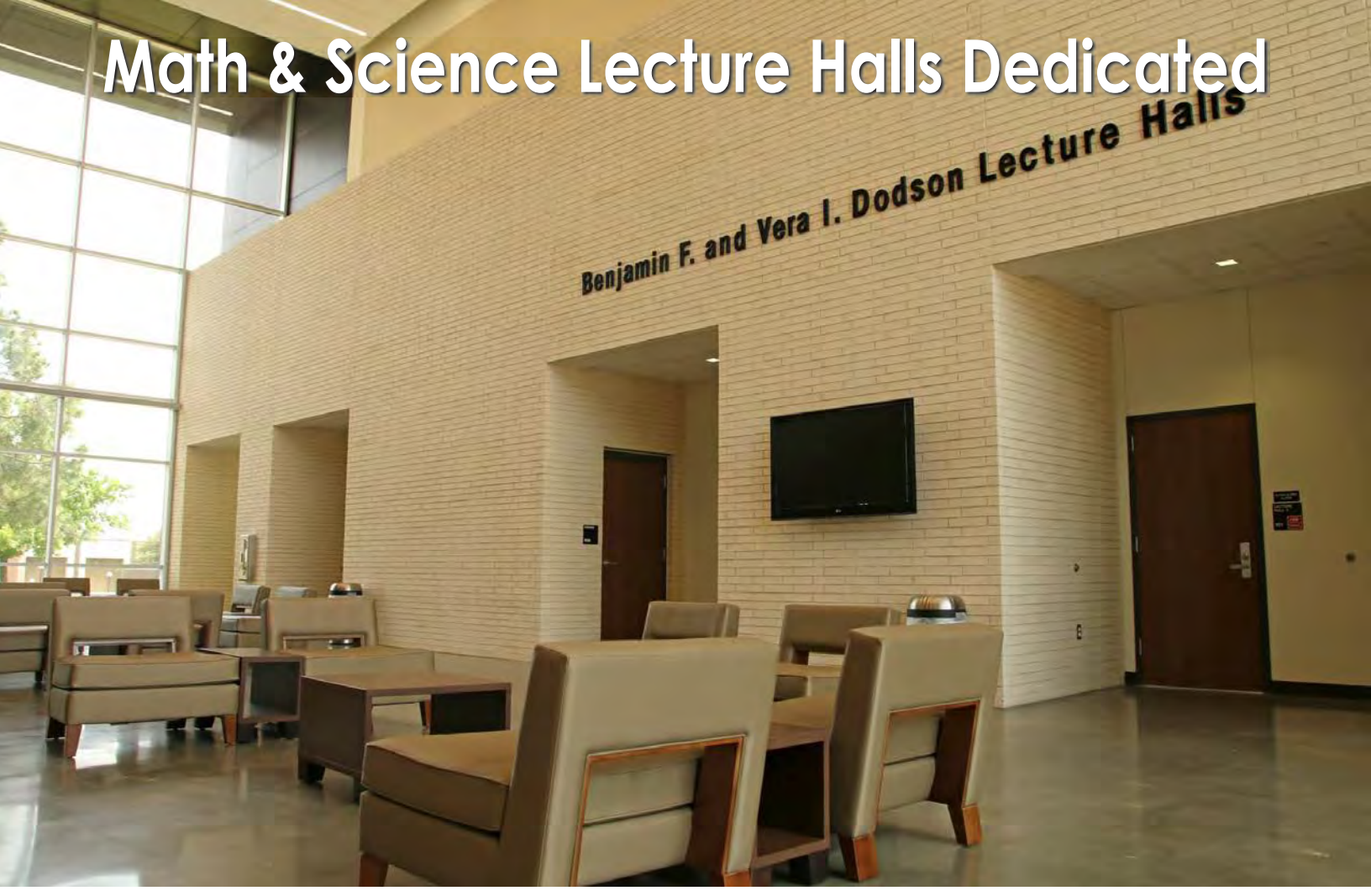
PJC - Greenville Center hosts plant managers

In September, the PJC – Greenville Center hosted a quarterly meeting of the Greenville Board of Development Plant Managers. Approximately 40 participants toured the facility and received an overview of workforce training opportunities offered by the college from PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. She said PJC has established effective and quality workforce training programs in air conditioning and heating, CAD (computer aided design) training and 3-D prototyping, electrical, welding, plumbing and mechatronics (electronics and electromechanical).

Shown from left are Dr. Anglin, FSTI plant manager Luis Fernando Vivas, Aerobic Water's Audrey Cook and Chuck Francey, and Chris Thompson of FSTI (Austin).

"PJC can also deliver customized training for employers to upgrade the skills of current employees and to make sure new employees receive the skills need in that particular job," she said. "You just have to let us know what you need."

Math & Science Lecture Halls Dedicated



Thanks to a generous gift from Dr. & Mrs. Ronald F. Dodson, the PJC Math and Science Building has newly named lecture halls. The dedication of the Benjamin F. & Vera I Dodson Lecture Halls was held in the summer, along with a reception to honor the Dodson's and their family and friends.

Benjamin F. Dodson, Jr. was born Aug. 13, 1912, the son of Ben F. and Bessie Mae Steward Dodson in Hillsboro. He passed away April 7, 2002. He graduated from Paris High School and attended Paris Junior College in 1933, marrying Vera Inez Eubank on July 30, 1935. She was born on Sept. 27, 1915, the daughter of Bessie Harris and Melvin Eubank in Paris. She passed away Sept. 12, 2010, in Tyler. The Dodson's owned and managed the Royal Crown-7 Up Bottling Company in Paris for many years, with Mrs. Dodson serving as office manager. Mr. Dodson also served in the U.S. Navy Seabees First Marine Division during World War II. The couple celebrated 67 years of marriage.

Dr. Dodson spoke of his parents' dedication to education and how his father attended PJC despite the Great Depression. In his turn, he also attended PJC, graduating in 1962. He received his B.A. and his M.A. in biology and chemistry from East Texas State University. Receiving his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University with an emphasis in biological electron microscopy, he went on to a stellar academic, research and consulting career.

Praising the teachers he had and the opportunity for education at PJC, Dodson said, "Paris Junior College means a lot to me, meant a lot to my parents and we were honored that we had the opportunity through your president and your board to have a naming chance to recognize my folks who were very strong advocates of higher education and Paris Junior College. Thank you."

Members of the Dodson family pose in front of the Benjamin F. and Vera I. Dodson Lecture Halls after the dedication. From left are Erin Ditges, Joe Ditges, Diana Ditges, Debra Hurbough, Colton Hurbough, David Hurbough, Benjamin Hurbough, Dr. Ronald Dodson and Sandy Dodson.

Making Connections

PJC hosted a meeting for Congressman John Ratcliffe in May with several community college presidents from his district. Shown from left are Dr. Jeremy McMillen of Grayson College in Sherman, Dr. Pamela Anglin of PJC, Congressman Ratcliffe, James Henry Russell of Texarkana College in Texarkana, and Dr. Brad Johnson of Northeast Texas Community College. They discussed issues affecting community colleges, including student loans and student debt issues. Also discussed was how colleges in northeastern Texas must work to increase the educational attainment level of the population. With 67 percent of future jobs requiring training above the level of a high school diploma, it is up to community colleges to meet that need. High demand programs such as welding, plumbing and electrician were touched on and how community colleges are working to make sure an adequate supply of trained workers is available.

3D Printing Lab holds open house

In May, a public open house was held for the new 3D Printing Lab, part of the Computer Aided Design Department in the Bobby R. Walters Workforce Training Center. The new equipment included eight MakerBot Replicator Z18 3D printers, two UPrint SE Plus 3D printers, and one Fortus 250mc System 3D printer. The classroom contains 20 Dell Precision T3610 computer systems. Through this program, PJC offers an associate degree of applied science in computer aided design and certificates in 3D prototyping, CAD technician, and CAD specialist – level 2.

Campbell Soup, PJC receive TWC grant

Shown from left are Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions Executive Director Randy Reed, Paris Junior College President Dr. Pamela Anglin, TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade, Campbells OE Training Coordinator Joyce Faulkner and Terese Kane, High Performance/Organizational Effectiveness Manager for Campbells North America and the Campbells Paris facility.

The Paris plant of the Campbell Soup Supply Co. and Paris Junior College partnered to provide customized training for incumbent employees using a $499,708 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

"The Skills Development Fund allows Texas employers access to customized training programs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "This grant will result in a skilled workforce, a better quality of work for the employer, and in-demand certifications for many individuals in this community."

With a recent expansion, the Campbell Soup Supply Co. Paris plant increased manufacturing volume, resulting in additional jobs. The grant provided custom training for 439 incumbent workers on safety procedures, labeler operator and maintenance training to meet production and technology demands. Included in the training were warehouse operators, maintenance workers and safety technicians. Upon completion of training, the workers could receive an average wage of $19.06.

"I want to thank President Anglin for everything that you do for the community and the great leadership you provide the college," said Andrade. "We could easily mail checks but we come in person to congratulate the community for coming together and making this happen. We know Campbell is a global company and that you've made a large capital investment here."

Economic Value of PJC

For every $1 spent by...

STUDENTS	**$5.80** Gained in lifetime income for STUDENTS
SOCIETY	**$15.50** Gained in state income and social savings for SOCIETY
TAXPAYERS	**$5.70** Gained in added taxes and public sector savings for TAXPAYERS

PJC & students added $141.7 million in income to the PJC Service Region economy. (From an economic study in the 2014-2015 budget year.)

Students represent PJC before Legislature

Students from Paris, Greenville and Sulphur Springs carried their stories and requests to legislators in Austin on Community College Day last February, joined by thousands of their fellow students from around the state. Rep. Dan Flynn, HD 2, took the PJC students on a tour of the Capitol building. Shown from left, in front, are Katlin Taylor, Nathan Slinkard, and Lisa Dawes; in back are Lavelt Page, Jeramy Howell, PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin, Stephanie Bradford, PJC Student Life Director Kenneth Webb and Rep. Flynn.

"We had a great Community College Day at the Capitol," said Dr. Anglin. "Over 2,000 community college students participated. Our PJC students were outstanding and did a wonderful job telling the community college story and how the opportunities available at PJC make a difference in so many lives."

Dual admissions Agreement to help students

Paris Junior College and Texas A&M University-Texarkana University officials signed a Dual Admissions Agreement (DAA) to give students a clear pathway to complete their baccalaureate degree in either Business or Education. A Financial Aid Consortium allows PJC and A&M-Texarkana students to be concurrently enrolled without disruption to their financial aid award - a unique agreement. The 2+2 degree plans provide an explicit pathway to an A&M-Texarkana baccalaureate degree for all PJC students. This helps students take only courses that apply to their desired degrees, saving time and money.

Shown at left are Texas A&M University-Texarkana President Dr. Emily Cutrer (l) and PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin (r) signing the agreement in April.

MD Anderson articulation agreement generates activity

PJC biomedical sciences students tour MD Anderson in Houston

Six students in the biomedical and laboratory sciences program traveled to Houston to visit the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Accompanying PJC Science Division Chair Jack Brown were Marin Ivers, Kimberly Cox, Cameron Copeland, Cheyenne King, Wesley Giddens, and Michael Edenhoffer. They were among 425 students on the tour interested in transferring into the MD Anderson programs. "Each program takes only 15-30 students and PJC is still the only college that they guarantee entry for those PJC students successfully completing here," said Brown.

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center visits

In September PJC received a visit from Dr. Brandy Greenhill, PhD, MLS (ASCP), an associate professor and Clinical Laboratory Science program director at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

She reviewed the clinical laboratory science, cytogenetic technology, cytotechnology, histotechnology, and molecular genetic technology programs as well as what qualifications PJC students must meet to facilitate their entry into those progams, then took questions.

PJC Holds First Scholarship Banquet

A scholarship banquet bringing together donors to PJC and student scholarship recipients was held in October. Both students and donors spoke at the event, including Anna Watson, a nursing student who received the Hall-Voyer scholarship.

"We have very tight competition here, everyone tries their hardest, especially with these scholarships," Watson said. "I have a lot of friends going here who are debt free when they transfer to the college they are going to and I don't know many people who could say that at a four-year university; they pile on so much debt," said Watson. "I have loved every single one of the instructors I've had here and they've been so helpful. I don't think I could've picked a better school to come to."

Also speaking was Matthew Steman, the 2015 salutatorian from Prairiland High School. He spoke of severe health challenges in his youth and the ensuing medical debt, as well as his success in high school and hoping for a good education.

"Because of your kindness I can fulfill my dream of transferring to Texas Tech and pursuing a degree in biotechnology. With this degree I can help save and protect lives just like mine was. Thank you not just for your money, thank you for your time, your dedication to our lives, and most importantly, to our future."

Event attendees also heard from donors Ginna Bowman, Joan Mathis and Dr. Ronald Dodson.

"The gratitude you can provide your scholarship donors is more than just a thank you," said PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin. "The best way that you can honor that donor is to complete your education."

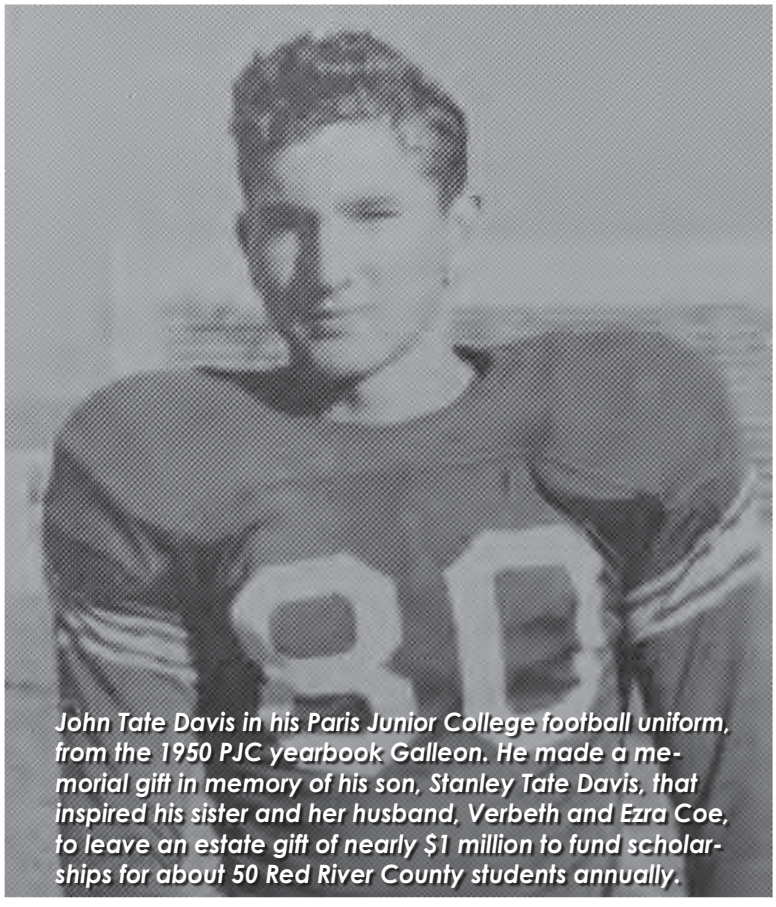
Anna Watson

Matthew Steman

Ginna Bowman

Joan Mathis

Estate gift benefits Red River students



John Tate Davis in his Paris Junior College football uniform, from the 1950 PJC yearbook Galleon. He made a memorial gift in memory of his son, Stanley Tate Davis, that inspired his sister and her husband, Verbeth and Ezra Coe, to leave an estate gift of nearly $1 million to fund scholarships for about 50 Red River County students annually.

A 1995 memorial gift to sparked an estate gift of nearly $1 million to PJC, all to benefit students from Red River County.

John Tate and Reva Davis created an endowed scholarship at Paris Junior College in 1995 for students of the Rivercrest Independent School District in memory of their late son, Stanley Tate Davis, lost to an accident.

A native of Talco, John Tate Davis died November 12, 2001. His widow Reva recalled, "he wanted to help people in that part of the country who didn't have a chance to get ahead. It didn't matter if it was an 'A' or 'C' student who received the scholarship as long as they wanted to try."

That initial $5,000 endowment created a scholarship that continues to be awarded annually to a graduating senior from Rivercrest High School, alternating between a Bogata and Talco resident every other year.

John Tate Davis played football at PJC in 1949-51, earning All-American honors and the opportunity to play at the University of Tennessee. He was inducted into the PJC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Academic Hall of Honor in 1999.

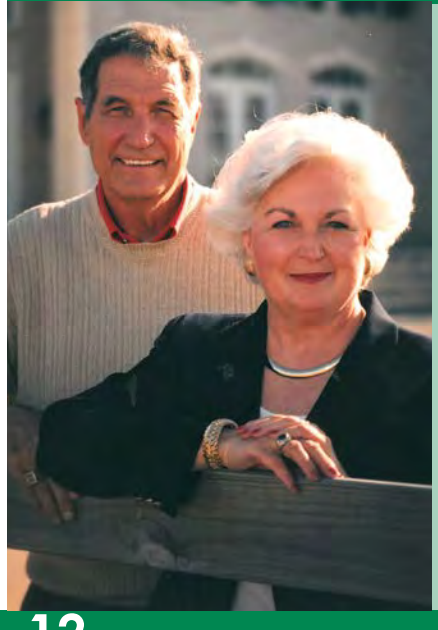
Davis' sister and her husband, Verbeth and Ezra Coe, passed away in 2003 and 2013 respectively. They left a significant portion of their estate to PJC's Memorial Foundation to be added to the endowment bearing their nephew's name, Stanley Tate Davis. Mrs. Coe grew up in Talco but called Tuckerman, Arkansas home for a number of years.

Mr. Coe was a native of Tuckerman, Ark., and a graduate of Arkansas State University. He was a World War II veteran and an engineer by profession. Mrs. Coe was a graduate of Texas Woman's University in Denton and taught English at Tuckerman High School for a number of years.

"The legacy Mr. and Mrs. Davis put in place twenty years ago has provided an annual award for a graduating Rivercrest senior each year," said PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. "Their thoughtfulness will pay dividends for decades to come. What began as one $250-300 award to one student will now provide 50 or more scholarships each year for Red River County high school graduates."

Mrs. Davis, who lives outside Knoxville, Tenn., added, "John would have been so happy. He loved Texas and PJC and would be pleased at the opportunities the endowment has created."

2015 PJC Annual Fund chaired by Ruth Ann and Gene Stallings



Ruth Ann and Gene "Bebes" Stallings were the honorary co-chairs leading the 2015 Paris Junior College Annual Fund Campaign.

"We are so grateful to the Stallings for accepting the leadership of the 2015 Annual Fund Campaign," said PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin. "They epitomize what it means to have a servant's heart and have given so much of themselves to numerous worthwhile causes in our community and across the world."

Gifts during the campaign allow donors to designate their monies to one of three areas: 1) unrestricted gifts which could be used immediately for the College's greatest needs; 2) scholarships through the PJC Memorial Foundation; or 3) designations to the Master Plan for PJC.

"In our opinion," said the Stallings, "education is the key to a better quality of life. We are happy to serve as co-chairs for raising funds for Paris Junior College to benefit the students, faculty and college."

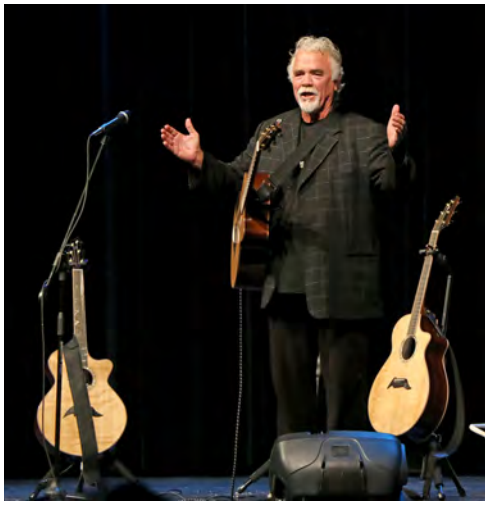
Ruth Ann is a 1955 PJC graduate. She and her husband, Gene, a Texas A&M University graduate, returned to their Lamar County roots following his long and successful coaching career in college and professional football.

The annual fund surpassed the goal of $200,000, concluding at the end of 2015 with a total of $213,991.

An Evening with Gary Morris

Fans of Gary Morris were treated to a enjoyable evening in December as the singer shared jokes and laughs, hits and new songs with the audience. The concert, "An Evening with Gary Morris," was a benefit for the Paris Junior College 2015 Annual Fund Campaign.

Morris teased the audience, asking for requests and then telling them he was going to sing what he wanted to. To their great enjoyment, Morris sang his hit "The Wind Beneath My Wings," explaining that it was for those who wanted to hear the song as it was intended to be performed.



During the evening Morris also performed "Velvet Chains," "The Love She Found in Me," "Baby Bye Bye," "South December Road," and "Bring Him Home" from Les Misérables. He also performed "Where Love is King," from the Faith & Freedom album. He also treated the audience to new songs that have yet to be recorded.

A check signing and presentation was held midway through the concert, with Morris signing the check and presenting it to 2015 Annual Campaign Fund co-chairs Ruth Ann and Gene Stallings and PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin.

The concert raised $6,325, bringing the 2015 fund total to $213,991.

Gary Morris presented a check to PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin and 2015 Annual Campaign Fund co-chairs Ruth Ann and Gene Stallings during the concert.

"We are grateful for all those who have helped our students, and happy to take donations through the end of the year," said Institutional Advancement/Alumni Affairs Director Derald Bulls.

Nearing the end of the concert, Morris made a surprise announcement that he was donating over 300 of his "My Son, Your Christmas" CDs to PJC for the annual fund.

Jewelry Endowment Created

A well-known Paris business couple will be remembered for decades to come, thanks to their son's generosity. Randy Rader, the only child of the late Gene and Dorothy Rader, created a living legacy honoring his parents to PJC's Texas Institute for Jewelry Technology (TIJT). The $10,000 Gene and Dorothy Rader – Gene the Jewelers Endowed Scholarship Fund will award a minimum $500 scholarship annually to a deserving full-time student in the TIJT program.

"Dad and Mom showed me what hard work and determination could do for you," said Randy Rader at the signing. "They worked tirelessly to help the dreams of others come true and through their example, they too were blessed beyond measure."

"The College and the TIJT program appreciate Randy's commitment to further careers in the field of jewelry technology," said Dr. Anglin.

A former PJC student himself, Randy says his father attended the jewelry program in its infancy in the 1940's. Gene and Dorothy opened Gene the Jewelers in 1954 where Gene was known as "The Cut Price King," a moniker he claimed throughout his career.

Dr. Pam Anglin and Randy Rader sign to create the Gene & Dorothy Rader - Gene the Jeweler Endowment with family friends Dr. and Mrs. Richard Swint.

"PJC has been so instrumental in producing quality jewelers who can be found around the world," Rader said. "I know this endowment would make Mom and Dad proud. They loved this community and really enjoyed helping other people. This scholarship will do just that for years to come."

PJC offers $1 Million in Scholarships

Thanks to another year of generous donations, Paris Junior College was able to offer $1 million in scholarships in 2015. PJC's scholarship funds come from an allocation of the Paris Junior College Memorial Foundation.

Quinlan HS students achieve degrees at PJC-Greenville Center

Nineteen students – 18 from Quinlan High School and one from Sulphur Springs High School – received their associate degrees from PJC during the spring graduation ceremony. Their determination and hard work brought about this result weeks before they graduated from high school. Quinlan Ford High School bused dual credit students to the Greenville campus early in the morning for classes and then return them to the high school campus after class was over.

The students could take summer classes on campus and complete all the coursework by the time they graduated high school. Quinlan ISD also made the commitment to pay their dual credit tuition, saving parents of these students approximately $19,000, the average cost of two years at a public university in the state of Texas. Shown above earlier in the year are many of the high school/college dual credit graduates from Quinlan.

Quinlan students are shown earlier in the school year (from left in front): Sera Simons, Kayly McKeown and Bryanna Loss; (from left in second row) Charles Willman, Taner Renfro, Jeb Armstrong, Trevor Minor, Leticia Balderas, Sheyanne Stewart and Jocelyn Reyes; and (from left in back) Greg Adams, Dakota McBride, Michael Ross, Dustin Daniel, Adrienne Eastin, Shelby Simons and McKenna Raulston.

2015 Master Teachers

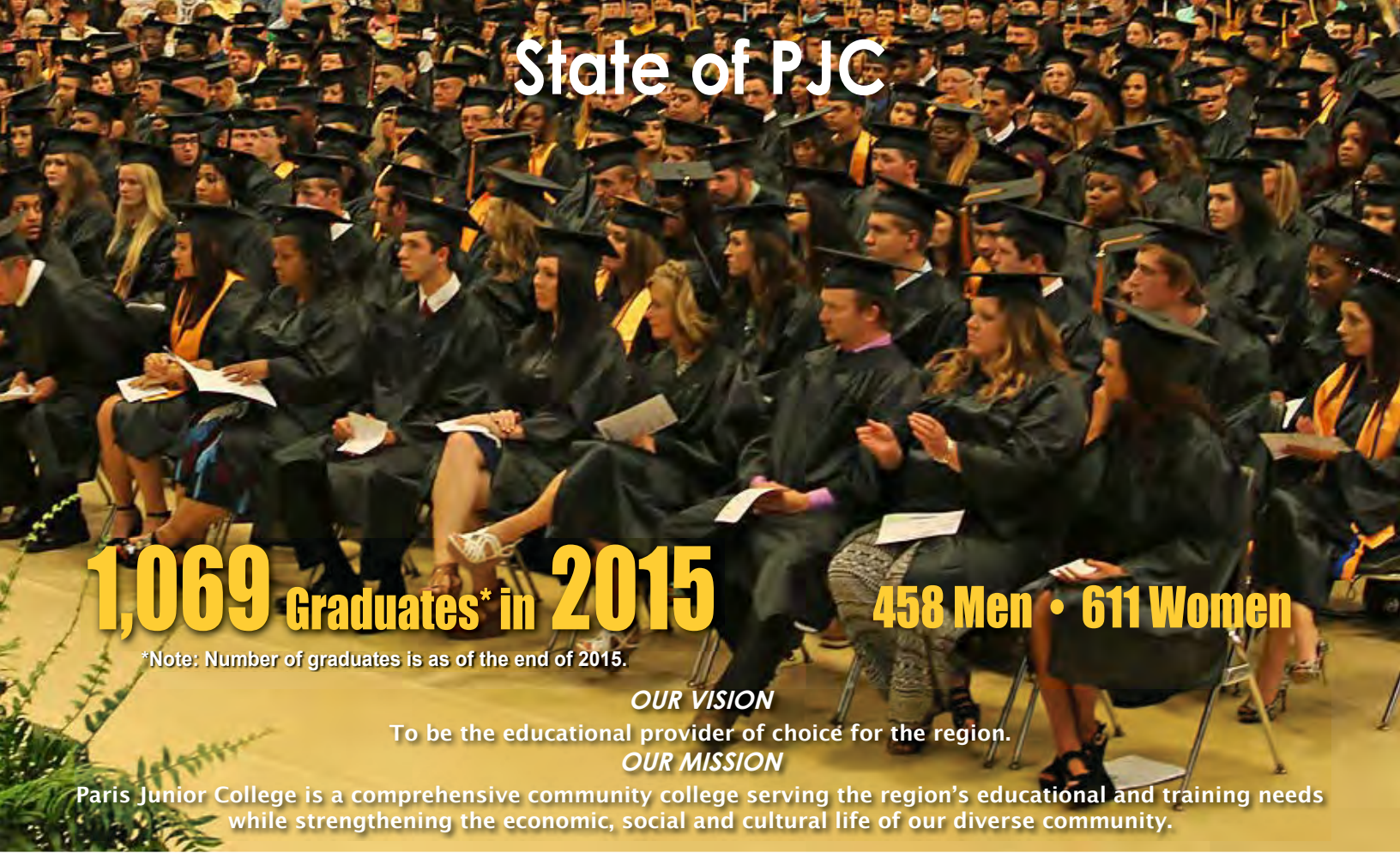
2015 Master Teachers Thomas Bass (l) and Marjorie Pannell (r) are shown with Dr. Pam Anglin during spring graduation.

To be a Master Teacher, PJC instructors are nominated by their peers and then subject to committee review. The 2015 Paris Junior College Master Teacher Award went to co-winners Marjorie Pannell, Instructor of Computer Information Systems, and Thomas Bass, Instructor of Nursing. Each received a medallion, plaque and $1,000 honorarium.

Nominating faculty said that Pannell demonstrates a clear vision of the college's goals and the needs of the students, helps motivate and encourage students to be successful, strives to stay current in a field where the technology changes almost daily and is respected by students and faculty alike.

Bass was praised for being able to communicate and teach effectively to PJC's diverse population of students, exceeding all of the criteria required of this honor, working tirelessly on behalf of PJC and always being available to students, as well as having a commitment to excellence and challenging students and co-workers to give their very best.

State of PJC



1,069 Graduates* in 2015

458 Men • 611 Women

*Note: Number of graduates is as of the end of 2015.

OUR VISION

To be the educational provider of choice for the region.

OUR MISSION

Paris Junior College is a comprehensive community college serving the region's educational and training needs while strengthening the economic, social and cultural life of our diverse community.

Fall 2015 Student Body

4,999
Total Enrolled

2,021 Male (%)

2,978 Female (%)

Location	Number Enrolled
Paris	2,451
PJC - Greenville Center	1,623
PJC - Sulphur Springs Center	809
Commerce	116

Student Age	Student Number by Age
Under 17	681
17	745
18	800
19-21	1,178
22-24	443
25-30	466
31-35	244
36-50	332
51-64	103
65 and up	7

Revenues & Expenditures
09.01.14 - 08.31.15

REVENUES	
State Appropriations	$10,033,579
Tuition & Fees	$11,981,537
Taxes	$ 2,964,030
Auxiliary Enterprises	$ 1,321,524
Other Sources	$ 1,431,529
Grants & Contracts	$13,374,551
TOTAL	$41,106,750

EXPENDITURES	
Instruction	$11,600,874
Public Service	$ 784,520
Academic Support	$ 1,639,220
Student Services	$ 3,323,382
Institutional Support	$ 3,322,626
Plant Operation & Maintenance	$ 2,111,979
Financial Aid & Scholarships	$12,178,599
Auxiliary Enterprise Expenditures	$ 1,421,241
Depreciation	$ 1,247,943
Interest & Fees on Debt Service	$ 785,115
TOTAL	$38,415,499

Distinguished Service Award

Jeramy Howell of Ladonia was awarded the 2015 Distinguished Service Award. Presented annually since 1935, the award recognizes academic achievement and service to PJC and the community by an outstanding graduating student. PJC's faculty and professional staff select the recipient of this award.

Howell has served as Vice President and President of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and as a member of the Student Government Association. He was elected SGA Region III Vice President, selected for the 2015 All Texas Academic Team for Phi Theta Kappa and is a Distinguished Member of Beta Zeta. He represented PJC at Community College Day in Austin, the Student Government Association State Convention, and the Phi Theta Kappa International and State Convention.

Howell was named to the Dean's List, the President's List and nominated to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. His activities include being a volunteer fireman for the Ladonia Volunteer Fire Department, a 2015 Mr. PJC nominee, Fannin County CERT, and working as a library aide. He has been accepted to the University of Texas at Austin and will pursue his degree in political science and public administration. He plans to work in higher education.

Student talent brings recognition

Linguistic and writing skills are honored annually with an awards ceremony PJC. In 2015 the event was highlighted by presentation of the William A. Owens Scholarship Award to Allegra Thomas of Cooper (far left), a dual credit student attending North Hopkins High School.

Taylor McCloure (at right) of Pattonville was named Journalism Student of the Year. Elizabeth Scott (center) of Sulphur Springs received the Outstanding Student in English. Leticia Yanez (second from left) of Sulphur Springs received Outstanding Student in English as a Second Language. Iliana Chakarova (second from right), from Bansko, Bulgaria, was named Outstanding Student in a Foreign Language.

The Third Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit was held by the PJC Art Department in May during an opening reception of a showing displaying the students' work.

Winners who were present included (from left) Ceramics, Level One winner Beverly Gilbert of Paris; Painting, Level Two winner Jenaveve Lester of Blossom; Drawing, Level One winner Metz Branch of Paris; Drawing, Level Two winner Amanda Lair-Barnett of Paris; and Ceramics, Level Two winner Sharon Lynch of Hugo, Okla. Branch was also the top winner in Design I, Two Dimension. Other top winners not present included Liz Washburn of Antlers, Okla., for Painting, Level One; Adelene Martel of Hugo, Okla., for Design II, Three Dimension; Keith Carter of Paris for Photography, Level One; Jessica Gallaghan of Paris for Photography, Level Two; and Barillon Dougherty of Paris in Photography, Advanced.

Academic Excellence

PJC student named 2015 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar

PJC student Cameron Copeland was selected to receive a $1,000 scholarship from Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society as a 2015 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar – one of 207 chosen from 1,100 applications worldwide. Criteria include scholastic achievement, community service and leadership potential.

"PJC is honored to have our second student in as many years selected as a Leaders of Promise Scholar," said PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. "The academic programs offered at PJC attract some very talented students with huge potential. Cameron is very deserving of this honor and we are proud to have him as a PJC Dragon."

Graduating from Spring Hill High School in Longview, Copeland chose to play for the Dragons baseball team at PJC and defer Texas A&M University.

"It all fell into place here with what I wanted to do," said Copeland. "I was a business management major and was going to take prerequisites for the MCAT, and then I learned about PJC's public health program. You're managing people and things; it's a similar dynamic. Public health involves managing a hospital, or being a public health official dealing with things like the Ebola epidemic. I have to have work to do, but I also need to be around people. PJC had everything I needed."

"It's an honor because there's so few picked in the nation," said Copeland. He still plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station and then medical school.

"Cameron has the potential to accomplish anything that he wishes in life," said PJC Science Division Coordinator Jack Brown. "He has displayed an eagerness to work and help others, he enthusiastically seeks knowledge, and is very self-motivated. Cameron has always displayed a high degree of intelligence, integrity, responsibility, and ambition. He is unquestionably a leader rather than a follower."

All-Texas Academic Team

PJC students Jeramy Howell and Nathan Slinkard were named to the 2015 All-Texas Academic Team of Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college honor society. They were recognized as outstanding two-year college students based on nominations from faculty and for their outstanding academic achievement, community service, leadership, and expression. The ceremony was held in the spring in the LBJ Library at the University of Texas in Austin.

"I am very honored to be selected for this," said Howell. "I owe a lot of gratitude to Dr. Anglin for nominating me and to faculty like Mrs. Mason for her constant encouragement along the way. These kinds of things instill confidence in me to complete my goal of finishing up my degrees and obtaining my dreams. It also goes to show that PJC can help you achieve that."

"I had a great time at the All-Texas Academic Team ceremony," said Slinkard. "It was a great honor to be recognized as one of the top community college students in the state. I had a wonderful experience meeting different students, some from places like Senegal, Vietnam, and Albania! I even met some that were majoring in dietetics like I am. The trip was a reminder to me that hard works pays off, and how blessed I am to be a PJC dragon and a member of Phi Theta Kappa."

Fine Arts at PJC

Three PJC alumni artists were featured in an exhibit at the Foyer Gallery in February. Featured were James Carey, Chris Crouch, and Mario Munguia, Jr. (shown explaining his work at the opening reception). All three are working on their bachelor degrees in fine arts, Carey and Crouch at Texas A&M University – Commerce and Munguia at University of Texas – Tyler.

Art, drama and music provide student opportunities

Each year the Foyer Gallery hosts art exhibits for students and the community at large, and both the drama and music departments hold ambitious productions. In 2015, the drama department offered "William's Window" for younger audiences (right, center). The play introduced the works of Shakespeare to young people while audience members of all ages found something to enjoy. In the spring semester concert (below, at right), PJC music students from the Chorale, music theatre classes, and a newly formed gospel choir ensemble presented songs of American music by George and Ira Gershwin, contemporary gospel songs, and selections from American musical theatre. The fall semester brought the musical "Nine to Five" to life in the Ray Karrer Theater (below), sharing the hilarious tale of three women who conspire to depose their boss and make women-friendly changes to their office.

Community service and learning

PJC students had many opportunities to serve their community and learn leadership skills. Clockwise from top left: hosting the Student Government Association Region III meeting; The Blend Club in Sulphur Springs collecting baby supplies for donation; SGA members spruce up the campus for Homecoming; African American Student Union members got to meet actor Hill Harper, a star of CBS' "CSI: NY" at the SW Black Leadership Conference; members of the women's and men's basketball team greeted students at Aiken Elementary one morning; and Phi Theta Kappa in Greenville gathered canned food to donate.

Homecoming 2015

Events from the 2015 Homecoming weekend included (clockwise from top) the parade float of the Radiology Program playing up the "Grease" theme); 2015 Homecoming King and Queen Cameron Copeland of Longview and Kelsie Adams of Sulphur Springs; at the President's Reception 2013 Annual Fund Co-Chairs Jo Ann Parkman and PJC President Emeritus Bobby Walker share a laugh with former coach Ernest Hawkins; and Dr. Anglin visited with former PJC Regent Carlton Grant and his wife Annette. After Mr. Grant had to step away from his regent's seat, Dr. Anglin and other regents took the couple out to lunch and presented Mr. Grant with a plaque of appreciation.

Celebrating 91 Years

A highlight each year of Homecoming at PJC is the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni awards. The 2015 recipients were Dr. Steven Tallant (l) and Dr. Gary VanDeaver, shown with Dr. Anglin.

Each year Homecoming at PJC is highlighted with presentation of the Distinguished Alumni awards which this year went to Dr. Steven Tallant, president of Texas A&M University – Kingsville, and Dr. Gary VanDeaver, state representative for House District I.

During her introduction of Dr. VanDeaver, PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin explained that his signature is on the original Stanley Tate Davis endowment agreement from when he was superintendent at Rivercrest High School. That is now among the largest scholarship granting endowments in the Paris Junior College Memorial Foundation, with enough money to virtually fund tuition and fees for every young person graduating from a Red River County high school. She praised him for championing Texas public schools and higher education institutions in the State House.

After accepting his award, Dr. VanDeaver commented that it was a humbling experience the result of the unwavering support he received from family members.

"A few months ago I had the privilege of visiting with Dr. Anglin and several students from Paris Junior College while they were in Austin," said VanDeaver. "It was so refreshing to hear those students share their stories with me. Each of them had different backgrounds and unique dreams for the future, but there was a common thread. That thread was that PJC had provided them an opportunity to a full and rewarding life, to achieve their goals and live the American dream."

The next award winner was Dr. Steven Tallant, introduced by PJC Board of Regents President Curtis Fendley, who praised Dr. Tallant for the growth at the Texas A&M University – Kingsville since he became TAMU-K's president.

"This award means more to me than any award that I've ever received in my life, and I've received a few," said Tallant. "I graduated from Paris High School in 1967 and came to PJC and graduated in 1969. Everything that I've ever accomplished is a result of Paris, Texas and Paris Junior College. I tell people I left Paris, Texas 46 years ago, but Paris, Texas and Paris Junior College have never left me. I am so thankful every day that I grew up in this community that gave me values and a work ethic and a sense of community and it's followed me my whole life."

"I don't know what I'd be doing now without this university. It gave me access, opportunity, I didn't have to pay much for my education, and I got a wonderful education. As a president of a university today, I always remember what access and opportunity was about and what these faculty members did for me and they changed my life and they cared greatly."

PJC Athletic Hall of Fame inducts 2005 team

Displaying their trademark linked arms stance are PJC Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (from left): 2005 PJC basketball coach Bill Foy, players Michael Battle, Alexander Starr, Tyler Best, Donnell Franklyn, Rod Earls, Charles Stoker, Brian Burrell, and assistant basketball coach Brad Enright.

Coaches and seven of the ten players from the 2005 National Junior College Athletic Association championship basketball attended a ceremony on Nov. 14, inducting them into the Paris Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame. According to PJC Athletic Director Deron Clark, who gave the history of the PJC Athletic Hall of Fame, this is the 25th year of the institution begun by then-athletic director Don Wilhelm.

"Today we celebrate the accomplishments of the team and recognize the contributions these young men and their coaches made and the honor that they brought to Paris Junior College," said PJC President Dr. Pam Anglin in her introduction. "You were the Cinderella team of the 2005 national tournament."

Present were players Mike Battle, Tyler Best, Brian Burrell, Rod Earls, Donnell Franklyn, Alexander Starr, and Charles Stoker, as well as former assistant coach Brad Enright and coach Bill Foy.

"It's great to be back here and I've been looking forward to this," said Foy. "This team right here had everything covered and it was tremendous to have ten guys that played the same amount of time. It made it difficult to beat us because of our depth and it created great competition at practice. Championships are won in practice and we emphasized that point to everybody. I remember Coach Stallings coming in and talking to the team; he looked at them and said 'compete, compete,' and that's what those guys did, night in and night out.

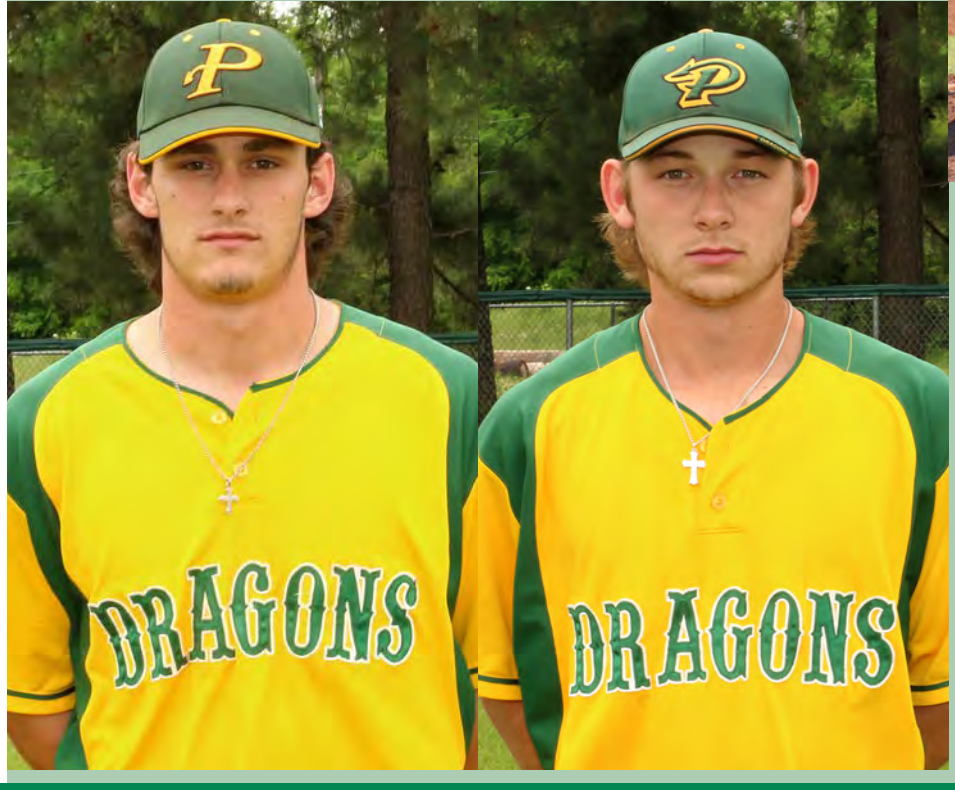
"The thing that I'm proudest of with these guys is that they went on and got their four-year degrees. There's no greater investment than education and they're all doing very well. At the last game, when there were six seconds on the clock left and we had it won, a scout tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'you don't have the most talented team here, but you have the best team.' That's what these guys were, the best team. I'm so proud of you; I appreciate you being a part of my life, you're like my sons, and continued success to all of you."

Unable to attend but also inducted were players Lamar Seawright of Pontiac, Mich., Ricky Quarles of Shreveport, La., Bobby Joshua of Plano, as well as team managers Tyler Easthouse of Murray, Ky., and Patrick Thompson of San Antonio.

Outstanding Athletes

Academic achievement

The NJCAA recognized PJC's baseball and softball teams as qualifiers for 2014-15 NJCAA Academic Teams. Baseball had a cumulative 3.19 GPA and softball a cumulative 3.18 GPA. Two individuals also earned honors for their 4.0 GPAs. Alexandria Cruz was named First Team All-Conference, Second Team All-Region and Academic All-Conference, and now plays for Texas State University. Austin McDaniel received the national Pinnacle Nomination of Academic Excellence. He transferred to the US Air Force Academy to complete his degree in engineering.



All Americans

Two Paris Junior College baseball players earned 2015 All-American recognition from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Logan Sepanek (far left), a graduate of Flower Mound Marcus High School, was recognized as a First Team All American. Garrett Dodd (left, center) a graduate of McKinney High School, was named Third Team All American.

"This is a huge commendation for Logan and Garret to be named 2015 NJCAA All Americans," said PJC Athletic Director and Baseball Coach Deron Clark. "Congratulations to them and their families on this proud moment."

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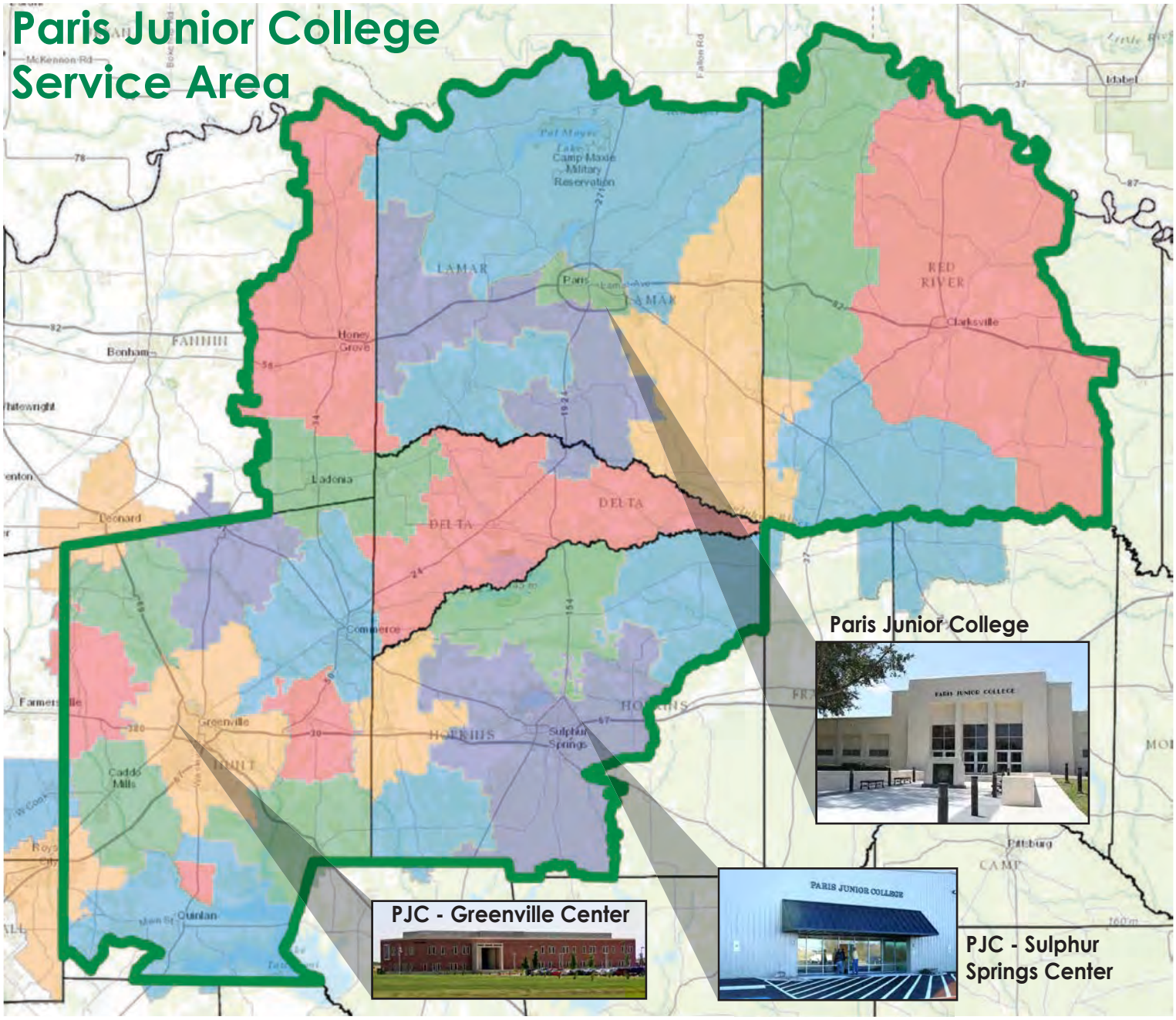

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