

Office of Planning and Institutional Research Newsletter

Spring, 2019

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

PRCCampus Climate RESULTS



The Campus Climate Survey is administered to Pearl River Community College (PRCC) students annually. This year, the Ruffalo Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory was selected and implemented as the survey instrument. Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a national survey, scrutinizes approximately 1,900 campuses each year. PRCC accomplished a 49% participation rate for the 2019 survey, compared to a 27% participation rate for the 2017-2018 survey. Nationally, the average participation rate is 20%. Results from the Campus Climate Survey relay student experience, which is linked to learning outcomes and student retention.

The Campus Climate Focus Group, comprised of members of administration, faculty, and staff, reviews the survey results. Any survey area receiving a satisfaction rating of less than 70% will receive recommendations for improvement from the Focus Group.



Of 74 items with national comparisons available, PRCC ranked above the national average for student satisfaction in 60 categories.



Of 71 items with regional comparisons available, PRCC ranked above the regional (southern community colleges) average in 52 categories.



Ms. Karen Bond has become the Director of Dual Enrollment in addition to her responsibilities as Department Chair of the Science, Math, and Business Department.

Institutional Effectiveness responsibilities have been shifted to Melanie Davis.

Deadlines for End of Year Assessment Charts

Instructors

**Department
Chairs**

**Planning &
Effectiveness**

- Instructors complete 2018-2019 Fall/Spring Assessment Charts. Create new Student Learning Objectives for 2019-2020. Post in Dropbox by **May 9, 2019**.
- Department Chairs review Assessment Charts and SLOs. Approve or return for revision. Post in Dropbox for Vice President review by **May 17, 2019**.
- Planning & Effectiveness Committee review charts and request needed revisions. Approve by **May 29, 2019**, and send to Administrative Council.

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QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

April 2019



ROAR – New Student Orientation

In preparation of our 2019 ROAR summer season, we have worked diligently to move our registration processes into RiverGuide, PRCC's student portal. This move allows incoming students to access information about ROAR prior to their orientation session and creates a seamless system for registration on the days of orientation. Additionally, an automated communications workflow was created to ensure incoming freshmen received ROAR information and reminders in a timely fashion.

We will continue building on the customized ROAR sessions created last year to build their enrollment: Allied Health and Nursing/Practical Nursing. In these sessions, we work closely with the directors to meet the needs of their particular students relative to success strategies, financial aid information, handling challenges, campus resources, and self-registration. The office of eLearning piloted an online ROAR session for fully online students with great success.

We have set a goal for summer 2020 that attending ROAR will be required for all new freshmen. This move will complement the goal of requiring all incoming academic freshmen to complete LLS 1313 – Orientation FYS course. Logistics of this will be worked out over the next year. This move is in keeping with the implementation of the QEP.



First-Year Seminar (FYS)

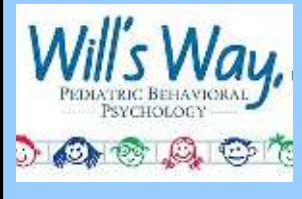
Over the fall and spring semesters, a total of 29 sections were taught in a variety of formats to include face-to-face, online, and hybrid with some being taught in an eight week format. Active learning was fully implemented in class activities, and efforts were made to streamline grading of assignments and tracking of student learning outcomes. Preliminary results show that students completing the FYS course had better retention rates, term GPAs, and percentage of hours earned when compared to a like group.

In keeping with the QEP implementation timeline and based on faculty and administrative input, we will be working to develop a required orientation course for all incoming academic freshmen that is more streamlined in the way it is taught and tracked for success. We will also create a new course for our Pre-Core students, those whose ACT scores indicate academic barriers, entitled College Life. This course will go into more depth on focused topics and help build relationships with these students through strategic advising efforts.

Professional Development

Passport Pathways – Professional Development

At the beginning of the spring semester, Dr. Danelle Roberts, Program Director and co-founder of Will's Way, LLS, was invited to conduct professional development for our faculty and professional staff. Dr. Roberts is a licensed psychologist and licensed behavior analyst in the state of Mississippi. Based on faculty input, Dr. Roberts was asked to present on understanding the Autism Disorder Spectrum and strategies for helping college students within the spectrum to be successful in the college environment.



Jim Brinson, Director of Operations for the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, taught Faculty and professional staff appropriate protocol for active shooter situations.

Mr. Brinson is also a member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and has worked in Counter Terrorism Operations for over 26 years.

Mr. Brinson speaks on targeted violence, terrorism and active –shooter response and survival all over the United States. He offered practical, life-saving Information to participants of the January 3, 2019 Professional Development Session.

Mississippi Office
of Homeland
Security





Dr. Shannon Campbell, Director of the Trent Lott National Center for Economic Development and Entrepreneurship, shared trends in economic development across the State of Mississippi. She expounded on the growth currently experienced by urban areas as well as the growth reaped by cities and towns located in close proximity to metropolitan areas. While she complimented Pearl River County for obtaining funds through the Restore Act, she encouraged communities to continually seek funding opportunities for growth and development. Lastly, Dr. Campbell encouraged Chambers of Commerce to take advantage of technological advances to appropriately market resources.



February 19, 2019

State of the College Address

Presented by :

Dr. Adam Breerwood,
President, Pearl River Community College

April 2, 2019

Trends Shaping Mississippi from an Economic Standpoint

Presented by : Dr. Shannon Campbell,
Director of the Trent Lott National
Center for Economic Development and
Entrepreneurship

Dr. Adam Breerwood, President, Pearl River Community College, presented a State of the College Address the Poplarville Chamber of Commerce members along with other interested community members, highlighting accomplishments and upcoming plans. Top priorities for Dr. Breerwood have focused on increased student enrollment, increased scholarship opportunities, and increased standards for athletes. His successful approach has provided students with educational, social, and spiritual lessons.

Budget cuts from the State level have been costly, resulting in the reduction of staff by 19 positions. Even so, Dr. Breerwood instigated wage increases for those employees working at the minimum-wage level, bringing their pay to \$10 per hour. He continued striving, securing a four-percent raise for faculty and professional staff.

In his presentation, Dr. Breerwood highlighted plans for new dormitories and an expansion to the Science Building on the Poplarville Campus. Dr. Breerwood expounded on the ongoing upgrades taking place at the Forrest County Center to improve classrooms, parking lots, and police facilities. Funds have been secured for relocating the Hancock Center to an entirely new campus to be located between Hancock High School and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission.

Dr. Breerwood completed his address by reminding listeners that \$10.5 million of the \$39 million annual budget is destined for the Poplarville campus faculty and staff, providing a tremendous boost to our local economy.



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Grand Prize Winners



**LaDonna
Gatlin**



**Mr. Clyde Dease, President
Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation**



**April Collumn, (Coach Purse Winner) with
Dr. Jennifer Seal, & Dr. Becky Askew**

Thirteenth Annual Women's Health Symposium

The 13th Annual Women's Health Symposium provided health screenings, wellness information, door prizes, lunch and entertainment to 500 ladies on January 26, 2019. A panel of health care professionals spoke on topics ranging from hospice care to fibromyalgia. The panelists also fielded questions from our reigning Miss PRCC, Jessie Besanson.

A new scholarship was created as a result of the symposium. It is named in honor of Dr. Becky Askew whose vision helped create and shape the annual health symposium. Attendee donations made possible the scholarship for an incoming Pearl River Community College female student entering a healthcare major.

Special entertainers were LaDonna Gatlin and Janie Walters. They found light-hearted approaches to mental health and overall well-being.

Sponsors including the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation, Hancock Bank, Highland Community Hospital, and Pearl River County Hospital and Nursing Home, Valley Services, Inc., and Walmart Supercenter of Picayune all help to make this event possible.

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Admissions

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

Academic Restart

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

Honor Rolls

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

Wellness Center

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

Monday, August 12, 2019

Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

First Session 9:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead...



Professional Development

Venue, Session 1: Brownstone Center

Venue, Session 2: White Coliseum

Dress Comfortably!