Did you know:
• The planning and research that made this grant possible began in November 2007.
• Examples of other community colleges who successfully utilized a Title III Grant:
  - Central Piedmont Community College (NC)
  - LaGuardia Community College (NY)
  - Louisiana State University at Eunice
  - Tallahassee Community College (FL)

Next on the Agenda:
• Complete Student Success Center renovations by mid-April
• Hire Learning Support Specialist
• CAS Training for Faculty and Staff

Project Advisory Team (PAT):
• Dr. Becky Askew
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• Steve Howard
• Dr. Ann Moore
• Dr. Amy Townsend
• Brenda Wells

Message from Dr. Amy Townsend, Title III Director

What an honor it is to "come back home" as your new Title III Director! With the many obstacles currently facing our institutions of higher learning, Pearl River is fortunate to have been afforded this opportunity. To those who were instrumental in writing this grant, we owe a debt of gratitude!

In October 2009, PRCC was awarded a five-year Title III Grant of approximately $2 million from the U.S. Department of Education’s Strengthening Institutions Program and the Higher Education Act. The Learner Support System will encompass a newly developed student success course and proactive advising and academic support services. In subsequent years, various academic courses will be enhanced through the incorporation of Supplemental Instruction and peer mentoring.

I know the Title III staff can count on the support of the entire PRCC family as we embark on this tremendous challenge, because we have the most dedicated faculty and staff who always have our students' best interest at heart.

Renovations underway for Title III Student Success Center

POPLARVILLE – The sound of hammers and saws can be heard throughout the second floor of Crosby Hall as clouds of sheetrock dust engulf the area. It is clear that renovations for the Title III Student Success Center have begun.

"It is so exciting to begin phase one of our project," said Amy Townsend, Director of Title III. "Our goal is to have the renovations completed by mid-April. Once completed, this facility will provide services and training to PRCC students, faculty and staff to include student advising, learning and support services. We look forward to hosting an open house before the conclusion of the spring semester."

A Student Success Center will also be completed at the Forrest County Center during year two of the grant. Both campuses’ Student Success Centers will house state-of-the-art technologies to include a computer lab and Smart Technologies.