

Office of Planning and Institutional Research Newsletter

October, 2018

Pearl River Community College is a public institution committed to providing quality educational opportunities for all who seek them.

Strategic Goals

1. To prepare students to complete a degree or certificate program and to be successful in careers for which they have been prepared.
2. To provide quality student services.
3. To provide access to college courses and programs using various instructional methods, including distance education and dual-enrollment/credit courses.
4. To employ qualified faculty and staff, compensate them well, and provide opportunities for their professional development.
5. 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.
6. To improve communication among campus personnel and community members regarding the College goals, objectives, and activities.
7. To recruit and retain students from a diverse population.
8. 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.



*Let's
Eat!*

Faculty/Staff Professional Development

Referencing the beloved fable, *The Lion and the Gazelle*, Dr. Breerwood delivered a stirring, motivational address encouraging the faculty and staff of Pearl River Community College to begin each day “Running”. With a first-place ranking among community colleges in the state of Mississippi, Dr. Breerwood wants Pearl River Community College to change the lives of students while excelling in all areas. He believes that PRCC can be not only, the best in the state, but can be a national leader. Examples were offered of students who have gone on from PRCC to successful careers elsewhere. Dr. Breerwood commended the faculty and staff on the increased enrollment achieved in the previous academic year. All of these things work together to show “The River is Rising”. Just as the lion does not awake in fear of being eaten, we as Pearl River Community College faculty and staff should begin each day with the mentality, “Let’s Eat!”

PRCC 2018 New Employees



Pictured above, seated from left: Aleea Burge, Lisa Ann Cothorn, Claire Cottrell, Candace Johnson, Andrew Gilstrap, Back row: Michelle Haynes, Ron Hague, Rebecca Brown, Jason Moore, Mark Smith, Matthew Gordon, Matthew Miller, Lindsey Lewis, Zachary Howell, and Patrick Ochs

New Employee Orientation was hosted by The Office of Planning and Institutional Research on July 31, 2018. Dr. Adam Breerwood welcomed the new employees to the Wildcat Family. Dr. Jennifer Seal, Dr. Jana Causey, Dr. Martha Smith, Dr. Scott Alsobrooks, Dr. Ed Pinero, Mr. Roger Knight, and Dr. Amy Townsend all offered overviews from their respective departments, and Dr. Tim Dedeaux and Ms. Michele Mitchell offered technology trainings.

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Passport to Success

PRCC QEP Year 2 Outcomes

ROAR expanded in 2018, with 23 regular sessions and 1,525 total students, including open registration sessions. This year, the Office of Student Success introduced ROAR sessions for summer-entry students and evening ROAR sessions for fall-entry students. They also expanded the number of special sessions offered. 96% of ROAR attendees were Satisfied or Very Satisfied with their ROAR experience.



In other QEP news, DegreeWorks advising software was successfully implemented, with training available for faculty and staff advisors. Professional development was offered through the QEP Passport Pathway initiative to include targeted training for FYS instructors and for faculty and staff across the college. This included a focus on integrating new technologies into instruction, understanding today's student, active learning strategies, and best advisement practices.

First-Year Seminar enrollment for the 2017-2018 year increased 20% over the 2016-2017 year while maintaining a high degree of student success. ROAR and FYS students,

even those with significant academic barriers, were found to have increased academic success over non-attendees. This included a higher percentage of hours completed, higher term GPAs, and higher retention rates as compared to a like cohort.

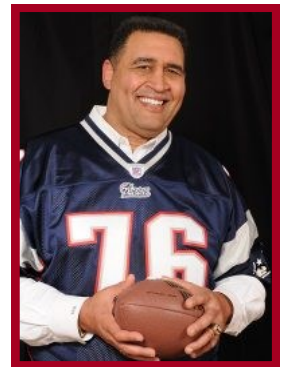


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With a generous grant from Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation, and in coordination with the Office of Recruitment, the Office of Planning and Institutional Research hosted former NFL All-Pro, Brian Holloway. Mr. Holloway presented motivational assemblies at Middle School of Poplarville and Hancock High School. He shared an afternoon question & answer session with the students of The Dr. William Lewis Honor's Institute and concluded by presenting "The Secret of Champions" to a captivated audience in the Brownstone Center.



PRCC Swag!

Sound Check



"Somebody here needed to hear this today.....I didn't give up."

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Support Staff Professional Development was held on the Poplarville Campus on September 19, 2018 and at Forrest County Center on September 21, 2018.

Participants were reminded of the



importance of first impressions and quality customer service. Updates were provided from various departments and an opportunity was offered for open dialogue at the conclusion of the sessions.



Lunch and Learn, held on September 18, 2018, featured members of the Cyber Security Team of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Jackson Field Office, who provided information on safeguarding personal and business internet interactions. The Cyber Security Team also presented preventative security measures to the Dr. William Lewis Honor's Institute.

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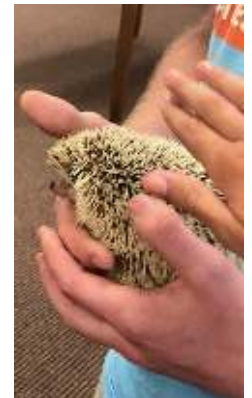


The generous support of the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation (LPRVF) for Pearl River Community College's (PRCC) Wildcat Way to Adventure/Kids College provided for 232 children, with age ranges from preschool through middle school, to participate in academic summer camps. Sixteen camps were offered with topics including music, STEM, biology, forensics, robotics, cooking, first aid, and etiquette. Instructors were a combination of PRCC employees, community volunteers, and outside constituents who provided expertise in particular fields.



Parents were surveyed at the conclusion of camps. Results are outlined as follows:

Ninety-eight percent of parents reported that their children found the material interesting. Likewise, when asked whether their children learned new information, 98% of parents agreed. Parents reported that all instructors were well prepared. The registration process was placed online, which 100% percent of parents found beneficial. A drop-off/pick-up procedure was implemented to assure child security which received 100% parental approval. All parents reported that their children felt welcome at PRCC.



The Wildcat Way to Adventure/Kids College met its objective to prevent summer learning loss through providing hands-on, engaging learning opportunities. Critical thinking skills were built while self-confidence, independence, and leadership were fostered.

The provision of this summer educational experience is an avenue to improve communication and collaboration among community members, schools districts, and Pearl River Community College. Healthy, safe, and fun educational experiences for children through Wildcat Way to Adventure has benefited families and by extension our community.

**The Office of
Community
Development
welcomes
suggestions
and
participation
from additional
PRCC faculty
and staff for
KIDS COLLEGE
2019!**

PEARL RIVER

WILDCATS

KIDS

COLLEGE

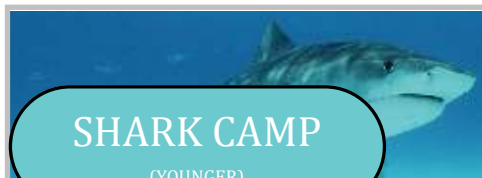


PRCC Kids College Poplarville Campus



FORENSICS CAMP

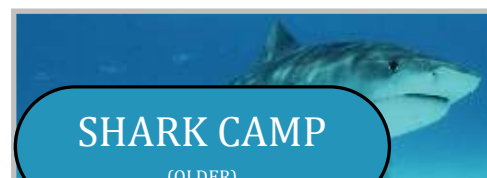
May 30-31, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$40.00
Completed Grades 4th - 6th
prcc.edu/kidscollege



SHARK CAMP

(YOUNGER)

June 1, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$20.00
Completed Grades 3rd—5th
prcc.edu/kidscollege




SHARK CAMP

(OLDER)

June 1, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$40.00
Completed Grades 6th—8th
prcc.edu/kidscollege

June 1, 2018
8:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$10.00
Completed Grades K - 2nd
prcc.edu/kidscollege



GO WILD

PEARL RIVER WILDCATS

KIDS COLLEGE

June 4-5, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$35.00
Completed Grades 3rd—5th
prcc.edu/kidscollege



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

FIRST AID TRAINING



June 6, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$30.00
Completed Grades 6th—8th
prcc.edu/kidscollege




ROBOTICS I

June 11-14, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$75.00
Completed Grades 2nd - 4th
prcc.edu/kidscollege




EXPERIENCES IN ETIQUETTE

(YOUNGER & OLDER)


June 14, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$40.00
Completed Grades 1st - 3rd & 4th - 6th
prcc.edu/kidscollege

June 14, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$40.00
Completed Grades 3rd - 5th
prcc.edu/kidscollege



DECORUM FOR DUDES

June 22, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$10.00
Completed Grades 1st - 3rd
prcc.edu/kidscollege



PRCC ANIMAL QUEST

July 9 - 12, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$50.00
Completed Grades K - 1st
prcc.edu/kidscollege




DOT & DASH




UKULELE CAMP

July 9 - 12, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$30.00
Completed Grades 3rd - 5th
prcc.edu/kidscollege



ENGINEERING ENDEAVORS

July 16 - 18, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$75.00
Completed Grades 4th - 6th
prcc.edu/kidscollege



STEM STORIES

July 16 - 18, 2018
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$75.00
Completed Grades K - 3rd
prcc.edu/kidscollege

ACT[®] Prep Class



PEARL RIVER
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Register Online by October 12, 2018

www.prcc.edu/act-prep

Prep Class Date

Friday, October 19, 2018 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ACT TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

Tips and Techniques to Improve Your Score

ENGLISH

Important punctuation marks
Right Answer vs. Best Answer

MATH

Translating word problems into workable solutions
Overall mathematics review

READING

Differences in question types
Increase reading comprehension

SCIENCE

Recognizing differences in science problems
Scientific Method

FAQs

WHEN:	Friday, October 19, 2018 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
WHERE:	PRCC Hancock Center 454 Highway 90, Suite D Waveland, MS 39576
WHO SHOULD ATTEND:	Any individual ages junior high through high school.
COST	\$60.00 (Includes Study Guide) REGISTER ONLINE Camp fees are non-refundable. Pizza lunch provided.

Dr. Jennifer Seal, an ACT Prep Class instructor, is an educator and certified ACT Prep Specialist who is passionate about student success. She provides guided instruction for more successful completion of the ACT.

Registration Deadline: October 12, 2018

Limited Seating: 30 Maximum/10 Minimum

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The Office of Planning and Institutional Research is pleased to offer an ACT Prep Class at each campus location within the academic year. This test preparation, taught by Dr. Jennifer Seal, provides guided instruction for more successful, confident completion of the ACT. The implementation of online registration has simplified the process for test takers to participate in needed preparatory training. The next available ACT Prep Class will be held on **Friday, October 19, 2018** at The Hancock Center.

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The links below represent PRCC policies which have been updated or revised this year:

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/calendar>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/media-releases>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/sexual-misconduct>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/social-media>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/strategic-planning>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/use-human-subjects-research-projects>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/developmental-courses>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/textbooks>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/grade-appeal>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/academic-guidelines-college-housing>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/athletic-drug-testing>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/campus-curfew>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/crisis-intervention>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/grievance>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/guidance-services>

To view a link:

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- **Select “Open Hyperlink”**

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/honor-rolls>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/social-activities>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/student-activities-funds>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/student-conduct>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/students-due-process>

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/students-payments-and-refunds>