Ryan Ruckel selected for PTK honor

Dr. Adam Breerwood, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Director of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations, announced Wednesday afternoon that A.J. Ruckel of Hattiesburg has been selected as a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) student officer for the 2015-16 school year. Ruckel is a senior at PRCC majoring in psychology.

The national Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is the most distinguished honor society which recognizes academic excellence in two-year colleges. PTK comprises 1,371 chapters in the United States and abroad. Among its goals are to stimulate and recognize scholarship in two-year colleges, honor high achievement in two-year colleges, and provide leadership opportunities for PTK students.

Ruckel was selected for such an honor in recognition of his academic achievements at PRCC and his service to the college. His academic average is 3.81 and he is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Ruckel is the son of Dr. Ruckel and his wife, Susan. He said he is honored and humbled to be selected for this honor.

Dr. Ruckel said, "We are so very proud of A.J. Ruckel. He has been an excellent student and role model for other students and fellow officers.

"We select officers based on their grade point average, leadership skills, community involvement and overall excellence. I have no doubt A.J. will do all that is required of this honor."

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By Dr. ERIC LEATHERWOOD
Honors Institute faculty member

Samuel Langhorne Clemens has been very good to me. You may have heard him called by his own pen name, Mark Twain. His pen name comes from days spent as a young riverboat captain on the Mississippi. He thought the term “twain” meant “two” or “two things.” And true enough, each of his stories contains two things: ignorance and confidence.”

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In his 1910 speech Twain presented the topic of his life and work in a lecture titled “Mark Twain at Large.” He began the lecture by saying, “I was almost beside myself to learn that my imagination was shaped in part by the ad

214, Moody Hall or call 601-403-7501.

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Mark Twain will be with us, right here in Poplarville at Pearl River Community College. The official PRCC group is limited to 30 people. I hope you will consider joining the tour of London and Bath, as well as Stonehenge and Windsor Castle, the Tower of London, and Bath. Included in the tour cost are entrance fees to London as well as Stonehenge and Bath.

In addition to Ramshur, PRCC instructors Randy Johnson, Deana Holifield and Julia Ferguson will be part of the tour group. It’s a great opportunity to travel through Great Britain and see some of the sights associated with PRCC.

The trip will include guided sightseeing tours of Windsor Castle, the Tower of London, and Bath. Included in the tour cost are entrance fees to London as well as Stonehenge and Bath.

A tour of London led by Pearl River Community College instructor Jessica Ramsey is open to PRCC students, employees and the public. The tour dates are June 19-24, 2015 and includes airfare and double-occupancy hotel accommodations. For those 10 and older, the price is $3,490. The trip will include guided sightseeing tours of London as well as Stonehenge and Bath. Included in the tour cost are entrance fees to Windsor Castle, the Tower of London, the British Museum and an evening theatre performance.

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ATC: Skill certificate course begins April 6

By LEE BELL
Director of GED Center, Forrest County Center
On Jan. 29, representatives from local industry and economic development partners met at the Lowery Woodall Center to form an advisory council for the Basic Manufacturing Skill Certificate course being offered under the umbrella of Pearl River Community College. The advisory council serves as a forum for the industry partners and the Forrest County Center’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program to work together to identify the training needs of the local manufacturing and agricultural sectors.

Success for this program will be determined by the participants who go on to find work in one of the manufacturing facilities. While they will be prepared for entry-level employment, the manufacturing foundation gained through this program will prepare them to move up with the company.

Anyone interested in attending this course will need to visit the Forrest County Center’s Career and Technical Education Office (CTE) for more information. The center is located at 95 County Road 300 in Hattiesburg. For more information, contact Terri Clark, GED Counselor at (601)554-5551 for more testing information.

Don't wait any longer. Make 2015 the year you make your dreams a reality when you pass the GED® test!

The Pearl River Community College’s Phi Theta Kappa chapter recently opened a new book, Create Threok and the Lunar Rescue Companion to several local 6-10-year-olds. Abbie, Phi Theta Kappa student’s Michael Byron of Petal (standing left) and Keegan Hall of Hattiesburg left is to visit Pearl River Community College earlier this month. Byron is a 12th-grader and a member of the Lowery Woodall Center in Hattiesburg.

Faculty Association officers

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Facility Association officers

Karen Bond, department chair of science, mathematics and business in Poplarville, was the keynote for a Lunch and Learn for faculty at the Forrest County Center on Jan. 30. Her presentation was “What is Dropbox?”

PRCC Dental Hygiene clinic now open for new patients

The Pearl River Community College Dental Hygiene program at the Forrest County Center is now accepting patients for the 2015 Spring Semester. Services include oral and periodontal exam, radiographs, fluoride treatments, sealants, oral prophylaxis, and hygiene instruction. All treatments are performed by students supervised by dental hygiene instructors. Students of the program perform work-study proficiency by dental hygiene instructors. Appointments are free for PRCC students, faculty, and staff. The fee for the general public is $25 for adults and $20 for children (12 and under).

The clinic is located in the Allied Health Building at the Forrest County Center - 5448 Highway 44 South in Hattiesburg.

For an appointment, call (601) 514-5509 or contact Dr. Shane Allain, program director for additional information.

Dental Hygiene students are also selling the dentists’ boxes of cookies as a fund raiser this spring. They are $40 a box. For information, call (601) 514-5508.

Dental Hygiene staff include: Dr. Shane Allain, dental program director and instructor; Donna Ana Lusa, Chair McCy, dental hygiene instructor; Rhonda Bosarge, instructor; and Kelly Gaudet, instructor.
By TONIA MOODY

I flew to Mississippi from the greater San Antonio area. Needless to say, the trip was not without its challenges. I had been working as a Biomedical Laboratory Officer, and I needed to make sure that I was prepared for my new role. I then went on to serve 20 years in the Air Force at the same time I received my degree.

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The contestants gather around Miss PRCC Wildcat 2015 Kaitlin Cooper as Chynna Kaitlin Cooper crowned Miss PRCC Wildcat above. Lauren Baker, mistress of ceremonies, watches as the Miss PRCC Wildcat contestants compete in the physical fitness routine. Below left, contestants in the pageant check their hair and makeup before going on stage. Bottom right, Cassidy Falla applies eyeliner for her daughter, Bellah Falla, before the pageant. PRCC Public Relations photos
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SPIRIT OF THE RIVER

Members of The Spirit of the River basketball band, from left, Victoria Voss of Carriere, Garrett Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis and Devin Booth of Lucedale, perform in White Coliseum during a time out in a recent home basketball game. Photo by Mitch Deaver.

JAZZ KNIGHTS PERFORM

The Jazz Knights from William Carey University presented a guest recital Jan. 29 at Malone Chapel. They are Sha’Darrial Hughey on alto sax, Ted Lune, guitar; Jarrett Roberts, bass, and Parker Bryd, drums.

MARK TWAIN AT LARGE

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PRCC TO HOST BAND CLINIC

Approximately 250 middle and high school musicians are expected to attend the annual PRCC Band Clinic later this month. The students are from some 25 high school and middle schools and will audition for placement in one of three bands for the weekend.

THE PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERT BAND HAS BEEN PRACTICING DAILY FOR THE CONCERT AT THE PRCC BAND CLINIC LATER THIS MONTH. ABOVE, SAX PLAYER CURTIS PETERS OF COLUMBIA AWARDS HIS CUE TO BEGIN. BELOW, Tuba players, from left, Hunter Haydon of Purvis, Chayse Dorne of Picayune, David Morgan of Hancock and Michael Thrash of Poplarville await their key to begin. A large group of middle and high school musicians are expected to attend the annual Pearl River Community College Band Clinic.

PHOTOS BY PRCC Yeardisk photographer Brandon Hogue of Bay St. Louis.

PRCC SIX-COUNTY DISTRICT

square miles by county
Jeff Davis County          408.44
Hancock County            473.75
Pearl River County        810.86
Forrest County            606.31
Lamar County              497.06
Marion County             542.38
Total                     3198.80

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President’s list announced for 2014 fall semester

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has released its President’s List for Pearl River, a community college in Hattiesburg, dedicated to Excellence in Patient Care Award; Annus and Gaines were named to the President’s list for the fall 2014 semester. Not pictured is Chadwick Anderson Outstanding Academy Achievement Award; Katherina Wilberth and Malibee Williams, Pearl River Community College received a total of 48 awards for academic excellence.

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**DEAN’S LIST**

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**Nursing Honor Society**

- Friday-Thursday, Feb. 6-7 - Mississippi Hospital Complex, Brownstone Center; 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 9 - Forrest County Center, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 - Delta State University (DSU)
- Thursday, Feb. 12 - Mississippi State University (MSU)
- Tuesday, Feb. 17 - University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)
- Monday, Feb. 23 - William Carey University (WCU) & Mississippi College (MC)

**Calendar of events**

- Friday-Saturday, Feb. 6-7 - Mississippi Hospital Complex, Brownstone Center; 6:30 p.m.
- Monday-Thursday, Feb. 16-17 - Monroe, LA, Ruby Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 19 - SkillUSA High School All-Star Competition, HS; 7 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, Feb. 20-21 - Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Brownstone Center, 6 p.m.; guest speaker: Dr. Chuck Sapp, Brownstone Center, 10:50 a.m.
- Monday, Feb. 23 - 24 - Guest trumpet recital by Scott Breazeale, Kelsey A. Fairley, Christy L. Jones
- Thursday, Feb. 26 - Career-Technical Conference, career-tech department, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28 - PRCC Band Clinic, Brownstone Center
- Monday, March 2 - Forrest County Center Legislative Breakfast, Multipurpose Room, 7:30 a.m.
- Monday, March 9 - 10 - Lunch and Learn with Destiny L. Sanders, Youngsville, LA
- Thursday, March 12 - PRCC Singers Spring Concert, Brownstone Center, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 - Movie Night, Shivers Gym, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 28 - PRCC Student Senate meeting, Brownstone Center
- Thursday, April 30 - Lifetime Achievement Award Luncheon at Blue’s Southern Smokehouse and Garten, Hattiesburg, 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 14 - Graduation

**ADA Compliance workshop**

- Monday, March 2 - Forrest County Center, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 4 - Forrest County Center, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, March 5 - Forrest County Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 12 - Forrest County Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 19 - Forrest County Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 26 - Forrest County Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 2 - Forrest County Center, 6:30 p.m.
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-Haley mech Engineer
Counselors at PRCC

Above, The Voices, PRCC’s select vocal ensemble, performed Jan. 23 in Malone Library for PRCC’s Counselors Day. The day started at Velena C. Jones United Methodist Church for a service, followed by a march to MLK Park. Once at MLK Park, Barnes delivered the keynote speech (The Legacy of a Dream): Barnes inspired, challenged and encouraged the youth to believe in the Dream that Dr. King had. Barnes also challenged the young men to stand up and have that Faith. The Dream was built on having Faith. Sometimes it appears as if the bloodshed and loss of lives were in vain. In that speech, Dr. King charged the young men to stand, divided we fall. The Dream is bigger than you. The Dream is bigger than Hancock County. The Dream is bigger than you. The Dream begins with Service in our communities. Our charge today is to help continue the Dream. Wake up and join in Service. Wake up and join in Service. Our charge today is to help continue the Dream. Wake up and hold to God’s value modesty. Wake up and hold to God’s value. Wake up and hold to God’s value on the Dream. Wake up and hold to God’s value on the Dream. Sometimes it appears as if the bloodshed and loss of lives were in vain. In that speech, Dr. King charged the young men to stand, divided we fall. The Dream is bigger than you. The Dream is bigger than you. The Dream begins with Service in our communities. Our charge today is to help continue the Dream. Wake up and join in Service. Wake up and join in Service.

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Excel by 5 grant

The foundation grant to Columbia, as detailed in the list of the Pearl River Community College alumni:

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PCC alumni victims of Columbia tornado

The tornado that struck Columbia, MS, on May 23 claimed the lives of two Pearl River Community College students.

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Hoffpauir begins fifth season

Soccer honors

Members of the PRCC men’s and women’s soccer teams presented 2014 MACJC and Region 23 championship trophies to the PRCC Board of Trustees during the board’s January meeting. Twenty-nine of the Panthers accepted the awards. Above, from left, are Heather-Lee Godfrey of Lafayette, La., Farlyi’s women’s coach; Jack Bently, assistant coach; Tremiekkah Davis and sophomore Morgan Saucer of Gulfport. Below, from left, are men’s coach Paul Martin, sophomore Ray Wesson III of Gulfport, Purvis, Heathman Luke Hicks of Laurel and assistant coach Brock Zadronzny.

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Construction is expected to begin sometime this month on the new softball field house, located next to the PRCC Softball Field. The indoor hitting facility, shown below, will feature locker rooms and coaches offices. Construction on the 5,000 square-foot facility is expected to take 60 days.

Eight Pearl River Community College football signees signed with senior college programs in December and transferred at the start of the 2015 spring season.

These signing include defensive lineman Drew Bailey, defensive back Tara Dixon, defensive lineman Tysyn Dixon, defensive back Ethan Hall, offensive lineman Stacy Warren, and wide receiver Austin Watts.

Drew Bailey signed with New Mexico Military Institute and Tysyn Dixon signed with Pearl River Community College.

Drew Bailey and Tysyn Dixon both signed with head coach Tom Montgomery's Northwest Mississippi Community College, and signed with Pearl River Community College.

The Leigh White era of Pearl River Community College is headed into its 12th season of prosperity since the school opened in 2003.

Katie Davis

PRCC (26-11) finished 3-4 in the MACJC South Division.

PRCC softball standout Flaky Clark.

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Basketball season

Men off to hot start; ladies’ record 6-8

Pearl River Community College split with Southwest Mississippi in women’s and men’s MACJC South Division basketball this week. The women continued their success and made a statement about their season with the Lady Wildcats leading 17-15, while the men fell behind 87-65.

The River’s women dropped to 2-3 overall and 2-3 in division play, while the men improved to 3-2 and 3-2 in the conference. The best Lady Bear led 19-17 at the break before returning to the Lady Wildcats 33-26 to take the easy victory. Essence Pulliam of Forest Hill led PRCC with 10 points, while Tamera Williams of Hinds (with eight), Shannon Mauer of Coffee High (five rebounds), and Vanessa South of Murphy (11 rebounds), each saw four players in double digits.

Above, freshman Kyaris Body (11) of Jackson makes a move for the basketball. Below, freshman Darrlyn Willis (21) of Madison, Wis., leaps high for this shot under the basket. Right, freshman Essence Pulliam (30), a sophomore from Jackson, fires off a pass.

PRCC coach Richard Mathis (left) and Toby Bush work the sidelines during home basketball action earlier this season in White Coliseum. Mathis is in his 23rd season as the men’s coach, while Bush is in his seventh season as the women’s coach. Photos by Mitch Deaver.

Upcoming games

Feb. 20—Kendall Center— host
Feb. 22—Kendall Center— host
Feb. 24—Kendall Center— host
Feb. 26—Kendall Center— host

PRCC coaches Richard Mathis (left) and Toby Bush work the sidelines during home basketball action this season in White Coliseum. Mathis is in his 23rd season as the men’s coach. Bush is in his seventh season as the women’s coach. Photos by Mitch Deaver.

Coming Spring 2015

The long-awaited story of legendary football coach, T. D. “Dobie” Holden, has now become a book. T. D. “Dobie” Holden was a highly successful junior college coach in Pearl River County in the 1960s and 70s. He became a legend as the most successful junior college coach of his era. His life story embodied the spirit of his native land in Pearl River County, Miss.

He began a legacy as the most successful junior college coach of his era...He left a legacy of transforming ordinary boys into men who become winners on the field and in life.