From The President

Tribute To Veterans, Induction of PJC Alumni Who Served in World War II Highlight The Past Year

Each year as we begin work on the Annual Report, I go over the prior year’s events in my mind. The event that comes to the top of my list was Veteran’s Day and Homecoming 2005.

The special program held in Noyes Stadium honoring our veterans was one that we will never forget. To have the governor of Texas present and almost 5,000 people filling the stands to recognize and honor our veterans was incredible. To see so many proud veterans on the field reminded us all of the sacrifices these men and women have made so that we can enjoy our freedom and live in this great United States of America.

Inducting our own alumni who were veterans of World War II into our Hall of Honor during Homecoming activities was a special moment in the history of PJC. We are proud to say that these men and women are PJC alumni.

Our students continue to make us proud. Athletic teams all had successful years with all teams making regional tournaments. Journalism students won numerous awards for the publication of The Bat. Drama, music and speech students were recognized with many awards for their achievements. Students, faculty, and staff were recognized by Phi Theta Kappa at the state conference. Graduation was held outside in Noyes Stadium for the first time in over 20 years so that graduates could bring entire families and (all) their friends.

Land was purchased in Greenville and Sulphur Springs for the start of new campuses in Hunt and Hopkins counties. Work was completed on facility and campus master plans for campuses in Paris, Greenville and Sulphur Springs.

The Board of Regents of Paris Junior College has dedicated many hours in planning for the future of the college, and we look forward to the implementation of these new ideas.

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More Students Choosing PJC

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More and more students are turning to two-year colleges like Paris Junior College to help them transform their lives, and enrollment numbers confirm that fact.

Last fall a record 4,275 students were enrolled in classes at PJC. Those students were enrolled in courses adding up to nearly 1 million contact hours.

A spring enrollment record was set in January of this year when 4,090 students signed up for classes in Paris, Greenville and Sulphur Springs.

“We are seeing more students of all ages enroll at PJC, and this confirms the fact that the college is offering opportunities for anyone who is seeking higher education and additional training,” said PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin. “We also know that with the cost of an education at a four-year institution rising, PJC and other community colleges have become increasingly popular for those students seeking basic course requirements.”

Adding Internet courses and hybrid Internet/traditional classes, which combine on-campus and internet based instruction, along with adding to the curriculum a growing number of traditional courses and sections of courses helps to provide instruction for the growing enrollment at the college.

Interactive television is also used to get instruction into the classroom on the three campuses and also into high school classrooms within the PJC service area.

The Paris Junior College Board of Regents this year announced its intentions to build new campuses in Sulphur Springs and Greenville, where enrollment is also growing rapidly. Land was purchased at both sites. Plans for these facilities are being designed and construction could start next year.

Dr. Anglin said one only need look at PJC’s growth of 1,500 students since 2000 to see the need for higher education in the colleges’ service area.

“PJC is providing what is essential to all of us — an education that will
Awards and honors have never been strangers to Paris Junior College students, a tradition that continued in 2005-2006.

The Paris Junior College Theatre Department presented Hedda Gabler during the American College Theatre Festival at Texas A&M University - Commerce recently. Several cast and crew members were honored. Amanda Pearson, Stephanie Steinkoenig and Cody Stephens were nominated for the prestigious Irene Ryan Award and compete for the scholarship in regional competition. Tim Wood was honored for excellence in costumes.

help people meet their goals,” said Dr. Anglin. “We serve students who are wanting to move on to four-year institutions, as well as those workers who want learn a skill or upgrade job skills to keep local industry running.”

Students at Paris Junior College have displayed a lot of scholarship and skill during the past year. Five students from Paris Junior College were recently chosen for the prestigious Two Year College All-State Choir and had the opportunity to perform during the Texas Music Educators Convention held recently in the San Antonio Convention Center. Selected to the elite choir were Marcus Bailey, April Black, Johnny Hicks, and Glenn Pruitt, all of Paris, and Tiffany Edwards of Clarksville.

Paris Junior College speech and drama students brought home several awards from the spring Texas Inter-collegiate Forensics Association state meet in San Antonio. T. J. Jones of Paris and Brandon Brown of Lone Oak placed first in novice Duo Interpretation. Brown also took fourth place in Dramatic Interpretation.

Another duo, Brad McNeal of Brookston and Ray Sparks of Cumby won first place in novice Parliamentary Debate, a team event. Rounding out the competition was Dori Somerville of Detroit, who captured a third place in novice Dramatic Interpretation.

Homecoming 2005 held a special significance for hundreds of alumni and friends when a Veteran’s Day crowd of approximately 4,000 gathered in Paris Junior College’s Noyes Stadium. Texas Governor Rick Perry was on hand and said that America’s armed forces have always answered freedom’s call.

“The price of freedom has been paid by our military on ships, on beaches, in jungles, in the air and on high seas,” Perry said. “Wherever they have been needed our brave members of the military have been there.”

In keeping with the college’s patriotic theme during Homecoming, World War II veterans and their families were honored at a reception and continental breakfast in the lobby of the Rheudasil Learning Center. Then at the Saturday awards banquet, Paris Junior College alumni who served in World War II were inducted into the PJC Hall of Honor.

The Paris Junior College Beta Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa won several awards at Phi Theta Kappa’s recent state conference held in Austin. Students Susan Gossett of Paris and Telly Chaverria of Bonham were inducted into the 2006 All-Texas Academic Team in a ceremony held at the LBJ Library.

PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin was inducted into the Presidential Hall of Honor for her distinguished service to the Beta Zeta chapter. She was the only chief executive so honored in the state of Texas.

The PJC Board of Regents approved adding women’s volleyball to the athletic program in the fall of 2006. There will be 12 tuition, fees and books scholarships provided for the program. All sports teams at Paris Junior College advanced to post-season tournaments during the past year, which is a first in modern times.

Pamela Smith, English instructor, was named the 2004-2005 Master Teacher at Paris Junior College.
PJC, Kimberly-Clark Partner

A $333,102 State Skills Development Grant Will Train 830 Workers For Upgraded Jobs With The Corporation.

Paris Junior College partnered with Kimberly-Clark Corp. this year to provide job training through a $333,102 Skills Development Fund grant that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to train workers for 830 upgraded jobs as engineers, engineering managers and technicians, business operations specialists and machine operators, among others.

"I would like to thank all the people who are responsible for obtaining and administering these grants," said Kimberly-Clark Plant Manager Charles Lynch.

"To maintain a skilled workforce, it requires partnerships like we have with Paris Junior College."

PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin said the training, which will be conducted over the next year, is a great opportunity for PJC, with the assistance from the Texas Workforce Commission, to reach out and help industry retain and train its workforce.

By The Numbers

Revenues and expenditures, Sept. 1, 2005 - Aug. 31, 2006:

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Homecoming 2005: Honoring Our Veterans

A Veteran’s Day crowd estimated at more than 4,000 people gathered in Paris Junior College’s Noyes Stadium on Nov. 11 last year for a special community-wide observance.

The observance, said to be the largest such event held in Texas last year, honored all military personnel from all branches of the service, including veterans and currently active and reserve personnel. Speaking before this throng of people, Texas Governor Rick Perry said that America’s armed forces have always answered freedom’s call.

“The price of freedom has been paid by our military on ships, on beaches, in jungles, in the air and on high seas,” Perry said. “Wherever they have been needed our brave members of the military have been there.”

With hundreds of public school students from all five Lamar County schools and from Rivercrest in Red River County seated in the stadium, Perry said that it is important that they learn about what the cost of freedom really is.

“I want to help teach the next generation that someday they may be required to sacrifice for their country — for the generation following them,” said Perry, a United States Air Force veteran.

“It is important that they learn at the earliest possible age that we are free because people like these veterans have helped keep us free and prosperous.”

Perry said that on this Veteran’s Day we honor the com-
mitment and bravery of each and every veteran in our country.

"May you live every day with great pride, dignity and honor — and may we never forget what you have accomplished for all of us," he said. PJC continued the special celebration on Saturday when sixty-two alumni who served in the United States Armed Forces during World War II were inducted into the Paris Junior College Hall of Honor.

At an awards luncheon attended by more than 500 people, PJC continued its homecoming theme of tribute to military veterans then — and now. But, Saturday the emphasis was on World War II, and dozens of veterans and members of their families were present for the special recognition and presentation of awards.

"This is a special day for all of us as we pay tribute to great veterans," said PJC Alumni Association President Thomas Hunt, III. "It is an honor and a privilege to be able to recognize them for their dedication and contribution made to our nation.

Hunt recognized through the reading of names all former PJC students who lost their lives in World War II. He also read the names of all those who served but are now deceased. Family members present received a poppy.

World War II veterans present at the luncheon were then escorted to a place of honor in front of the banquet hall where PJC President Dr. Pamela Anglin presented each of them with a lapel pin in recognition of their service. The pins were made by the PJC Jewelry Technology Department under the direction of Ulla Raus. The 62 veterans also received a certificate inducting them into the Hall of Honor. An additional 31 deceased World War II veterans were represented at the luncheon by their families and received certificates of recognition.
Paris Junior College received a $1 million grant from the Texas Workforce Commission last summer to fund the training of more than 1,700 new and current employees at L-3 Communications facilities located in Greenville and Waco.

PJC will administer the training programs, and it will subcontract portions of the training to the Raytheon Learning Institute, Texas State Technical College (TSTC) and McLennan Community College in Waco. The training will be delivered onsite at facilities in Greenville and Waco, the TSTC campus in Waco, and possibly at some vendor locations not identified at this time.

“We are pleased that we can work with L-3 Communications and other local industry to improve the employment and economic well-being of our communities,” said Dr. Pamela Anglin, President of Paris Junior College.

The grant is one of several Paris Junior College has received from the Texas Workforce Commission in recent years to help area business and industry with workforce training.

“As the demands on the defense industry increase to meet our nation’s security needs, many companies are trying to replace the invaluable expertise of retiring employees,” said Bob Drewes, president of L-3 IS.

The grant will provide more than 81,000 hours of training to address needs at L-3 IS sites in Greenville and Waco, Texas. The training will include courses in manufacturing techniques, applied technology, and engineering skills. Some of the courses offered during the training will include aircraft structural repair, systems engineering fundamentals, leadership training, and basic drafting fundamentals.
AHIMA Gives PJC Program OK

Medical Records Coding Program Gets American Health Information Management Association Approval

Paris Junior College’s Medical Records Coding Certificate Program received approval by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). This recognition has been given to only two other programs in Texas: Baylor Health Care System of Dallas, Houston’s North Harris College.

“The recent peer review conducted by the ACCP recognizes the program’s essential compliance with the established approval criteria. The ACCP commends the program for the commitment to the development of a quality coding education certificate program,” AHIMA stated in its approval notice.

Medical Records Coding is designed to prepare individuals to function effectively in the information management of the health care industry under the supervision of a medical records supervisor. Graduates are eligible to work in acute care and/or health care provider offices and will be eligible to take the Certificate Examination for Coding Associate to qualify as a Certified Coding Associate (CCA).

According to Marcia Putnam, Director of Health Occupations at PJC, the response of our community and surrounding area has been great since the program began in 2002. “We have multiple clinical sites for student learning experiences and an Advisory Board that actively supports our program” Putnam said.

By The Numbers

A breakdown of the Paris Junior College student body by gender and age as of the fall 2005 semester:

- Male: 1,527
- Female: 2,737
- Under Age 17: 231
- 17: 574
- 18: 654
- 19-21: 1,148
- 22-24: 401
- 25-30: 419
- 31-35: 270
- 36-50: 491
- 51-64: 74
- 65 & Over: 2

Enrollment at Paris Junior College campuses for the fall semester of 2005:

- Paris: 2,220
- Greenville: 1,065
- Sulphur Springs: 769
- Commerce: 210

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 4,264

CONTACT HOURS:

- Academic: 736,096
- Technical: 249,088
PJC Adds Criminal Justice

New Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Science Degrees Offered At All Three PJC Campuses.

“The degree prepares people for careers as probation and parole officers, correction officials, court officials, health and human service investigators, game wardens, communications officers, police records managers ... just to name a few.”

Teaching Program Debut At PJC

Paris Junior College is now offering courses as part of the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree, a new opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in teaching. The program is a result of an articulation agreement between Paris Junior College and Texas A&M University - Commerce.

The agreement between the two institutions confirms the transferability of courses taught at Paris Junior College into the Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Studies/Elementary Education and Math as well as a Bachelor of Arts or Science that leads to a teacher certification.

PJC offers an excellent introductory exposure to teaching experiences through its degree plan in teaching. The course structures and routines will allow individuals to make career choices at an early point in their pursuit of a college degree.

Paris Junior College is taking law enforcement to a new level on its campuses this fall.

A degree program in Criminal Justice has been added to the college curriculum and will be offered at all three PJC campuses this fall. The program is available as an Associate of Applied Science degree or as an Associate of Science degree.

The new field of study will meet the needs of many people in the PJC service area who have inquired about the program being offered, according to Beverly Mathews, chair of the Business Division. She said that law enforcement occupations included in the criminal justice program are among the 10 most employable fields in the country.

New PJC criminal justice instructor Lana Biggerstaff Adams said many people are under the assumption that a criminal justice degree is only for law enforcement people — policemen.

“That’s not true,” she said. “The degree prepares people for careers as probation and parole officers, correction officials, court officials, health and human service investigators, game wardens, communications officers, police records managers, crime scene processors and investigators, and food stamp fraud investigators, just to name a few.”

The program that begins at PJC this fall not only will help prepare new employees for jobs, but also will provide a way for current peace officers, jailers, juvenile correction officials and prison staff members to receive college credit for previous training and experience in the field. They can continue their education toward an associate degree, Adams pointed out.
Certificate In Ag
Production Operations
Available Now At PJC

A Certificate of Completion in Agriculture Production Operations has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and is now available for student enrollment.

The new certification emphasizes “hands-on” skills to be used in crop and livestock production, according to David McAnally, Dean of Workforce Education. Full-time students can complete the requirements for the certification in three semesters. Most students will be able to finish the program in a year.

Students will receive hands-on training in crop science, food science, horticulture, animal science, farm and ranch shop, and entomology. Courses in Computer Science for Agriculture; Agricultural Economics and Marketing; and Livestock Evaluation round out the student’s education.

FOUR student/athletes from Paris Junior College have been named to the National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-America team. NJCAA athletes selected to the team must have maintained a 3.6 grade point average or better during the previous year.

Earning a spot on the Academic All-America team from PJC were softball players Chelsey McLemore, Rachel Barrow, Hannah Bell, and basketball player LaKeisha Jones. Jones, an All-Conference player, continues her basketball and academic career at Northeastern University, while Barrow, also first team All-Conference, signed a letter of intent to play at Southern Arkansas University.

TELLY Chaverria, a graduating sophomore with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, received the Paris Junior College Distinguished Service Award at spring graduation ceremonies.

Chaverria, from Bonham, was president of the PJC Beta Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and was nominated to Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was also nominated for the Guistwhite and Jack Kent Cooke scholarships and was the recipient of the Coca-Cola Scholars scholarship.

THE A.M. and Welma Akin Regional Archives at Paris Junior College has opened its doors to the World Wide Web.

People interested in history, genealogy and other things of historical interest, can now point their computers to www.ainkinarchives.org to search and research through online discussion and question and answer opportunities.

THE PJC Dragons sports programs enjoyed across-the-board success during their 2005-2006 seasons, as each program advanced to post-season play. And a new program, volleyball, has been added to the Dragons lineup.

The Paris Junior College Dragons, defending national NJCAA men’s basketball champions last season, didn’t make a return trip to Kansas, but they did accomplish something they didn’t do during the 2004-2005 season. They brought home the Region XIV regular-season conference championship.

The Dragons put together an 18-4 conference record to capture the title for the first time in over a decade. They finished the season with a 24-6 record.

The Dragons baseball program finished second in the conference and placed five players on the 2006 Region XIV East All-Conference baseball team selected by the coaches.

The baseball team finished the season with a 33-17 record and dominated the infield with All-Conference players. Michael Hallam was selected at first base, Craig Corriston at second base and Pat Robey at shortstop.

Phil Collins was named to the team in the outfield, and Zach Oliver, who put together a 7-2 win-loss record with a 2.44 ERA, was named to the all-conference pitching staff.

Hallam led the Dragons in hitting with a .445 batting average that included eight home runs. Corriston finished with a .372 batting average that included six home runs and 20 doubles. Robey hit .379, and Collins batted .370 with 16 doubles.

By The Numbers

» Freshmen: 3,469
» Sophomores: 612
» Unclassified: 149
» Associates: 27
» Bachelors: 6

» Texas Residents: 4,134
» Out Of State: 128
» International: 2

» 1st-Time College: 1,443
» Dual Credit Students: 768