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James Carey stands with his award winning painting, "Happy Farm\* Happy Farmer\* Happy Life."

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# Student artists capture life

## Visual arts showcase displays diverse artistic creativity

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Paris Junior College art students are showcasing their creative works--paintings, drawings, sculptures, and photography--in the First Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, on display in the Foyer Gallery of the Art Building through May 2.

The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For the first time, the artwork was juried by John Simmons, who will be teaching a course in Ceramics Summer 1 and Fall 2013.

"There is a fresh pair of eyes, and awards and scholarships given," said Susan Moore, art instructor. "The students are looking forward to representing their best work for the 2012-2013 year to the public, and they all really appreciate support from their family and friends."

"There are several students graduating this semester who are represented in the show."

Many community members are expected to attend the exhibition.

"People are impressed with the levels of craftsmanship, and I am extremely proud of all of them," Moore said.

James Carey won second prize for his painting, "Happy Farm\*Happy Farmer\*Happy Life."

"Farming plays a big role in our daily life; I think the happier the animals are raised, the better they taste," Carey said.

Candra Wyatt, who says her works took her anywhere from 10 minutes to create to 6 months, won a first prize award for her

painting, "Still Life."

"It's very quick; I leave no room for my brain to correct itself," said Wyatt. "My pieces are reflections of the trauma that has happened in my life. What I hope is that people can take a lesson away from my work."

Mario Munguia won first prize for his photography, "Lighting Up the Night."

"It was a shock and a real surprise. I'm not as experienced in photography; it was my first semester. It takes 100 to 200 shots for that one epic shot, and then the picture speaks for itself."

For complete results in the juried Art Exhibition see parisjc.edu.



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Candra Wyatt talks to Donovan Mims about her hanging sculpture (at the top of picture) that took years to collect and months to create the final product. Wyatt won first place for her painting, "Still Life," and third place for her drawing, "Gesture 10 minute."

# PJC honors excellence



Above, creative writing, music and drama were celebrated at Paris Junior College Wednesday, April 17, with the “Swingers of Birches” awards ceremony. Top winners included (l-r): Outstanding Freshman Musical Theatre Student, Shelby Gilliam of Paris; Outstanding Freshman Drama Student, Paige Collins of Pickton; Outstanding Sophomore Drama Student, Kevin Calhoun of Paris; Outstanding Student in English, Lynsee Parish of Yantis; Outstanding Sophomore Musical Theatre Student, Ryan Box of Paris; Outstanding Student in Foreign Language, Emily Bart of Paris; Outstanding Musician Award winner Katherine Weibe of Brookston; and Outstanding Student in English as a Second Language, Rosalinda Silva of Paris. Not pictured is Journalism Student of the Year and winner of The Paris News scholarship, Dometreus LaWayne “Bo” Pruitt of Paris.

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Andi Clark, accepts the William A. Owens Scholarship from English instructor Marsha Dennis and Associate Dean of Communications/Fine Arts, Beth Shelton.



April 14, Phi Theta Kappa, the two-year college honor society, inducted from left (seated): Marianna Ford, Deborah Castleman, Alicia Hammond, and Heather Detwiler; (middle): Shanice Hill, Latisha Perez, Laura Vaughn, Christina Pilkington, Fancy Woods, Christie Sefcik, Robin Mallory, Devyn Ibarra, Ashley St. John, and Mary O'Connor; (back): Nick Holloway, William Burge, Mitchell Wheat, Matthew Lusk, Norman “Wes” Farrell, Bruce Schepis, and Sy Lucas.

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# Signed... and moving on

**BO PRUITT**  
STAFF WRITER

With their future nearing for more opportunity, the (2012-13) PJC Dragon's season produced 12 signees that will transfer from our college this spring.

The Dragon's will be gaining 12 recruited players for the (2013-14) season and Clark is looking to be just as successful next year as he has been this season.

They will be hosting their final game at Hub Hollis field against Navarro College on April 27. at 1 p.m. Fans and supporters are welcome to attend the season wrap up.

Out of the 12 signees, four players signed in November 2012 to transfer to 4-year schools.

Alex Bruu, Chase Harvey, Jared Fielden, and Matt Johnson will leave the Dragon's roster at the end of the 2013 season. Bruu signed with McNeese State University to play Division 1 baseball.

"This is a fantastic feeling," said Bruu according to a PJC news release.

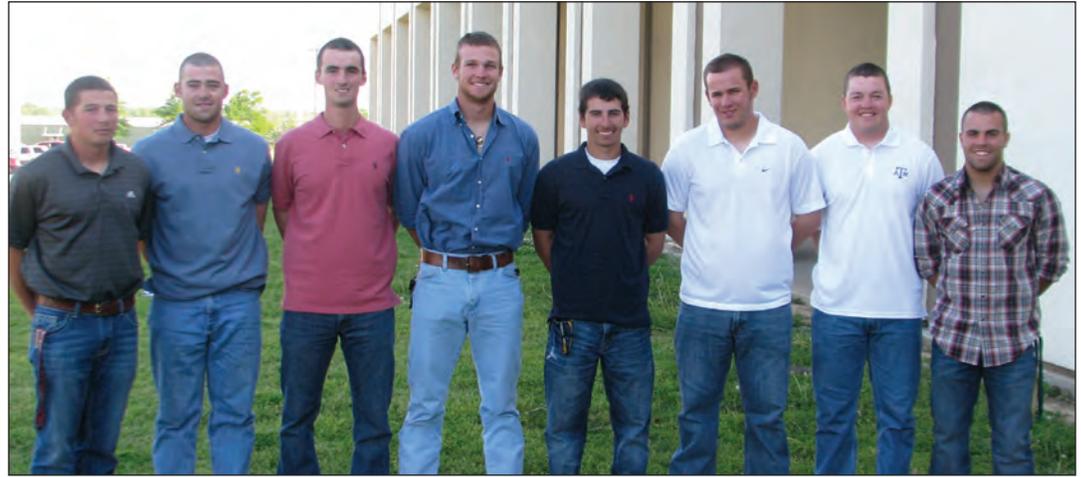
Head coach Deron Clark described Bruu "As an athletic and quick-armed pitcher who will provide versatility to the Cow-boys of the McNeese State."

Southern Arkansas University (SAU) in Magnolia, Ark signed two of the Dragons players, who conclude their junior college careers this spring.

SAU signed Fielden, a (RHP), and Harvey, a (MIF).

"SAU have been champions three out of the last four years. I'll do the best I can to help them win another," Fielden said.

"Fielden has been a strong competitor for our team and will continue to develop into a potential Major League draft



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**From left: Ty Huie, Clive Andrews, Blake Johnson, Hobie Harris, Justin Eckols, Mitchell Bro, G.R. Hinsley, and Ryan Fickel**

selection," said Clark.

"Harvey is from Paris, and to have a local player achieve so many positive goals during their career at PJC is always a proud moment for our program," Clark said according to a PJC news release.

Harvey said, "I'm ready for the future of playing and moving on to the next step."

The University of Pittsburg in Pittsburg, Pa. also signed a pitcher, Robert (Hobie) Harris and Matt Johnson a (MIF).

Nearing the end of his PJC career, Harris, a (RHP) struck out 42 batters to help him achieve a 3.45 ERA for this season.

"The one on one with Coach Steed (assistant coach Bric Steed) has helped me be a successful pitcher," Harris said. "This has been a great learning and growing experience; the time here at PJC has given me knowledge and skill set of the game."

Joining Harris in Pittsburg is Johnson, his current roommate and fellow teammate.

"He is a (MIF) who will be a marquee member to the Panthers

lineup at Pitt," said Clark. "His classroom intensity continually bled over into his athletic attitude for the Dragons."

Three players, from Clements High School in Sugar Land have competed for six years together, and will be ending their junior college career at the end of the 2013 season

Cline Andrews (3B), G R Hinsley (1B), and Blake Johnson (OF); they have a combined batting avg. of a .371. With a total of 89 runs scored between the three. They also contributed 11 of the Dragons 12 homeruns this season.

Texas A&M Kingsville Javelinas signed Andrews, Johnson, Ryan Fickel, and Mitchell Bro.

Fickel a (MIF) hit 4 doubles and scored 27 runs with the Dragons.

"Ryan's work ethic and maturity have allowed for the opportunity to display the athletic ability he has created," said Clark.

Fickel said, "I was so grateful to have a coach that would wake up and weightlift with me when no one else was available."

Bro another picture from the Dragon roster also signed with the Javelinas. Bro comes from Trinity High School in Bedford was transferred to PJC from a previous junior college.

"He made an immediate impact on the Dragon's pitching staff," Clark said.

Bro has pitched 35 innings, striking out 23 batters earning him an ERA of 3.06.

"I developed as a person and as a player, and would like to thank both coaches," Bro said.

G R Hinsley who also came from Clements HS signed with Texas A&M University in College Station.

Signing with Lamar University, Justin Eckols, (C) caught 49 of 52 games in 2012 for PJC.

Clark said, "Durability is the strongest word I can use to describe Justin's contribution to our program."

Eckols said, "Coach Clark has made it a great two years for me."

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**Jessica Branam of Irving (seated, left), and Audrey Farfan of Rockwall (right). Pictured behind them are Head Coach Nicole Dickson, Volunteer Assistant Coach Jack Butler and Assistant Coach Chelsey Jordan.**

# Talent, hard work pay off

Two Paris Junior College Dragons softball players have signed to continue their education and playing careers at four-year universities.

in the fall. Dragons' shortstop Audrey Farfan of Rockwall, will attend Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

PJC Dragons softball players Jessica Branam of Irving, who plays third base for the Dragons, will attend Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark.,

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# Clark humbled by 500 wins

**BO PRUITT  
STAFF WRITER**

Deron Clark, Head Coach of Dragon baseball, says over the past 24 years he has enjoyed working with many great young men.

"It has been a true blessing to be able to do what I love to do for a living," said Clark, who recently won his 500th career win.

Humbling was the word Clark used to describe the feeling he had after his 500th victory.

"We have attempted to play each game, one pitch, one out and one inning at a time," he said.

For those players who signed to play at other colleges and universities, Clark said he feels that the team has had the opportunity to grow from each experience and emotion over the course of the season.

The goals that Clark put into place before each season for his players is to have a Navy Seal attitude of how to "eat an elephant, just one bite at a time."

"This attitude breaks up the burden of the collegiate-athlete experience," Clark said. "Taking each minute, experience or

day 'one bite at time' gives our players the chance to consume the elephant that is collegiate athletics and allows them the opportunity to be successful and achieve the goals that they have established for themselves."

To the staff at PJC Clark said, "I would just like to relay my personal appreciation to our

faculty for their patience and persistence in dealing with all our athletes and their changing schedules due to athletics. I know and respect how much time these adjustments require and so do our players."



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**Head Coach Deron Clark celebrates with his team after his 500th career win.**

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# Blend Club speaker urges compassion

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STAFF WRITER

With the belief that, "If you can change one person, you can change the world," Acharya Shree Yogeesh, brought a message of the non-violent, self-awakening, spiritual way of life to members of The Blend Club and their guests in the new Math and Science building Thursday, April 11.

He is founder of Siddhayatan Tirth & Spiritual retreat center located in Windom, Yogeesh Ashram located in Los Angeles, CA, and Acharya Yogeesh Higher Secondary School and Yogeesh Ashram International, both located in India.

On his website, siddhayatan.org, it mentions that Acharya Shree was born in Haryana, near Delhi, India, where he became a monk in 1970 at the age of 14.

He completed his Acharya and received double Master of Arts degree and a Doctorate in Philosophy.



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## Cedric McCullough presents the speaker with a collage of pictures from The Blend Club.

He has dedicated his life to spreading messages of non-violence, unity among us, compassion, and vegetarianism around the world.

He has also been teaching eastern philosophy, yoga, and meditation since 1986.

An audience of about 30 people and faculty listened to him talk about different ways to help them master their own inner peace and help them understand their lives and the concepts of non-violence, compassion, and

forgiveness.

"Compassion flows like a river. Compassion is like a tree... always giving," says Acharya Shree.

Acharya Shree told several stories from different cultures that focused on compassion.

He gave examples of famous icons who had shown compassion throughout the world, such as Mother Teresa, who loved the sick and afflicted with her gloves off and Angelina Jolie, who saw the suffering children in Africa,

felt pity, and later adopted one of those suffering children.

Acharya Shree spoke about the energy of anger saying, "Controlling your anger only increases its power over you. Increase your compassion and forgiveness instead, and anger will dissolve. When you are 100% compassionate, you're 100% anger-free."

He continued, "The revolution starts with you. Change yourself. Awaken. Transform. Imagine a better society with awakened and peaceful souls... It's possible. It starts with you."

After the speech, Cedric McCullough presented the speaker with a collage of pictures from The Blend Club.

"I thought the fact that he was wearing all white made it easier to concentrate," says Hillary Pearce, president of The Blend Club. "It's cool to have someone here to look at life from a different perspective. It helps us have a different view of things."

## Final Examination Schedule

Fall semester examinations will begin Monday, May 6, 2013, and will continue through Friday, May 10, 2013. Examination periods will be one hour and fifteen minutes in length. Examinations will be given in the classrooms in which the class regularly meets unless the instructor involved gives a change to the students.

### MONDAY, May 6

Exams are to be given for all MONDAY-WEDNESDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:25 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.  
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
2:25 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Monday evening classes

### TUESDAY, May 7

Exams are to be given for TUESDAY-THURSDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

8:25 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.  
11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
2:25 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Tuesday evening classes

### WEDNESDAY, May 8

Exams are to be given for all MONDAY-WEDNESDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:50 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.  
1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
3:50 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Wednesday evening classes

### THURSDAY, May 9

Exams are to be given for all TUESDAY-THURSDAY classes regularly meeting at these periods.

9:50 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.  
1 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
3:50 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

All Thursday evening classes

### FRIDAY, May 10, 2013

Exams are to be given for all Friday classes during regular meeting time.

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