Paris Junior College saw unprecedented enrollment growth in 2010. Five years ago, who would have guessed PJC would enroll over 6,000 credit students in a semester? The college surpassed its Closing the Gap goals set for 2015.

Handling the rapid enrollment growth has not been easy. PJC faculty and staff have worked together to reach these enrollment milestones.

During 2010, the first new building since the 1980s was completed on the Paris campus with the opening of a sixty bed women’s residence hall. Architects began the design of a new building to house science and math which will be the next step in the Facilities Master Plan.

New initiatives have been started at Paris Junior College to assist students in being successful and reaching their educational goals. We continually look at data on student performance and use this data in making decisions to improve student success.

State budget woes created challenges for the College with the reduction in current year appropriations. There will be many challenges ahead for Paris Junior College and the fifty community college districts across the State of Texas due to the State’s financial situation. Paris Junior College is prepared to face these challenges and continue serving the residents of Paris and the people of Lamar, Red River, Delta, Hunt and Hopkins Counties. There are many opportunities ahead for Paris Junior College and we look forward to these opportunities and challenges.

Economic Boost

Paris Junior College brings $95.3 million to the economy in its service area, including Lamar, Delta, Hunt, Hopkins and Red River counties, according to a study completed by Economic Modeling Specialists out of Idaho. The study found:

- A 16% rate of return to students for their time & money invested in PJC.
- Students will have $5.50 higher future income for every dollar spent at PJC.
- Individual taxpayers see a 7 percent return for each tax dollar going to PJC.
- Counties save $1.6 million annually from reduced rates of smoking, alcohol abuse, welfare or unemployment benefits and crime due to higher levels of education.
- PJC students bring $12.5 million in taxable income to the economy.
Explosive Growth

Rising numbers were visible everywhere in 2010. Almost 600 students graduated in May. Last fall PJC employees celebrated more than 6,200 enrolled students with an ice cream social. PJC was also named one of the top 50 fastest growing two-year colleges in the United States, based on annual enrollment data collected by the Department of Education for the 2008–2009 college year. PJC came in 31st in the nation for a community college with between 5,000 and 9,999 enrollments. PJC president, Dr. Pam Anglin, said, “It is really nice to see PJC recognized as one of the 50 fastest growing community colleges in America. This national recognition highlights the work of PJC faculty and staff and the possibilities available in the five county area served by PJC.”

New PJC Mission Statement:
“Paris Junior College is a dynamic, comprehensive community college advancing the education of students while strengthening the economic, social and cultural life of our diverse community.”
Academic Milestones

Participation in Achieving the Dream continues to guide Paris Junior College in better serving students and helping them succeed. Data from the program helped institute the “Learning Frameworks” seminar to prepare students for college coursework. The Math Center (with Associate Dean of Math & Sciences Ed McCraw) opened to bring more focus to tutoring students in math. Another innovation is an 8-week developmental course to assist students who need extra courses before taking college level math. Below, the first group to finish this class in the fall is shown with Vice President of Academics Dwight Chaney (back row, second from left).
New Residence Hall

Opened August 2011 • $4.2 Million Cost • 30 Rooms for 60 Female Students • Design by Denny Architects • Charter Builders was Construction Manager At-Risk • 30% of the Work handled by local contractors • Includes Lounge, Study and Laundry Rooms • Phase II to house 60 Male Students
Students at Paris Junior College find many ways to excel, as exemplified by the 2010 Distinguished Service Award winner, Carmen Martin of Bogata (at right). The Award recognizes academic achievement and service to the community by an outstanding graduating student who is selected by the faculty and professional staff.

Phi Theta Kappa president Alberto Gutierrez (below) displays the “Five Star Chapter” award from the international Phi Theta Kappa two-year college honor society. PJC’s Beta Zeta Chapter achieved its goals set a year ago for chapter development. PTK is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.7 million members and 11,000 chapters throughout the 50 states, territories, Canada and Germany. Members must have completed one regular semester at Paris Junior College, have 12 semester hours and a grade point average of 3.5, and be within the upper 10 percent of the regularly enrolled student body. The Beta Zeta Chapter at PJC was begun in 1932 and has remained active since that time.

Student awards and scholarships were presented at the 35th annual Creative Awards ceremonies last spring (below, left). The awards encourage and recognize student writing and art. Winning writing entries were compiled into “Swingers of Birches” anthology and winning art was displayed in the lobby of the Student Center.

Two PJC journalism students won recognition at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association annual convention. Stephanie Norman, editor of The Bat, PJC’s student newspaper, won a $400 scholarship. She and Sports Editor Quentin Carpenter also received
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honorable mention in the previously published newspaper competition. At right, 80-year-old Sam Jones of Van looks on as his sister, Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, introduces herself. Dr. Horne is Vice Chair and Commissioner from the Third Congressional District, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. She was especially happy to make the trip to address GED graduates because of her brother’s graduation.

PJC students continue to shine with ten members of the PJC Chorale selected for the 2010 Texas Two-Year College All-State Choir (bottom, right). This was the second year in a row PJC placed ten students, with twenty-seven Texas community colleges participating. This was also the second time in three years a PJC student made the Texas Two-Year College All State Symphonic Band, a testimony to the quality of PJC instructors (Elizabeth Silva, below, right).

PJC’s Student Government Association chapter returned from the Texas SGA convention with several awards last spring. The chapter earned first place in Community Project, SGA president Carmen Martin won Student of the Year, advisor Deanna Young won Adviser of the Year, and the chapter came in third in the scrapbooking competition.

SGA Officers are shown below, center, with the awards. Young and Martin had previously won their awards at the Region III level. There are a total of six SGA regions in Texas with 65 member institutions. In the scrapbook competition, PJC was up against 30 competitors.
Workforce Impact

The Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program at PJC received several improvements in 2010. The PJC Board of Regents approved the addition of a new 16-hour certificate for Distributed Digital Controls. This helps meet the needs of area employers and provides students with an advanced skill set allowing them additional opportunities. At the meeting, Vice President of Workforce Education John Spradling explained that students must already hold a current 40-hour certificate to take the certificate course, and that there were five local companies supporting the program. The HVAC program also moved into a newly renovated space on the east side of the Bobby R. Walters Workforce Technology Center (see photos, below left). The area has several bay doors, allowing the instructors to adjust to weather conditions.

Area law enforcement training received a boost when PJC hosted a free Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault seminar. Previously, personnel had to travel to Mount Pleasant for the training. “Law enforcement is here to gain additional information to do their jobs better in aiding victims,” said Lisa Luna, with Texas Association Against Sexual Assault which co-sponsored the seminar along with the SAFE-T Crisis Center of Mount Pleasant. The course also helped professionals better recognize, deal with and help victims.

Campus Upgrade

Last fall found a new chiller (below right) being lifted off a semi trailer by crane prior to installation in the fall. Each year PJC makes improvements in the heating and air system on campus as part of a modernization process.
Paris Junior College President, Dr. Pamela Anglin, assisted The Texas Workforce Commission’s Workforce Business Services Skills Development Fund (SDF) Project development team in creating a DVD as part of their outreach toolkit. The DVD will provide an overview of the Skills Development Fund grant program and how it helps businesses get customized skills training for their employees. Dr. Anglin was filmed last August to emphasize the college role in the grant process. She explained how to develop the curriculum with the employer; write and submit the application to TWC; act as fiscal agent; and coordinate all training needs for the employer. The DVD release is expected in 2011.

Paris Junior College is the premiere destination for area skills development grants. PJC received a $30,040 grant for students in applied science and certificate courses from the Jobs and Education for Texas program to help students pay for general and lab fees and tuition. In Greenville, PJC and Cytec received a skills grant of $158,452 to provide training. “I am impressed with the training programs taking place using this grant,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar, signing the check at the presentation (below, left). “The number of Texans working in these jobs earning competitive wages will be a great economic boost for the northeast Texas area.” Nationwide Provider in Greenville also received a skills development grant for training.

Also designed to boost the area’s economy was the new Red River Region Business Incubator, a non-profit corporation sponsored by Paris Junior College, the Paris Small Business Development Center and the Paris Economic Development Corporation. Fred Green was hired as director, and the incubator is already taking applications to house start-up businesses.
2010 featured an increased public profile for Paris Junior College in a variety of media. A new billboard was placed on I-30 eastbound near Royce City, Texas. The message emphasizes PJC’s excellence and affordability and elevates awareness of locations in Greenville, Sulphur Springs and Paris. A film crew for the MTV documentary series *This Life* came to the Paris Junior College—Greenville Center working on a show about people living with neurofibromatosis. PJC—GC student Amber Adair (below, with crew) was featured in the series. PJC alumna and California nurse Gaby McAdoo went to Haiti to help provide medical care after the earthquake. She was featured in a CNN interview with Anderson Cooper and on the International Medical Corps’ website and returned to address the Hispanic Club at the PJC—Sulphur Springs Center. PJC embarked on a campaign to encourage students to graduate and complete a certificate or degree. In Paris, PJC President, Dr. Pamela Anglin, congratulated outgoing Lamar County Chamber of Commerce president Kenny Dority as she took the role for the coming year — another way to help the economy of PJC’s service area.
OUTSTANDING FACULTY

PJC Art Instructor Susan Moore won Best of Show at the Great Plains Sixth Annual Juried Art Show in April. The show, sponsored by the Red River Arts Council, was held in Southeastern Oklahoma State University's Centre Gallery. “Hierarchy” is a diptych of oil on paper.

PJC alumna and current Math Instructor Mallie Hood received the 2010 Master Teacher award at last spring’s graduation. Mallie provides weekly tutoring sessions for her students and each one receives personal attention. Students know that she has a genuine commitment to helping them achieve their goals. Her nomination form praised her commitment to her students and their success.

Chemistry instructor Don Kosterman presented a new way to teach one of chemistry's most difficult concepts: “Pedagogical Strategies for the 21st Century” on the topic of “Molar equivalents (me’s) and general stoichiometry.” His talk was given at the 21st Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at the University of North Texas in Denton. Considered the preeminent chemistry education conference in the world, it’s also one of the largest. He simplified the complex process by using a proportion ratio instead of traditional dimensional analysis requiring complex formula – producing a dramatic increase in student understanding of the concept.

Four PJC Adult Education and Family Literacy instructors completed a year-long training program, earning 60 hours of professional development. They are Linda Vandiver, Phyllis Archambeault, Dana Neuse and Janice Jackson, all of Paris; and Jacqueline Brice of Sulphur Springs. Now a Special Learning Needs Team will incorporate life-long learning strategies in the classroom and assist students with accommodations. In turn, student retention/success will increase for the program as a whole.

Last spring, nearly all PJC faculty attended a session by Debbie Moon to teach them better ways to reach today’s students.
Homcoming 2010 featured a weekend packed with activities beginning with the Homecoming Parade, a pep rally and the President’s Reception. Below, left, PJC President, Dr. Pamela Anglin, visits with retired University of Alabama football coach Gene Stallings and his wife Ruth Ann. The PJC Drama Department offered the fun musical “Schoolhouse Rock Live”, and the Homecoming King and Queen were chosen at the men’s basketball game halftime. During the pep rally, members of the Boys and Girls Club performed a routine they’d learned from PJC’s cheerleaders to the crowd (below). At bottom right, one of the floats that tied for the top three slots in the Homecoming Parade. Sixth District Court of Appeals Justice Jack Carter

Important Numbers

Fall 2010
Student Body Data
Male: 39%
Female: 61%

Under Age 17: 534
17: 786
18: 799
19-21: 1,403
22-24: 657
25-30: 734
31-35: 378
36-50: 752
51-64: 137
65 And Over: 16
No Age Given: 1

Paris Campus: 3,384
Greenville Campus: 1,630
Sulphur Springs Campus: 903
Commerce: 280
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 6,197

Revenues & Expenditures
09.01.09 - 08.31.10

REVENUES
State Appropriations $10,705,191
Tuition & Fees $10,778,000
Taxes $2,897,212
Auxiliary Enterprises $1,080,947
Other Sources $932,793
Grants & Contracts $15,124,171
TOTAL $41,518,314

EXPENDITURES
Instruction $11,238,591
Public Service $1,118,489
Academic Support $1,400,601
Student Services $2,975,408
Institutional Support $2,581,385
Plant Operation & Maintenance $2,596,478
Financial Aid & Scholarships $13,317,800
Auxiliary Enterprise Expenditures $986,041
Depreciation $806,441
Interest & Fees on Debt Service $711,394
TOTAL $37,732,628
(right) and East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System President & CEO Elmer G. Ellis (far right) were honored as Distinguished Alumni. Both spoke warmly of their time at PJC and how it helped put them on the path to where they are today. PJC’s 86th Homecoming featured the induction of six former students into the Hall of Honor Saturday afternoon. In front is business honoree John Dickson “Dick” House, and standing left to right are education honoree Mark Hudson, heating and air conditioning honoree Kelly Baxley, science honoree Dr. Michael D. Miesch, social science honoree Marva Joe and James Wirta, on behalf of his brother, criminal justice honoree DuWayne Wirta.
Paris Junior College student-athletes saw a year of multiple achievements in 2010. The Dragons’ basketball team won their conference, achieved an NJCAA poll ranking of 14th in the nation and finished second in the regional tournament. Two Dragons made the All-Tournament Team and received Honorable Mention All-Conference, one made the All-Region and All-Conference First Teams, and one was named to the All-Conference Third Team. The Lady Dragons’ basketball team achieved fourth in the conference and third at the regional tournament. Two players made the All-Conference Team, and one was named to the All-Region Team (South Zone). The Dragons’ volleyball team faced two nationally-ranked teams in the regional tournament, and demonstrated how far they’ve come by forcing Panola to five games before bowing out of the tournament. The Dragons’ softball team were honored at Hub Hollis Field before a baseball game in the spring. Present were, from the left: Jerry Wells, Pat Camp, Ron Kyle, Jim Whitworth, Olen Jordan, Glen Baker, Coach James Self and Manager Johnny Crawford.
Paris Junior College’s Athletic Awards ceremonies held in May included (from left): Hillary Baugh, co-winner of Volleyball MVP; James Wallace, Baseball MVP; Desmond King, Basketball MVP; Taylor Ammons, McLemore Cup for top athlete in all sports, and Don Wilhelm Cup, women’s basketball; Megan Brigance, Vernon Carter Cup, softball; and Kevin Geisbrecht, Mickey Filppen Cup, Golf MVP. Not shown are Logan Anglin, co-winner of the Volleyball MVP, and Mallory Johnson, Bobby Walters Cup, top academic athlete in all sports.

Team finished in the top 25 nationally, and nine players earned All-Conference honors and seven made the Region XIV Eastern Conference First Team. Six softball players also received All-Region honors, three were named to the All-Region First Team and earned All-Regional Academic Honors. Six Paris Junior College Dragons softball players were selected to play in the 2010 Texas-New Mexico Junior College Softball Coaches Association All-Star Game, made up of Region V and Region XIV colleges. Last spring three Dragons baseball players were named to the 2010 Region XIV East All-Conference Team; four were named National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-Americans and one also achieved Academic All-American. In the fall three players were chosen for the 2010 Texas-New Mexico Junior College Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game. The PJC Dragons golf team featured a medalist at the Regional XIV Championship.