

MISSION: PRCC IS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION COMMITTED TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATIONAL AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL WHO SEEK THEM.

## STRATEGIC GOALS

- To prepare students to transfer and be successful in their studies at baccalaureate institutions and/or to be successful in careers for which they have been prepared.
- To provide quality student services.
- To provide access to college courses and programs using various instructional methods, including distance education.
- To employ qualified faculty and staff, compensate them well, and provide opportunities for professional development.
- To provide facilities, technology and support staff in order to improve student learning, enhance faculty and staff performance, augment community services, and make College services available via the Internet.
- To improve communication among campus personnel and community members regarding the College goals, objectives and activities.
- To recruit and retain students from a diverse population.
- To provide workforce training programs that meet requirements of business, industry, educational and public service agencies for basic skills, specific job skills, and technical training.

# Institutional Effectiveness

FEBRUARY 2008

## Hancock Center Requesting Substantive Change

In January 2008, Pearl River Community College began offering 50 percent or more of the courses needed to earn an Associate in Arts Degree at the Hancock Center which is located in Waveland, Mississippi, approximately 45 miles from the main campus in Poplarville, and the Associate in Applied Science Degree or Career Certificate in Aviation Maintenance Technology at the Stennis International Airport which is located in Kiln, Mississippi.

These are ongoing programs in a traditional classroom setting, currently enrolling freshman and sophomore level

students. As the population returns to Hancock County after Hurricane Katrina, it is



**Ribbon cutting  
Hancock Center**

expected that the student population at the Hancock Center will increase steadily each year in the foreseeable future.

The specific learning objectives and outcomes for the Associate in Arts Degree at the Hancock Center are the same as those for the Associate in Arts Degree at the main campus in Poplarville.

This substantive change does not include any new Associate in Arts course development but will offer courses that have been taught on the main campus for many years. The student learning outcomes and syllabi for the Associate in Arts Degree program were part of the successful Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) reaffirmation of accreditation visit in 2005.

## Professional Development—Opportunities for Faculty

Dr. Steve Yuen, Technology Professor at USM, will be conducting sessions entitled *Copyright Issues for E-learning*. Legal issues concerning the use of PowerPoint, CD-ROM, and video, in addition to the posting of student projects online, will be discussed.

The sessions are scheduled as follows:

**Poplarville Campus—**  
Tuesday, March 18, 2008  
Information Technology  
Training Room  
8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.  
*Register by March 7, 2008!*

**Forrest County Center—**  
Wednesday, April 2, 2008  
Room 111, Bldg. 1  
1:15 p.m.—2:15 p.m.  
*Register by March 26, 2008!*

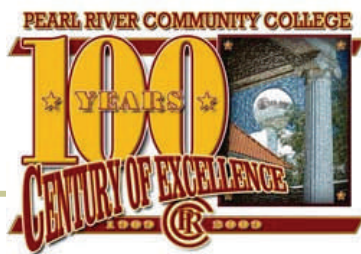
**To register for either session, please call Brenda Wells at Ext. 1379 or email [bwells@prcc.edu](mailto:bwells@prcc.edu).**



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**The Pearl River Community College  
Office of Institutional Research is  
committed to working cooperatively  
with all others to enhance and  
support the Mission of the College  
through informed decision making.**



## Grade Distributions

With data provided by Information Technology, the Office of Institutional Research has constructed charts and graphs which provide information regarding grade distributions from Fall 2007.

The graph to the right illustrates a sample grade distribution graph. Numbers and percentages regarding grade distributions will be provided with graphs.

If you would like to view information regarding classes that you taught during the 2007 Fall Semester, please call or email the Office of Institutional Research.

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or  
[bwells@prcc.edu](mailto:bwells@prcc.edu).

Please provide the following information:

- Instructor's name
- Subject and class taught (e.g. MAT 1313)
- Date information is desired

