Pearl River Community College student Dohnah Thompson of Carriere and instructor Janet Berry of Poplarville were honored Feb. 28 at a PRC’s annual Student-Writing Day for Academic Excellence events on the Poplarville campus.

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Heart disease is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. It affects more than 1 in 3 adults and is the major cause of disability in the United States. Heart disease can lead to heart attack, stroke, and other serious conditions. It costs the United States approximately $444 billion in medical care and lost productivity.

Chess is a great way to improve your heart health. Playing chess regularly can reduce your risk of heart disease. It can also help improve your memory and cognitive function. Plus, it's a fun and challenging activity to do with friends and family.

Always buckle up for safety.始终系好安全带。
Pearl River Community College students work out at the Wellness Center.

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Pearl River Community College students work out at the Wellness Center.

Run or walk around campus.

workouts for a t-shirt.

complete 15 workouts for a free summer semes-

ter in the F.A.S.T. Track program. The

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The grant agreement calls

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and Teresa Browne, Wellness

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Students enrolled in an

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Other Wellness Center members including

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Science Club work

By DELIEE JONSON
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By D. C. HORNBY

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The existing space for these programs for the rapidly increasing demand for additional much-anticipated expansion of the Forrest County Center campus,” said PRCC President Dr. Matthew L. Williams. “The new space will provide an opportunity for the college to renovate the existing space for these programs by increasing the existing floor area by 4,500 square feet.

PRCC Dental hygiene student Debra Ellis of Petal cleans Lajarrah Jones’ teeth during Give Kids A Smile Day at the PRCC clinic at the Forrest County Center. Jones, 6, attends Thames Elementary School.

Workforce connects people with job skills

By REBECCA BROWN

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Site work has begun on the $3.6 million Career Education Center at the Forrest County Center. The girls, students at Little Screamer Elementary School, and about 60 other kids from the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club participated in the event sponsored by the South Mississippi Dental Society and PRCC. PRCC Public Relations photos.

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Community colleges make pitch to state legislators for funding

Mississippi's community and junior college presidents met with state officials and legislators Jan. 29 to reemphasize their commitment to workforce training and increasing the level of educational attainment for all residents of the state.

“Community colleges are the on-ramp to higher education in Mississippi,” said Dr. Mable Muse, president of Hinds Community College. “We must dialogue into the community to meet the needs of people in our service area. Among all Mississippi public institutions of higher learning, community colleges enrolled 72 percent of all freshmen and trained more than 140,000 workers last year.”

In addition, community colleges are the go-to workforce training and enrichment and other classes. Community colleges must maintain affordable tuition and access, said Dr. Scott Elliott, president of Mississippi Community College Board. “More than half of the students who enter community college are unprepared for college-level work, and remediation costs more. In addition, community colleges achieved a 15 percent increase in the number of graduates in 2010-11,” said Elliott.

“Community college is really a great place for our students to continue their education,” said Ladner. “I hope to be able to provide leadership on the building projects that are going on and be involved in the decisions making to make things better for the Pearl River students.”

Two members left the Pearl River Community College Board of Trustees in December - Dr. Sonny Knight of Forrest County and Ronald Fortenberry of Marion County.

Brian Freeman lives in Hattiesburg and holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from USM and the specialist’s degree from Columbia Training School. He lives in Pearl River County is secretary.

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For their academic achievement, all students were named to the list. Listed by hometown:

Bassfield- Tonawanda B. Bass and Aaron M. Williamson.

Beebe- Kimberly L. Travis.

Beechworth- Stacie A. Revette, Laura L. Reaves, Ashleigh B. Roberson, Melinda S. Revette and Amanda A. Wills.

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Bloomington- Jessica W. Johnson, Jennifer N. Ashmore, Demeko E. Ferrell, Michael P. Harris, Calvin L. Miles, Michelle N. Wilcox, Steven B. Jernigan, Brittney B. Davidson and Andrew T. Bell.


Braxton- Tarkan D. Weston.


Calloway- Melissa Cook, Laura L. Reaves, Ashleigh B. Roberson, Melinda S. Revette and Amanda A. Wills.

Carrer- Mary Croisdale.

Chatman- Anna C. R. Babcock.


Crockett- Tyler L. Necaise.


GED program works with inmates

By TERRI WARD

PRCC Adult Education program provides ABE/GED classes in the six-county area we serve, as well as three correctional facilities with inmates.

Individuals have the opportunity to work toward and earn their GED diplomas while being incarcerated. Craig Garrage, a math instructor at Hancock Technical Center, works with the inmates at the Pearl River County Jail located in Laurel.

The GED classes twice a week for these young men. During these class times, Craig provides the instruction and material as well as tests the students on what they have learned. The class meets for approximately 20 to 25 minutes. Craig has the highest passing rate of the three correctional facilities that we serve.

On Thursday, the 15th, seven inmates who recently earned their GED diplomas during the fall semester were presented their diplomas. This part took more in the role of congratulating them on their achievements.

As the counselor within Adult Education, it is my job to encourage and assist GED graduates in their continuing education and career training.

Although these individuals are incarcerated, they do not lose their education. Craig has challenged the inmates to start preparing their GED test scores.

ACT test and increased with their cultural values. The program is in place to help them in their opportunity to further education in college.

Inmates at PRCC who demonstrate a desire to work at places such as Port Holmes and Moss Point, are to be taught for the first time that education is a big part of their lives.

An event prior to PRCC employees to support a worthy cause and enjoy a Saturday filled with lots of laughs.

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PRCC scholarship recipients meet donors

PONTIACVILLE - Scholarship donors and the students of Pearl River Community College gathered at the PRCC Development Foundation's annual Scholarship Dinner on Nov. 17. The annual event gives students a chance to thank those donors who provide for the college's students.

Dozens of donors were in attendance, including some such as Arthur Moore and Jessie Mae Smith Gandy who have provided to the college for more than 30 years. "We are so grateful for the amount of people who support us," said Dr. Reed Blalock, PRCC president and CEO.

"These scholarships are what keeps our students attending PRCC," Blalock said.

"They provide many opportunities for our students and we're very blessed to have such wonderful donors," Blalock said.

Students who received scholarships are encouraged to meet with their donors and thank them.

"We appreciate the donors and we want to meet them and thank them," said Stephen Holley, PRCC student. "We're so thankful for the opportunity to receive these scholarships."

"This year, we are so grateful for the donors," said Arinylene Granger, PRCC student. "We are so thankful for the donors and their generosity."
Pearl River Community College split with Copiah-Lincoln in MACJC women’s and men’s South Division basketball action Monday with the Lady Wildcats falling 67-55, while the Wildcat squad took an 82-73 victory over the Wolfpack.

PRCC’s women dropped to 11-6 overall, 4-3 in division play. The men improved to 9-8 and 5-2. CLCC’s women are now 15-3 and 8-0, while its men are now 8-11 and 3-5.

Jeronda Beason of Poplarville High sank a foul shot to snap the last stalemate and put the Lady Wildcats up 13-12. PRCC held on to the lead for the next five minutes, but Keosha Bradley sank a pair of free throws at the 7:04 mark to make it 20-19 Co-Lin. That kicked off a 12-6 scoring run to give The Lady Wolfpack a 32-27 advantage at the intermission.

Three minutes into the second half, Samantha Gunn, a Canton native who prepped at Velma Jackson High, pulled off a three-point play to give The River its last lead  at 35-34, but two minutes later Jasmine Belton’s bucket off a PRCC turnover made it 40-39 CLCC and the Lady Wolves never looked back.

Shanta` Echols of Sumrall led the Lady Wildcats with 12 points and six rebounds. In the men’s game, Pearl River never trailed, out scoring the Wolfpack 44-31 in the first half and 42-38 in the second. Zane Knowles, a Grambling State (La.) transfer from Nassau, Bahamas, paced The River with 23 points (six rebounds); while Yondarius Johnson, a Grambling transfer from Plain Dealing, La., added 17 points (three treys, nine rebounds). Josh Carpenter of Oak Grove scored 14, including a six-for-six effort at the foul line and a four-for-four effort from the field, while Quentin Watkins out of Lanier High scored 10 (four assists), Daron Bell of Bay High five (six rebounds), Jyrus Carriere out of St. Martin High to Biloxi and Mike Henry of Meridian County High, four each; Dominque Stewart of Pecan Grove High three, and(false data)

Soccer signees

Three Pearl River Community College soccer players recently signed scholarships with Belhaven University. They are from left, Jordan O’Conner of Forrest County AHS, Chelsea Parsons of Biloxi and Brooke Blackledge of Northeast Jones. Photos by Mitch Deaver.

The following high school soccer players have signed scholarships with Pearl River Community College.

**Women’s team**
- Christina Gentry of Horn Lake
- Jessica Dexter of Horn Lake
- Alejandra Garcia of Center Hill
- Taylor Smith of Pearl
- Karley Mitchell of Poplarville
- Farabee Shafer of Biloxi
- Chelsea Parsons of Biloxi
- Brooke Blackledge of Northeast Jones
- Whitney Overview of East Central
- Kacee Morrison of East Central

**Men’s team**
- Jackson Harlen of George County
- Jay Lange of Oak Grove
- James Pipper of Pearl River Central

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PKCC quarterback Melvin German of Fort Myers, Fla., has committed to Florida Atlantic University for his football career. Photo by Mitch Doiron.

There were three Wildcats named All-Region in football this year. The trio were joined on the All-MACJC South Division first team, while three other Wildcats joined the trio on the All-MACJC South Division second team.

Three Wildcats named All-Region in football

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The trio were named to the All-MACJC South Division first team, head football coach Tim Hatten said.

Robertson etched himself in the PRCC record books with 111 receiving yards in 2011. The quarterback finished his Wildcat career with 101 receptions for 85-reception season in 2009. All told, he finished his Wildcat career with 65 catches (second-most team with 71 stops (30 solo, 41 assists). As a freshman in 2010, he was the third-leading tackler on the team with 71 stops (30 solo, 41 assists). Duncan etched himself in the PRCC record books with 110 rushing yards on 2011. The quarterback finished his Wildcat career with 101 receptions for 880 yards and five touchdowns, averaging a team-best 8.9 yards per catch. All told, he finished his Wildcat career with 880 yards and five TDs. Duncan etched himself in the PRCC record books with 110 rushing yards on 2011.

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