

# Office of Planning and Institutional Research Newsletter

September 2016

## FALL 2016 SEMESTER OFF TO A GREAT START!

### Mission

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

### Goals

- To prepare students to complete a degree or certificate program and to be competent 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 and dual enrollment/credit courses.
- To employ qualified faculty and staff, compensate them well, and provide opportunities for their professional development.
- To provide facilities, technology, and support staff in order to improve student learning, enhance faculty and staff performance, and augment community services.
- To provide adequate communication among campus personnel and community members regarding the College goals, outcomes, 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 skills training.

Dr. Andrea Mayfield, Executive Director of Mississippi Community College Board (pictured below) started the day



by addressing approximately 100 Pearl River Community College (PRCC) employees who have completed, or who are currently participating, in the PRCC Leadership Program. The

focus of her speech was "Leadership: Community College Trends and the Future".

Dr. Mayfield also presented "Strengthening Mississippi: Vision and the Community College System" to all faculty and professional staff in the general assembly session.

Dr. Casey Turnage, Director for Academic and Student Affairs, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, and Ms. Audra Kimble, Associate Executive Director for Academic and Student Affairs, Mississippi Community College Board, provid-

ed greater insight into the "Complete College America" initiative.

Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves (below) commended teachers, administrators, parents, and students for the good things happening in education. He said, "Community colleges, along with the K-12 and higher education systems, hold the keys to the state's future."



## DR. ROBERT SHERFIELD ADDRESSES FACULTY

Dr. Robert Sherfield, Professor, Department of English at the College of Southern Nevada and an award winning educator. He has spent 22 years working with first year success programs, student motivation and retention and shared his



wealth of expertise with faculty members and administrators. His presentations on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning provided practical and sound advice for faculty that is applicable to PRCC's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

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# QEP UPDATE



- ◆ Wrapped up Year 0 with **positive results** from all QEP activities
- ◆ Official word on SACSCOC approval with **No revisions**
- ◆ Invited to present “How to Market Your QEP” at **SACSCOC Summer Institute**
- ◆ Great workshop this summer with Dr. Amy Baldwin on active learning and student success strategies - **over 60 participants** including academic and CTE faculty and some from the student services gang

Summer 2016

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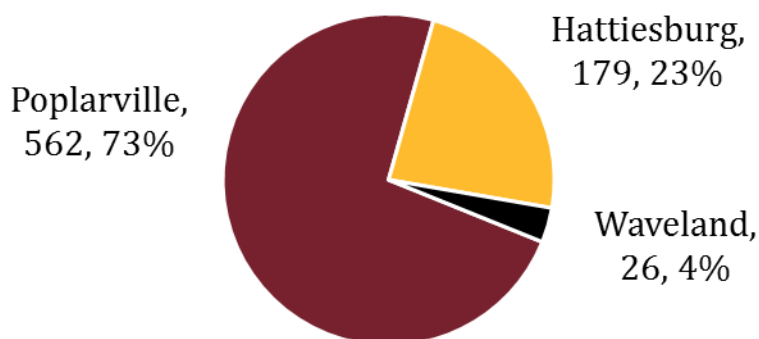
ROAR Sessions

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Students

## ROAR Survey Results

73% of 767 ROAR Responses from Poplarville Sessions



94%

of ROAR participants were “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied” with ROAR (overall satisfaction)

ASPECTS OF ROAR SURVEYED SCORED FROM 90% TO 96% IN PARTICIPANT SATISFACTION (“SATISFIED” OR “VERY SATISFIED.”)

**90% SATISFIED:** TIME TO PLAN A COURSE SCHEDULE.

**96% SATISFIED:** CUSTOMER SERVICE AT ROAR.

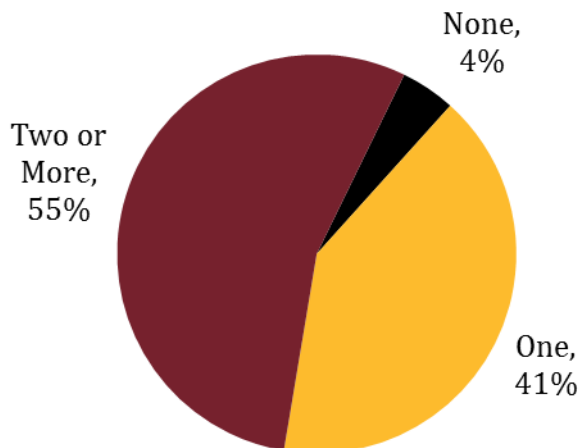
## ROAR Attendees Identify Obstacles to College Success and Resources that Can Help them Overcome those Obstacles

# 3.68

Average Grit score of ROAR participants puts them at the **50<sup>th</sup> Percentile** ("grittier" than 50% of Americans)

The Grit Scale measures distractibility and persistence toward long-term goals.

55% of ROAR Attendees Identify 2 or More Obstacles to Success



### During the First Two Weeks of the Fall Semester:

**62%** of ROAR Attendees Plan to Use **2** or More Campus Resources

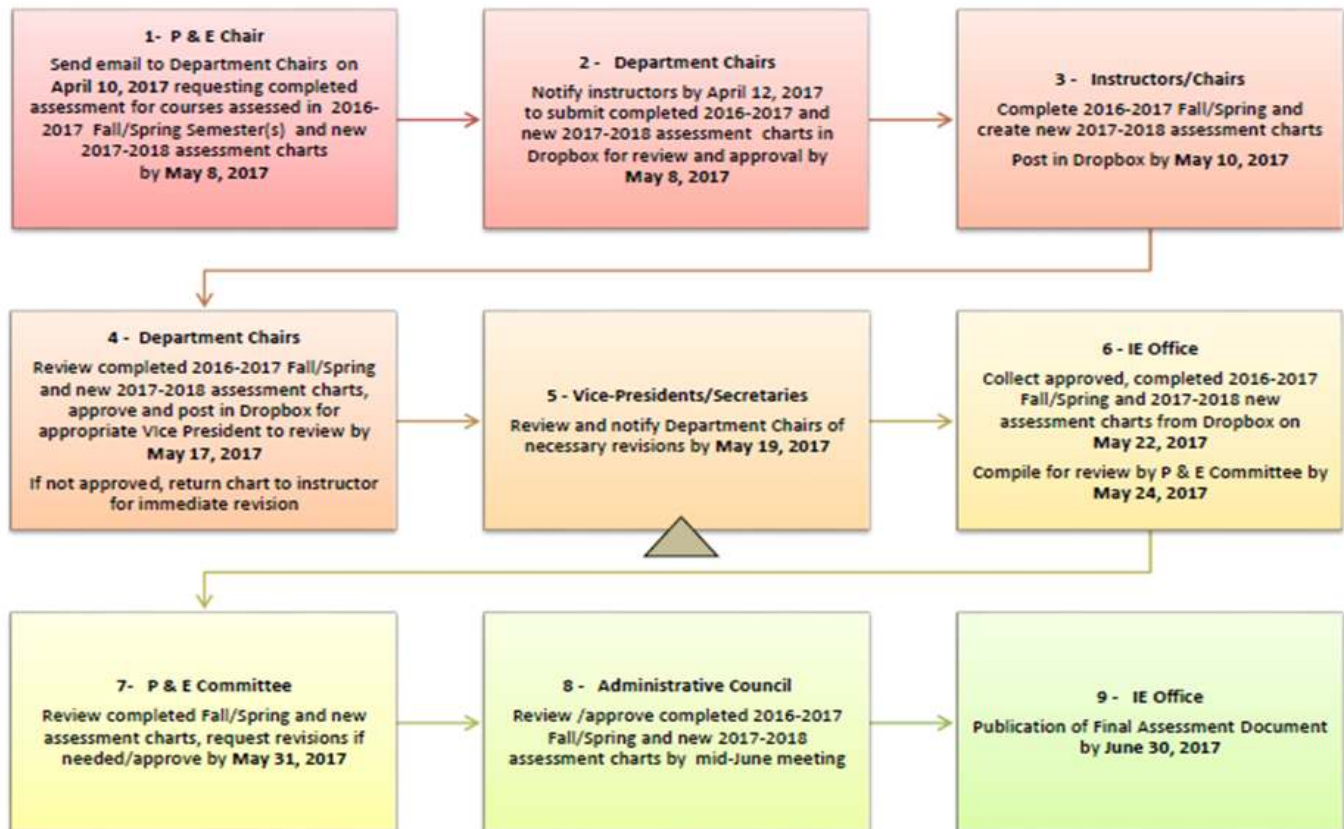
**37%** of ROAR Attendees Plan to Attend **2** or More Engagement Activities

## Coming Up for the QEP in Year 1

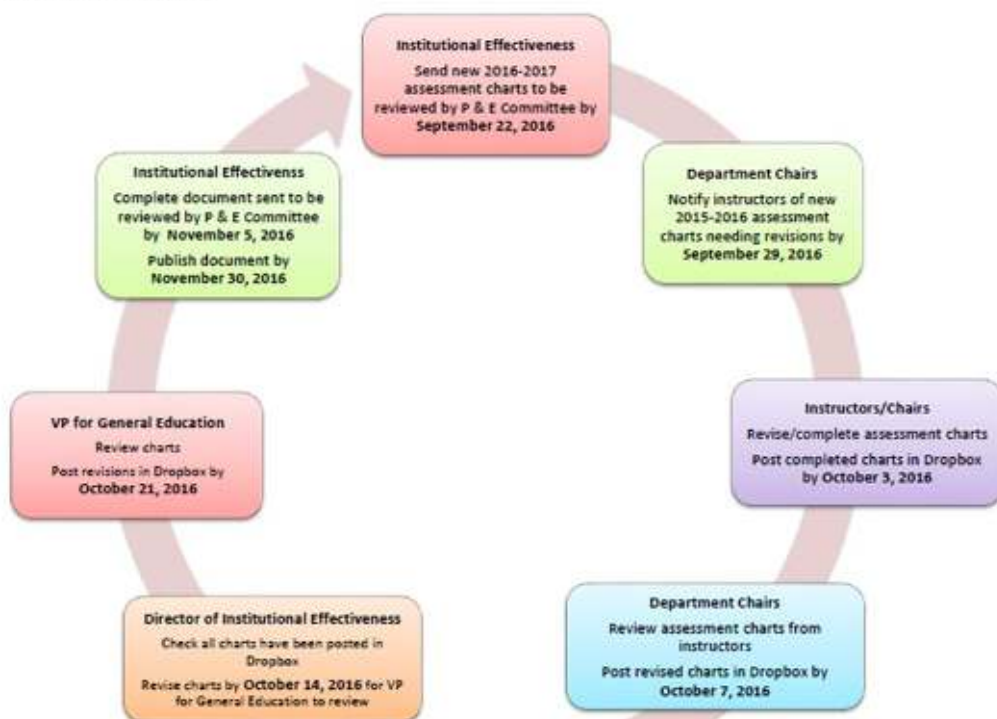
- Passport Pathways – Professional Development - dynamic speaker - Dr. Ron Sherfield – August 8, 2016
- Official start of Passport to Student Success - FYS Orientation Course – 16 sections filled to the brim!
- Welcome Week
- New Student Convocation - starting a new tradition! Join in the fun!
- ROAR Year Round – offered in various formats



**Completion of Instructional Assessment Documentation for Fall/Spring 2016-2017**  
(Completed charts for courses assessed both Fall & Spring or Spring only)

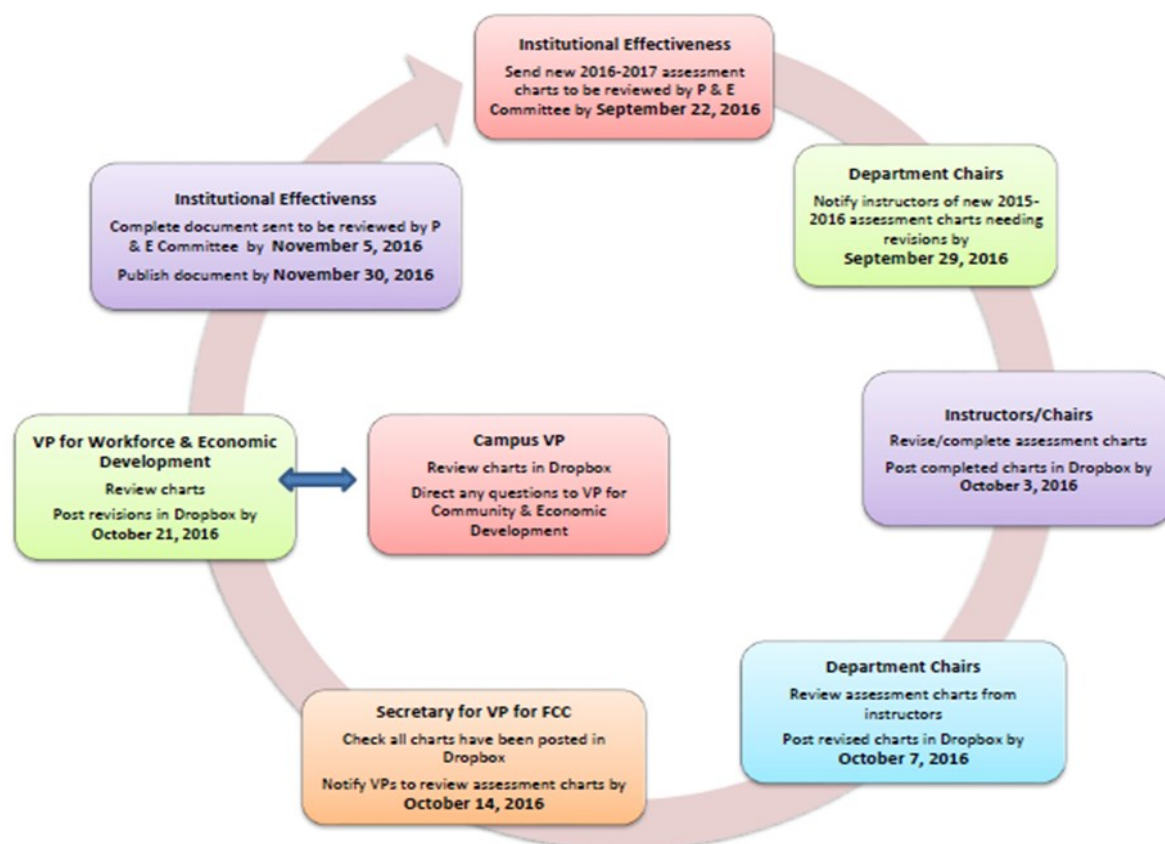


POPLARVILLE CAMPUS  
General Education 2016-2017

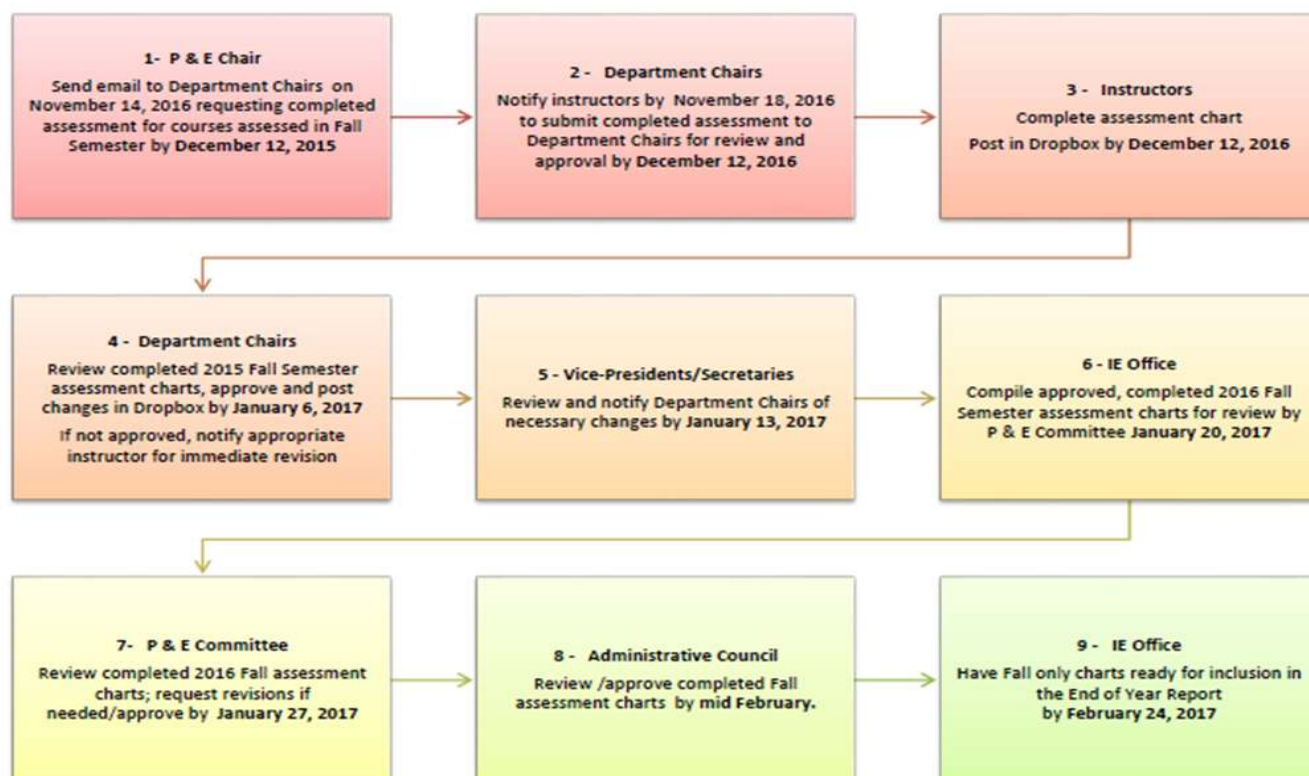




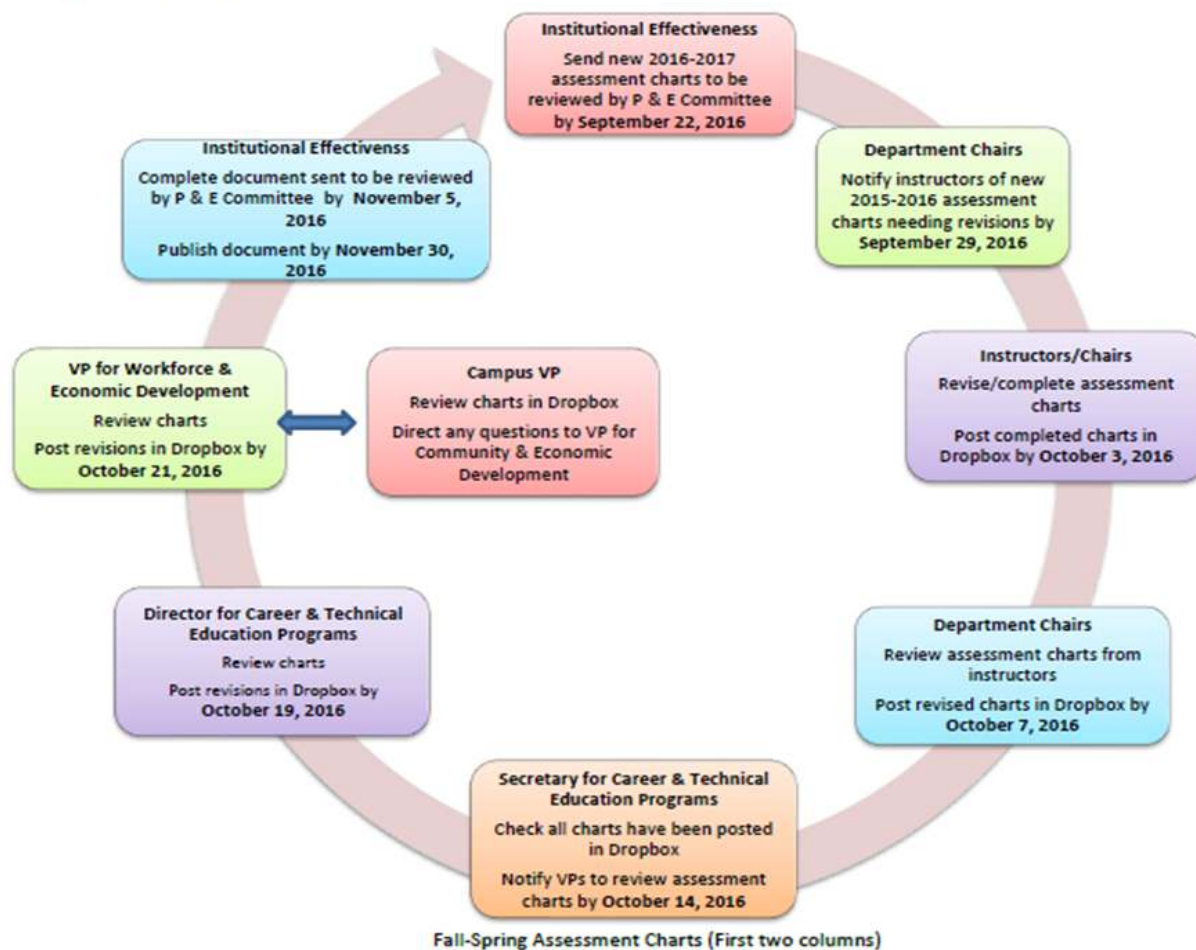
FORREST COUNTY CENTER  
2016-2017



Completion of Instructional Assessment Documentation for Fall 2016-2017  
(Completed charts for courses taught in the Fall Only)



POPLARVILLE CAMPUS  
Career Technical 2016-2017



## INTERESTED IN WRITING GRANTS?

The Office of Planning and Institutional Research coordinates and assists as needed with the preparation of grants. Pearl River Community College (PRCC) employees who wish to apply for a grant may access the Grant Proposal form on our website at <http://www.prcc.edu/files/forms/grant-proposal-approval.pdf>.

PRCC employees who need information regarding grant proposals may contact Dr. Jennifer Seal. A listing of grant awards for PRCC can be found on the website at <http://www.prcc.edu/institutional-research/grants>.

Resources for grants:

- **Grants.gov**—<http://www.grants.gov/>
- **National Endowment for the Arts**—<https://www.arts.gov/>
- **National Endowment for the Humanities**—<http://www.neh.gov/>
- **National Science Foundation, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Science (SBE)** - <http://www.nsf.gov/dir/index.jsp?org=SBE>
- **Mississippi Arts Commission**—<http://www.arts.state.ms.us/>

## Employee Satisfaction Survey (2015-2016)

Pearl River Community College (PRCC) administers an annual Employee Satisfaction Survey in order to ascertain employee's levels of satisfaction with the services provided by the various offices at PRCC. An online survey link is emailed to all employees with a request that they complete the survey. Respondents can rate offices by using "very satisfactory", "unsatisfactory," "very unsatisfactory", or "not applicable". Employees have the option of selecting "not applicable" if they did not have occasion to use the services of a particular office, and those responses were removed from the calculations.

Satisfaction levels concerning different campus communications are outlined below.

Description	FCC	HC	Pop	PRCC
Emergency notifications (weather, etc.)	98.27	100	97.65	97.57
College Rankings/Professional Accomplishments	98.18	87.5	99.15	98.95
General Campus Activities	96.42	71.42	96.77	96.46

The majority of employees indicated that they enjoy working at PRCC and would choose to work at PRCC again. Percentages below reflect responses of yes.

Q – I enjoy working at PRCC.

FCC	HC	Pop	PRCC
94.92	100	98.44	97.58

Q – If I were looking for a job again, I would choose to work at PRCC.

FCC	HC	Pop	PRCC
94.83	100	97.62	97.07

The Employee Satisfaction Report can be reviewed in its entirety at [http://www.prcc.edu/files/pdfs/research/EmpSatisSurvey\\_2015-16%20Summary-Final.pdf](http://www.prcc.edu/files/pdfs/research/EmpSatisSurvey_2015-16%20Summary-Final.pdf)

## GRADUATE EXIT SURVEY 2015-2016

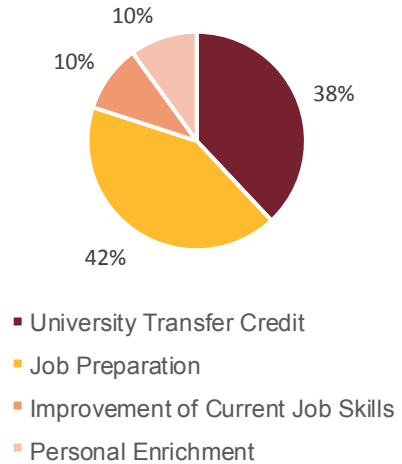
### Top Three Reasons Students Selected PRCC

1. Convenient location
2. Good reputation
3. Selection of course offerings

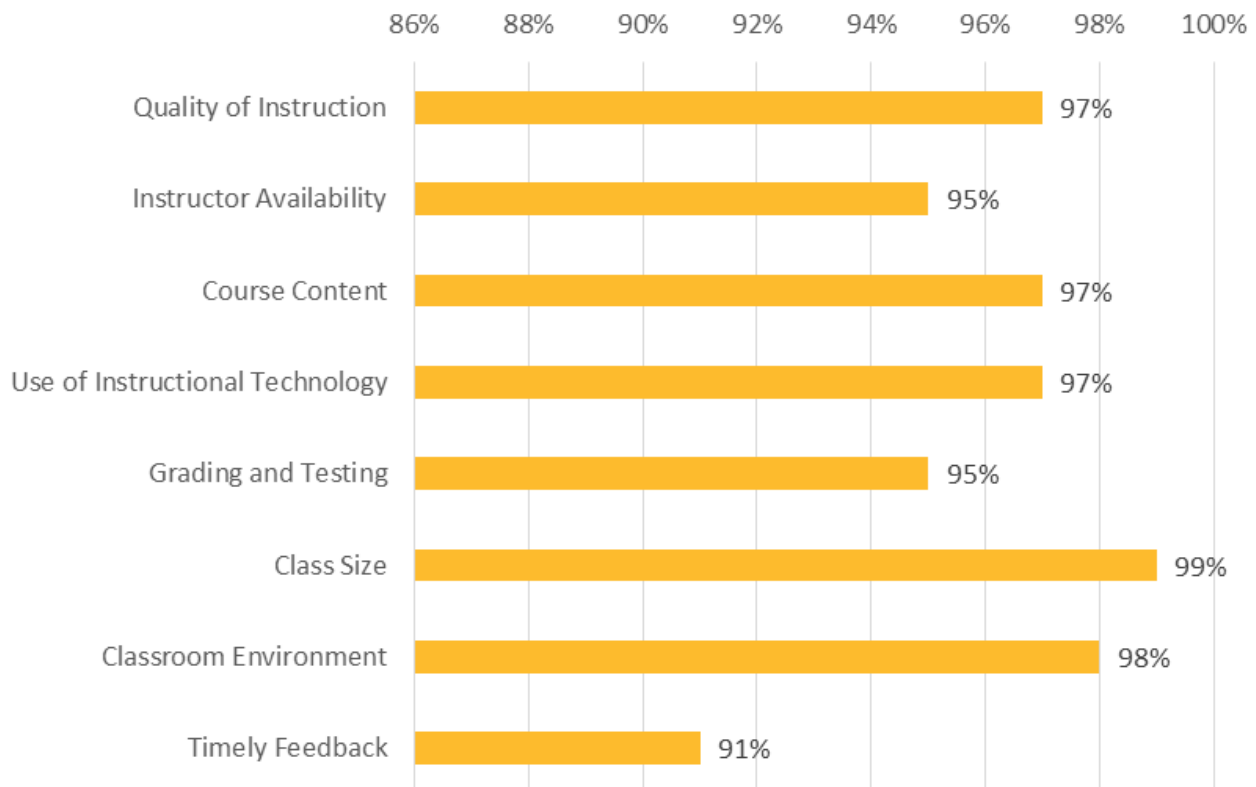
### Technology

96% said preparation for a technical world was important  
96% were satisfied with the level of technical preparation received

### Reasons for Pursuing a Degree at PRCC



### Graduates Rating Instruction as Good or Very Good





## ACT PREP SESSIONS

Pearl River Community College is pleased to offer ACT Prep Sessions for students in our district and these sessions have been very well received by the school districts and the community. Below is the information about upcoming ACT Prep Sessions offered this fall semester at the Hancock Center and at the Forrest County Center. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact the Office of Planning and Institutional Research as indicated below for an application. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

# ACT<sup>®</sup> BOOT CAMP

## HANCOCK CENTER

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Friday, September 30, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>PRCC Hancock Center (Room 101) 454 Highway 90, Suite D Waveland, MS 39576</b>
<b>WHO SHOULD AT-TEND:</b>	<b>Any junior high school or high school student preparing for the ACT</b>
<b>COST</b>	<b>\$50.00 (Includes Study Guide) Payable by check or money order to PRCC and designate for ACT Boot Camp @ Hancock Center. Camp fees are non-refundable. Pizza lunch provided.</b>

<b>REGISTRATION DEAD-LINE</b>	<b>Registration form and payment must be received by:  FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016, AT 4:00 P.M.</b>
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<b>Limited Seating</b>	<b>40 students maximum 10 students minimum</b>
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<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Brenda Wells, Director of Professional and Community Development Pearl River Community College P. O. Box 5558 Poplarville, MS 39470 Phone: 601-403-1379 Email: bwells@prcc.edu</b>
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## FORREST COUNTY

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Friday, October 14, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>PRCC Forrest County Center (Multipurpose Room) 5448 Highway 49 South Hattiesburg, MS 39401</b>
<b>WHO SHOULD ATTEND:</b>	<b>Any junior high school or high school student preparing for the ACT</b>
<b>COST</b>	<b>\$50.00 (Includes Study Guide) Payable by check or money order to PRCC and designate for ACT Boot Camp @ Forrest County Center. Camp fees are non-refundable. Pizza lunch provided.</b>

<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b>	<b>Registration form and payment must be received by:  FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016, AT 4:00 P.M.</b>
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<b>Limited Seating</b>	<b>50 students maximum 10 students minimum</b>
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## Kid's College - Wildcat Way to Adventure - Summer Academic Camps



This summer PRCC offered its first **Kid's College Wildcat Way to Adventure Summer Academic Camps**. Five camps were offered.

The environmental camp provided water testing, filtration, recycling, and impact of pesticides and oil spills on the environment.



Robotics included basic circuitry and incorporated robotic activities focused around the theme of "Hurricane Gulf Rescue". Students built and programmed robots to complete a number of scenarios.

Science Discovery involved reptiles and bugs, studies about electricity, and all about weather.



Creative writing taught the mechanics of using illustrations to tell a story and develop a storyboard.

Library Reading Adventure covered exploration of the library with their own storyteller.

Seventy-four (74) children overall registered for the camps. Each student was provided materials to take home to encourage continued learning and exploration.

We would love for you to be a part of the 2017 Kid's College Wildcat Way to Adventure Summer Academic Camps. Contact me at [bwells@prcc.edu](mailto:bwells@prcc.edu) or call ext. 1379.



## TECHNOLOGY BOOT CAMP

PRCC in cooperation with the Poplarville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted another Technology Boot Camp in July for the small business owners and community members.

Led by Andy Collins and Monet Kees with Mississippi State Extension Service,

ten (10) business owners or prospective business owners, completed the boot camp.

Topics for the four day session included:

- Website Design I and II
- Mobile Payment Processors

- Instagram Marketing
- Facebook 101
- Facebook Advertising
- Location-Based Services

This has become a popular service offered annually to the local businesses and community.



## OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY MONTH!



Protect yourself! Mark your calendars for the upcoming Lunch and Learn session which will feature timely information on protecting yourself and your business with the latest information concerning cybersecurity.

Bob Stack, Chief Information Officer, will be

our guest speaker for the session.

Lunch and Learn is a cooperative effort between PRCC and the Poplarville Area Chamber of Commerce to provide informative sessions of interest, not only to business owners, but for the entire community.

The upcoming Lunch and Learn session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room of the Olivia Bender Cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00 for Chamber members; \$10.00 for non-Chamber members. To reserve a seat, please contact [bwells@prcc.edu](mailto:bwells@prcc.edu) or call Ext. 1379.

## OFFICE OF PLANNING AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

### SCHEDULE FOR EVALUATIONS

**2016 - 2017**

#### STUDENT EVALUATIONS OF INSTRUCTION

October 3, 2016 – Student Evaluations of Instruction begin

October 3 - November 1, 2016 – Student Evaluations of Instruction

January 10, 2017 – Student Evaluations of Instruction reports distributed to administrators/supervisors

#### PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF SUPERVISORS

January 23, 2017 – Performance Review of Supervisor links emailed to employees

January 23 - 30, 2017 – Performance Reviews of Supervisors

February 24, 2017 – Performance Review of Supervisor reports distributed to administrators/supervisors

#### PERSONNEL EVALUATIONS

February 27, 2017 – Personnel Evaluation forms emailed to administrators/supervisors

March 3, 2017 – Schedules for Personnel Evaluations sent to Office of Planning and Institutional Research

March 1 - March 31, 2017 – Personnel Evaluations

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Some PRCC Policies have been revised!**

The Policy and Procedure Committee, with Administrative Council approval, recently revised the following policies :

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

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

**Social Media Policy**

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

**Substance Testing for Students in Selected Programs Policy**

<http://www.prcc.edu/faculty/policy-procedure-manual/substance-testing-students-selected-programs>

**Transfer of Credit**

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



[www.prcc.edu](http://www.prcc.edu)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
OPPORTUNITIES**

Suggestions/requests for Professional Development sessions may be submitted for consideration to the Office of Planning Institutional Research by emailing [bwells@prcc.edu](mailto:bwells@prcc.edu) or calling Ext.1379.

There are a variety of professional development opportunities offered throughout each semester.

Be sure to check the list of Faculty/Staff Sharing Sessions listed at <http://www.prcc.edu/institutional-research/professional-development>

MSVCC Academy offers a wealth of professional development opportunities online at <https://sbcjcweb.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/msvccpd/Courses/pdcourses.aspx>.

PRCC's eLearning provides ongoing

Canvas Training and also provide a variety of additional training sessions for which you can register at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYCRmPEC4ttBHL15NjhBaL2zx2jCHclz6TX-iU9KzBM1Vlow/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYCRmPEC4ttBHL15NjhBaL2zx2jCHclz6TX-iU9KzBM1Vlow/viewform?usp=send_form)