



PENSACOLA
STATE COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

2025





Transforming lives

Affordable and accessible pathways to careers

Pensacola State College is a key member of the Florida College System's Great 28, which serves half of all Florida students enrolled in public higher education. As part of this state college network and in service to Northwest Florida, PSC provides economic and societal impact through workforce development and academic engagement vital to the future of the state, local communities and each student we serve.

PSC was first established as Pensacola Junior College in 1948 with 136 students attending classes in a former boarding house on the corner of Palafox and Cervantes streets. Today, three extensive campuses, two college centers and two satellite workforce training facilities make up the institutional district, which employed 1,070 faculty and staff in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties and served 13,006 students during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Besides affordability and a supportive campus environment, students choose PSC for quality programs of study, from the Charter Academy high school diploma to the baccalaureate degree. PSC's associate in arts degree is transferable to all state universities in Florida, and the college offers 32 associate in science and 78 workforce certificate programs, preparing students for career success.

Besides credit courses and degree programs, the college offers continuing education options for those seeking to enhance their recreation and leisure pursuits and individuals looking to develop professional skills for the workplace, including grant-funded programs that provide trade skills training at no cost to students.

PSC enriches the quality of life for residents of Northwest Florida in many ways. The college contributes to the economic well-being of the region by nurturing, educating and training thousands seeking a better future. According to Lightcast, one out of every 43 jobs in the Pensacola metropolitan area is supported by the activities of the college and its students, and 89% of PSC students stay in the local area after graduation.

Whether on a path to continue academically at the next level, launch a new career or advance in a current field of employment or avocation, students experience transformational change when they enroll at Pensacola State College.



President's Message

An open door to opportunity

Pensacola State College made great strides in 2025, empowering students to advance their goals, fostering faculty and staff achievements, and partnering with industry leaders to meet the region's critical workforce demands. Reflecting on this past year through this report, you will see a college that meets individuals where they are and opens the door to opportunity.

PSC is partnering with local employers to provide industrious students with the job skills and technical training needed to launch careers in high-wage industries.

Baccalaureate-seeking students have the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing, cybersecurity and business management at PSC, beyond the university-transfer associate degree.

At the growing PSC Charter Academy, high-achieving youth experience the rigorous course of study they seek and have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and an associate degree concurrently.

Comprehensive student support services open doors of opportunity for individuals seeking a better future and those starting over. We are proud to be a recognized leader in assisting local veterans, active-duty military and their families.

Campus activities and student organizations build community and provide opportunities for students to connect and develop leadership skills.

For the broader community, the PSC Foundation and PSC Alumni Association also offer opportunities to connect and contribute to the advancement and well-being of others. More than \$990,000 in scholarships were awarded to 1,191 students in 2025.

You will find highlights of accomplishments throughout this report, including the establishment of meaningful scholarships, the academic and athletic triumphs of our students, faculty and staff honors, impactful partnerships, and institutional accolades and growth.

I am proud of the work we have accomplished at PSC as a key partner in advancing our community and investing in the success of every student who comes through our doors.



C. Edward Meadows, Ed.D.
President



Changing lives and supporting the growth of Pensacola State College

Throughout each year, the Pensacola State College Foundation hosts a variety of community events, supporting student and faculty success through scholarship and teaching chair awards, as well as program support.



Fourth Annual Earl Peyroux Fundraiser

February 2

A culinary instructor at Pensacola Junior College from the 1970s into the early 1990s, Earl Peyroux gained national fame as a TV chef when the WSRE cooking show he hosted began airing on public television stations across the nation. For the fourth consecutive year, Drs. Tipton and Ellen McKnight and Hal George hosted an elevated dining event featuring a menu inspired by "Gourmet Cooking with Earl Peyroux." The event raised funds for the Molly McGuire School of Culinary Arts at PSC. The endowed program was established in Peyroux's memory and provides professional development opportunities for students and faculty in culinary arts. Executive Chef Irv Miller, former host of the WSRE cooking show "Flavors of the Coast," was the evening's featured chef.

Big Break Golf Classic

May 1



The 19th annual Big Break Golf Classic, presented by D.R. Horton at Stonebrook Golf Club in Pace, raised more than \$46,800 for the PSC Fund for Excellence. The May 2025 event brought the tournament's overall contribution total to \$422,400 since 2006. Thirty-two teams played in generous support of raising unrestricted advancement funds

for college operations and professional development for faculty and staff, academic programs, matching scholarship donations and other student needs. The Hanto + Clarke team of Bo Brown, Jason Christiansen, Stephen Clarke and Jacob Kotick won first place. RJ Young/RICOH placed second, and Florida Power & Light placed third.

Graze, Grapes & Grains

July 24

The second annual **Graze, Grapes & Grains** donor appreciation event, carrying on the 16-year tradition of the former Garde Manger, celebrated PSC President's Circle members in July. The summertime culinary showcase was prepared by 22 students from the PSC Molly McGuire School of Culinary Arts and served by 16 hospitality management students. Attendees voted for their favorite student chef among those competing for a cash award. First place honors went to student chef Lashonda Lara. Burnette Prince placed second, and Ebony Coger and Nelson Rivera tied for third place.



"I am PSC"

August 25–September 13

The second annual **"I am PSC"** campaign was a three-week celebration for the supporters, students, alumni, faculty and staff who have defined the college's 77-year legacy of academic excellence and opportunity in Northwest Florida. The campaign highlighted the people and programs that make PSC a cornerstone of higher education and workforce development, while raising \$25,000 to support scholarships, academic programs, facilities, student relief, professional development and more. The **"I am PSC"** campaign concluded with Founders' Week, celebrated in honor of the college's 77th anniversary.

"The work we do is important. It changes lives and strengthens our community."

—Mike Morette,
PSC Foundation President (2024 & 2025)

Day of Clays

October 4

Presented by TRANE, the 17th Annual Day of Clays was a day of friendly competition that raised over \$165,000 for the PSC Fund for Excellence, supporting the growth and development of essential academic programs, student scholarships, campus facilities and community-focused initiatives. More than 180 participants competed in the clay shoot at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center in Pace. Rockhill Aviation Team #1 and the Morette Company were Green and Red Course Team Champions, while Top Shooter honors went to Jason Clark, Camdyn Nixon and David Snyder.



Scholarship donors champion student success

In 2025, gifts to the PSC Foundation provided 1,191 students with more than \$990,000 in scholarship awards. With the establishment of new scholarships, the Foundation managed 308 privately-funded scholarships at year-end.

Goldie Hayden Veterinary Technology Endowed Scholarship & Valida Copeland Nursing Endowed Scholarship



A 1989 graduate of Pensacola Junior College, William J. Trushel has honored the people who impacted his life by establishing four scholarships at Pensacola State College. His enduring commitment to helping others, his deep love for animals, and his heartfelt gratitude for those who supported him inspire his generous spirit. In 2025, he established two endowed scholarships at PSC as tributes to two remarkable women whose love, faith and guidance shaped his life. Goldie Hayden, guided by her Catholic faith, raised six children and welcomed numerous foster children into her Ohio home—answering the call that brought Bill into her life at birth. Valida Copeland welcomed Bill as an honorary son and provided mentorship and stability in his formative years. Bill's generosity ensures their legacies now open doors of opportunity for PSC students, transforming lives for generations to come.

Beverly Gillespie Marchelos Memorial Endowed Scholarship

George Marchelos honored the memory of his wife, who enjoyed a career in psychiatric social work and drug rehabilitation, by establishing the Beverly Gillespie Marchelos Memorial Endowed Scholarship, benefiting students in social work programs. The couple was married 60 years and shared a love of history and travel. Both attended PJC.



Fisher Cabinet Company Endowed Scholarship

Fisher Cabinet is a family-owned company with longstanding roots in the Pensacola community that is committed to supporting local growth and opportunity. Founded in 1987 by Fred Fisher, the company transitioned to second-generation leadership in 2002 and continued to grow, including the opening of a new facility on North Palafox Street in 2017. Today, Scott Fisher and his wife, Elly—both integral to the company's current growth and success—have chosen to establish the Fisher Cabinet Company Endowed Scholarship to help inspire and equip the next generation of skilled trade professionals at PSC.



Liesje Kelly LPN Scholarship

Supporting licensed practical nursing students, the Liesje Kelly LPN Scholarship was established in memory Liesje Kelly by her family to honor her nursing career of 25-plus years. Attending PJC from 1994 to 1997, she earned an A.S. degree in medical secretarial technology, a certificate in medical assisting, and her license in practical nursing.

Molly McGuire School of Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship

The Molly McGuire School of Culinary Arts Endowed Scholarship, established more than 20 years ago to support culinary program students, now totals \$800,000 with a gift of \$100,000 presented in November by the family of McGuire Martin, the McGuire Management Group and members of the McGuire's Irish Pub Irish Politicians Club.

Florida College System Foundation Scholarships

The Florida College System Foundation donated \$37,874 to the PSC Foundation to support three key scholarships. The Bank of America 21st Century Dream Makers Scholarship and the Helios Education Foundation Scholarship both aid first-generation college students at PSC, and the Florida Blue Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship supports students pursuing careers in the health sciences.



Local business and industry provide real-world training

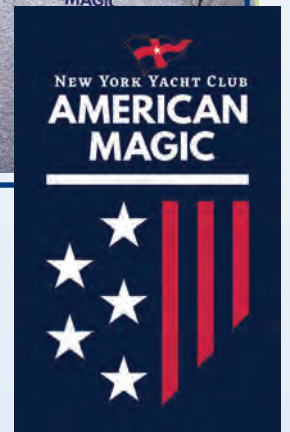
In addition to scholarship and program funding, community partners support college programs and students by providing the resources, equipment and internships needed for vital hands-on skills training.

Escambia and Santa Rosa counties support employee certifications and advancement

PSC continues to strengthen workforce development through strategic partnerships with Escambia and Santa Rosa counties, providing training and certifications for county employees.

Both counties now sponsor employees, including paramedics and EMTs, for a 320-hour Commercial Vehicle Driving (CVD) program that prepares students to earn the Florida Class A Commercial Driver License. Students gain hands-on experience by driving at least 1,000 miles and complete their CDL testing on-site at the college's Truck Driver Training Facility in Milton.

PSC also partners with Escambia County to provide a sponsored paramedic training program for selected EMTs. Funded by revenue generated through EMS services, rather than taxpayers' dollars, scholarships cover the costs of tuition, textbooks and uniforms for training and certification at the Warrington campus. In return, participants commit to working full-time for Escambia County EMS for at least two years, supporting workforce growth and retention.



American Magic internship sets sail

PSC has partnered with the elite yacht racing team American Magic to create a new internship opportunity for students. The partnership focuses on developing a skilled workforce to support the team's high-performance racing and manufacturing efforts through a tailored internship program. PSC student Braydon Sult successfully transitioned from the internship into a full-time position with American Magic after earning the Associate Degree in Mechanical Design and Fabrication.

Alumni Association

PSC alumni increase impact through matching scholarship funds

By matching funds up to \$12,500, the PSC Alumni Association Matching Scholarship Program creates endowments that provide annual financial support to students while building resources for programs that drive economic growth.

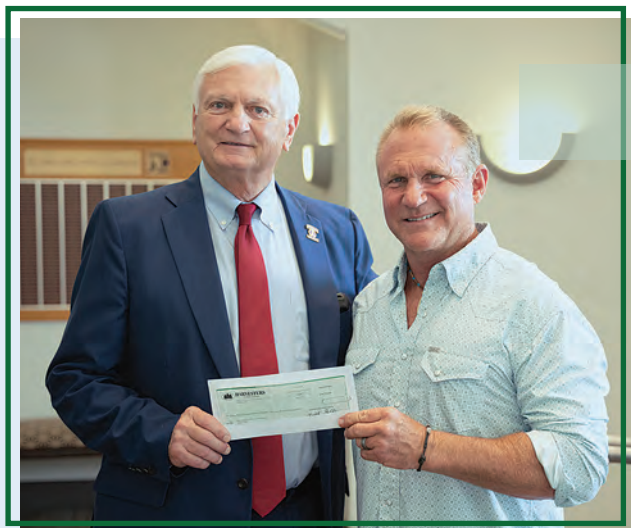
Carol Carlan Legacy Leadership Endowed Scholarship

During the AlltogetherHer Conference in January, PSC Athletics and Alumni Executive Director Hailey Lotz presented Carol Carlan with a \$13,500 matching-funds contribution from the PSC Alumni Association for establishing the Carol Carlan Legacy Leadership Endowed Scholarship. The \$25,000 endowed scholarship benefits degree-seeking students with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Carlan, PJC alumna and past-president emeritus of the PSC Foundation, served on the PSC District Board of Trustees for 25 years, making her the longest-serving trustee in the college's history. As founder of the AlltogetherHer Conference, she has connected influential women from all sectors of the Greater Pensacola community.



“Carol Carlan is one of the greatest examples of igniting someone's future through the gift of education. She has often shared that had it not been for the scholarship she received to attend PSC—then PJC—she doesn't know if she would have gone to college.”

—Athletics and Alumni Executive Director Hailey Lotz



Vincent John Whibbs Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship

The Vincent John Whibbs Sr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established with a gift from PSC alumnus John Paul “JP” Whibbs and his family, with matching funds from the PSC Alumni Association, in memory of his father. Pensacola's beloved Mayor Emeritus Vince Whibbs opened his Vince Whibbs Pontiac car dealership in 1958. The \$50,000 scholarship fund will fittingly provide annual financial support to qualified students enrolled in PSC's automotive or diesel technology programs. Inspired by his father's lifelong commitment to public service, business leadership and workforce development, JP Whibbs created the scholarship to help students pursue careers in skilled trades that are vital to the regional economy—careers that strengthen families and the community.

Sansing Scholars Endowed Scholarship

PSC student Angel Cornejo (pictured), was one of the 54 recipients of the Sansing Scholars Endowed Scholarship for 2025. During this year's Sansing Scholars Luncheon in November, prominent business owner and philanthropist, Sandy Sansing, reminded the honorees to take pride in their education and hard work.

A PJC alumnus, Sandy Sansing has awarded \$590,000 in scholarships to more than 1,200 students over two decades. The annual luncheon celebrates the ongoing partnership between Sandy Sansing and the PSC Foundation.



President's Hunt in South Dakota

October 15–19

The President's Hunt at Prairie Sky Ranch provided an unforgettable experience supporting the PSC Alumni Association's flagship Matching Scholarship Program initiative. The exclusive adventure for PSC alumni and friends, inspired and led by Gerry Goldstein, vice chair of the PSC Alumni Association, offered a South Dakota hunting experience with two-a-day guided hunts for pheasant, duck and more, along with exceptional dining prepared by the ranch's culinary team. Proceeds are enriching student success through the Matching Scholarship Program.



“We remain committed to shaping the futures of Northwest Florida’s residents. For the thousands of alumni residing in Northwest Florida, you know the impact our beloved college has made on your life.”

—PSC President Ed Meadows, Ed.D.

Student Achievement

Scholarship, talent and service earn accolades for dedicated students

Pensacola State College awarded 2,642 graduates with a high school diploma, career certificate, associate degree or bachelor's degree during the 2024-2025 academic year. Their journey to program completion offered opportunities to excel and be recognized for their accomplishments.

Student Excellence Awards

More than 100 outstanding students were recognized for service and scholastic achievement during the annual Student Excellence Awards Ceremony in April. Among top honorees were the All-Florida Academic Team recipients, recognized by the Florida College System: Danielle Leatherwood, Alyssa Chambliss Gamble and Jessica Landrum from the Pensacola campus; Ty'kerria Beasley, Lori Lombardo and Michelle Rosario from the Warrington campus; and James Barnes and Carolyn Bragg from the Milton campus. Department Scholar Award recipients were Lori Rudd, Business; Fiona Rodriguez, English and Communications; and Katelyn Post, Visual Arts. Other students received awards for program scholarship, scholastic achievement, leadership, service and volunteerism.



“These outstanding Pensacola State College students have reached the pinnacle of educational excellence through their hard work, commitment and dedication to being the best.”

—PSC President Ed Meadows, Ed.D.



FCSPA Student Publication Awards

At the annual Florida College System Publication Association Conference in November, PSC students won awards for The Kilgore Review in five categories, including first-place honors for a poem by Grey Brister and short fiction by Orlando Bonilla-Marin, and for The Corsair student newspaper in nine categories. The Kilgore Review, a student-led literary and arts magazine, shows the creative works of student writers and artists. The 2025 edition was produced under the direction of English and Communications Assistant Professor Marisa Mills, Ph.D., who also serves as faculty advisor for The Corsair. The FCSPA Conference of the Florida College System Activities Association serves as the state's premier venue for student journalists to network and develop skills.

AAMES and Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins Live Your Dream Scholarship Awards

PSC students were honored in March at the 100 for 100 Campaign scholarship ceremony. Michelle Broadnax-Sullivan, Daishan Daniels, Abigail Johnson, Devonney Linder, Carolyn Pugh and Tierra Ward received the African American Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Cynthia Davenport and Ericus Perry earned the Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins Live Your Dream Endowed Scholarship, providing financial support and honoring the legacy of the influential educator who served as president of Booker T. Washington Junior College until its merger with PJC in 1965, later becoming PJC's director of research until retiring in 1969. The 100 for 100 Campaign raises funds by encouraging 100 donors to give \$100 annually and has collected more than \$72,080 since 2021.



Health Occupations Students of America Awards

Brain Bowl State Tournament

PSC Brain Bowl Team members Caitlynnne Brooks and Avery Echols advanced to the FCSAA State Tournament at Valencia College in March after earning a wild card spot with a fourth-place finish in the regional competition at Chipola College in February. Brain Bowl is a competitive quiz program covering humanities, social sciences, math and literature. PSC's team was led by Tim Hathway, a physical sciences professor, with support from Ron Atchison, an instructor of humanities, history and Latin.

SkillsUSA Florida Competition Awards

SkillsUSA is the premier competition for career and technical high school and college students, where students showcase their skills in trades like welding and cosmetology. Led by faculty advisor Hillary Sandusky, the PSC SkillsUSA Florida Chapter competed at the regional and state levels in 2025. Qualifying for the Florida State Apprenticeship Contest in Jacksonville (April 28-May 1) were Olevia Coleman, who won first place in the CNC Programmer competition, and Erica Charley, who competed in Cosmetology.



Health Occupations Students of America provides its members with opportunities to participate in local, state and national leadership development training for healthcare careers.

All of PSC's HOSA members placed at the regional competition in January, securing spots to compete at the Florida State Leadership Conference in Orlando (April 3-6).

Hale Hall placed first, Bianca Lavagesse second, and Anarmaa Batkhure third in Dental Science; Samantha McDowell placed fourth in Health Career Photography; Leilani Ramos placed first in Healthcare Issues Exam and Medical Terminology; Dominic Desporte placed first in

Nutrition; Asia Greer placed first in Pharmacology. In Veterinary Science, Reese Arthur placed first, Mary Born second, and Riley Lerille third.

At the International Leadership Conference in Nashville (June 17-22), Bianca Lavagesse placed first in Dental Science; Samantha McDowell placed third in Health Career Photography; and Dominic Desporte placed first in Nutrition. In Veterinary Science, Mary Born placed first, Reese Arthur second, and Riley Lerille third.

The continued success of PSC students at HOSA competitions demonstrates the college's strong commitment to preparing future healthcare professionals for their careers.

Florida AHEC Scholars

Nursing students Sara Barvoza Charupe, Gretchen Connelly, Elliot Knieper, Shana Nicholas and Kailee Sharp were selected from a competitive pool of 150 candidates for the prestigious Florida Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars Program. The program spans four academic semesters, providing participants with online learning and practical experience focused on essential healthcare topics. Participants learn by serving medically underserved and at-risk populations, gaining real-world experience and collaborating as a team in interdisciplinary settings.



ADA American Dental Association®

Give Kids a Smile Day provides essential care for families

The PSC Dental Hygiene program hosted Give Kids a Smile Day, with support from local dentist Dr. Will Rolfe and the American Dental Association, providing free dental care for children at the Dental Hygiene Clinic on the Warrington campus in February. Thirty-four second-year dental hygiene students provided preventative services, while four first-year students dressed as tooth fairies to cheer and comfort their young patients. The estimated private-practice value of services provided totaled approximately \$13,000 for 64 child cleanings, 147 sealant applications, 60 fluoride treatments, 64 bitewing X-rays and 14 panoramic X-rays. Dr. Rolfe volunteered his services for the day, reading X-rays and conducting parent consultations, and the ADA furnished supplies.



Student Art Awards Exhibition

The 2025 Student Art Awards Exhibition featured 75 curated works selected from 183 submissions. The awards presentation was held on April 8 with guest juror Gina Phillips, a New Orleans-based mixed-media artist, in attendance to help present 32 awards and cash prizes to 27 visual arts students. Additionally, four scholarships were awarded to incoming high school artists based on their academic performance and portfolios.

Photographic technology major Jennifer Hendrix was awarded the Visual Arts Department's highest honor, the Anna Award and \$1,000, for an outstanding student selected by faculty based on academic excellence, artistic achievement and overall contribution to the PSC arts community. Graphic technology major Oceana Emerson won the Best of Show Department Award and \$500 for the wooden sculpture "Oceanic Whitetip Shark."

Visual arts students shine at the ADDY Awards

PSC's visual arts students won big "under the big top" during the Creative Circus AAF Pensacola American Advertising Awards Gala in February. Altogether, PSC students won 56 awards: 18 Gold ADDYs, 36 Silver ADDYs and two Judges' Choice Awards in the Elements of Advertising category for Andrew Johnson and Sherrie Drisdell. The American Advertising Awards, sponsored by the American Advertising Federation (AAF), is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition to recognize excellence in the art of advertising.



PSC Sunset Photography Contest

With her photograph "Storm Meets Solace," Jenn Hendrix won first place in the PSC Sunset Photography Contest, presented by Jaco's Bayfront Restaurant, along with a month-long solo exhibition of her work at the Pensacola restaurant in April. Since 2014, the annual contest has provided second-year photography majors with a month-long exhibition and publication in the restaurant's calendar. Second place and an honorable mention were awarded to photography major Reema Qader.

High School Art Competition

PSC's annual High School Art Portfolio Competition, open to high school seniors interested in pursuing a visual arts degree, offers financial awards, including the Academic Excellence Scholarship (\$3,600), the Anna Lamar Switzer Endowed Scholarship (\$3,000), and the Jaco's Bayfront Restaurant Photography Award (\$1,500). A reception to honor participating student artists and recognize award winners was held in June as part of the Juried High School Awards Exhibition.

Students take to the "MasterChef" stage

Culinary students Sarah Gaskin, Alaa Ibrahim, Gideon Innis, Nagi Kelley and Rachel Rousseau, led by Chef Tatyana Hulsey, took to the "MasterChef" stage at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre in October. As part of its U.S. tour, the "MasterChef All-Stars Live" show enlisted the students to assist during the stage production based on the TV hit "MasterChef."



Eight competitive teams excel with campus and community support

Playing in the competitive Panhandle Conference, PSC operates FCSAA programs in men's basketball and baseball; women's basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer and cross country; and esports. The graduation rate for PSC's student-athletes is 55% with a 3.34 grade point average for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Men's Basketball ends standout season at the NJCAA National Tournament

Head Coach Pete Pena earns both FCSAA Coach of the Year and NJCAA South Atlantic District Head Coach of the Year honors

Pete Pena, in his 16th season, led the Pirates to their sixth FCSAA State Championship with a 54-51 win over Gulf Coast State College in March. The victory earned the Pirates a berth in the NJCAA Championship Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., where they entered as the No. 10 seed. The season concluded with an 83-75 first-round loss to Trinidad State College, but highlighted strong teamwork and promise for the future with a 23-12 overall record.

Pena was honored with the FCSAA Coach of the Year and NJCAA South Atlantic District Head Coach of the Year awards. Dylan Colon was named the state tournament's Most Outstanding Player, while Colon, Amarion Savage and Dimitri Clerc earned FCSAA All-Tournament Team honors. Additionally, Clerc, Savage and Will Vasser were named to the First Team All-Conference, while Colon and Isaiah Sutherland earned Second Team honors in Panhandle Conference play.



Dylan Colon, PSC Pirates guard, FCSAA DI All-Tournament Team Most Outstanding Player

“Anytime somebody receives Coach of the Year, it’s never only about them. It’s about the collective—administration, coaches, staff and our kids. Everybody joins in that award and plays a part in creating the kind of environment where success can happen.”

—PSC Men's Basketball Head Coach Pete Pena

Women's Basketball All-Conference Team honors

Women's Basketball enjoyed a strong season with four players earning All-Conference honors. Jaida McDonald and Katiya Casey were named to the First Team, while Audreonia Benson and Talia Kemp earned Second Team recognition. The Lady Pirates entered the FCSAA State Tournament as the No. 6 seed. The season ended in a 64-42 first-round loss to Florida SouthWestern State College with a 19-12 overall record.

Pirates “Pack the Pantry” to kick off conference play

PSC Men's and Women's Basketball teams kicked off the Panhandle Conference season with a win over Chipola College for the men and a win for the Pirates CARE food pantry by offering free admission to spectators who donated items for students in need of assistance.





Soccer wins NJCAA Region 8 Championship

In its third season of competition, **PSC Women's Soccer** emerged as a true contender, with a dramatic 2-1 win over nationally ranked No. 5 Jones College. The Pirates again captured the NJCAA Region 8 Division II Championship in October, claiming back-to-back titles. The Region 8 crown earned the team's spot in the South Atlantic District Championship in Millbrook, Ala., where the season ended with a hard-fought 2-1 loss to Cape Fear Community College and a No. 10 ranking. Head Coach Mark Yepishin was recognized for his leadership, earning NJCAA Region 8 Division II Coach of the Year honors for the second consecutive season.

Cross Country competes at NJCAA Region 8 Championship

The **PSC Women's Cross Country team** delivered a strong showing in October at the NJCAA Region 8 Championship, highlighting determination and teamwork against top competition. Sydney Smiga led the team with a time of 27:15 at regionals, followed by a determined performance in November at the NJCAA Half Marathon National Championship in Fort Dodge, Iowa, where she competed in freezing temperatures, wind and snow to complete the 13.1-mile race in 2 hours and 13 minutes. This marked Smiga's second consecutive appearance representing PSC at the national meet.

Volleyball repeats NJCAA Top 10 ranking

PSC Volleyball concluded its 2025 season with a top 10 finish at the NJCAA Division II Championship in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in November. The appearance marked the program's third straight trip to the national tournament. Entering as the No. 12 seed, the Pirates made an early statement with a thrilling five-set upset over No. 5 Johnson County Community College to advance into the top bracket. They reached the quarterfinals but fell to No. 4 seed Kansas City Kansas Community College in straight sets. The Pirates responded with a sweep of No. 11 Madison College to remain in contention for a fifth-place finish. The season ended with a hard-fought five-set battle against top-seeded Kirkwood Community College and a 15-5 record in Sun-Lakes Conference play and a 28-12 overall record.



Developing talent for next-level collegiate athletics

With a long history of developing talent for top-level collegiate athletics, Pensacola State College celebrated the following six student-athletes who committed to NCAA Division I programs across multiple sports in 2025. In baseball, Mason Onate signed with Marshall University, and Matteo Pare committed to Troy University. In basketball, Dimitri Clerc joined the University of Massachusetts men's program, while three women's basketball standouts—Audreonia Benson, Jaida McDonald and Talia Kemp—signed with the University of Central Florida, Wichita State University and Mercer University, respectively.



Women's Basketball Head Coach Clenita "Penny" Belford with Talia Kemp, Katiya Casey and Jaida McDonald at signing ceremony

Athletics Hall of Fame Induction

Joe Ambersley, Chip Boes, Maxine Farmer and Buddy Kisner were inducted into the PSC Athletics Hall of Fame in January. Ambersley, a namesake of the Ambersley and Pena Court in Hartsell Arena, was recognized as a longtime supporter of PSC Athletics. Boes was honored as a former Men's Basketball head coach and physical education instructor, Farmer as a standout in Women's Basketball, and Kisner as a former head coach of Pirates Baseball. Each inductee received a commemorative ring and a framed proclamation, honoring their lasting contributions to PSC Athletics. Hall of Fame member and retired WEAR Sports Director Dan Shugart served as the master of ceremonies.



Joe Ambersley, Chip Boes, Maxine Farmer and Brian Kisner, representing his father, Buddy Kisner



Record snowfall delays season openers for Baseball and Softball

Pensacola experienced rare snowfall in January, which closed the college and delayed season openers for PSC Baseball and Softball teams.

All-Conference awards reflect depth and talent

Pirates Baseball earned postseason recognition, with eight players honored for their performance in the Panhandle Conference. Accolades included six All-Conference selections, two All-Defensive Team members, and a statewide award. Will Barter was named First Team All-Panhandle and Second Team All-State after hitting .345 with 32 RBIs and two home runs. Mason Onate, Caden Hartman, Lincoln Pack, Taft Middleton and Kaden Wilks earned Second Team All-Panhandle recognition for their strong offensive contributions. Defensively, Drew Reaves and Dalton Biggs were named to the All-Defensive Team. Biggs also earned Fireman of the Year for the Panhandle Conference and the FCSAA Gold Glove Award, recognizing him as one of the top defensive pitchers in the state.

Pirates Softball had four players earn All-Panhandle Conference honors. Freshman Katelyn Morgan led the team offensively, earning First Team honors and Second Team All-State recognition after batting .405 with seven doubles and three home runs. Pitcher Yala Zwakman also made the First Team with 125.2 innings, 10 wins and 96 strikeouts. Gabbie York received Second Team honors for the second time, hitting .358 with seven doubles and five home runs. Kylie Jarman was also named to the Second Team after contributing as a pitcher with four wins, two saves and 48 strikeouts.

Faculty and Staff Achievements

Pensacola State College employees across the institution are committed to student success. At the annual Employee Service Awards in April, the college recognized 60 employees celebrating milestone anniversaries with five to 40 years of service—715 years combined—reflecting longevity and loyalty to the institution and its mission.



Ron Atchison

Rameca Leary, Ph.D.

Marisa Mills, Ph.D.

Sandy Moore

Robert Thead

Stacey Stewart

Academy of Teaching Excellence Induction

Six PSC faculty members were inducted into the college's Academy of Teaching Excellence in April. The 2025 honorees: Instructor Ron Atchison, Humanities and Social Sciences; Adjunct Instructor Rameca Leary, Ph.D., Business; Assistant Professor Marisa Mills, Ph.D., English and Communications; Instructor Sandy Moore, ASN, BAS, Nursing; and Instructor Robert Thead, Humanities and Social Sciences. Instructor Stacey Stewart, Radiography, was honored as the Outstanding New Faculty Member. Since 1986, the Teaching Excellence Award has recognized faculty for excellence in four key areas: enthusiasm for and knowledge of subject matter; effective student rapport and relationships; strong course content and organization; and effective and innovative instructional methods. Faculty are nominated for the honor by their students, faculty or staff.



President's Leadership Institute

The PSC President's Leadership Institute offers a biennial opportunity for college employees to participate in a rigorous yearlong program to acquire skills and learn the challenges of leadership and management. Topics include all aspects of student success and employee improvement, the Florida College System, the Florida Department of Education and a review of critical higher education issues. Selected for the 2025-2026 class were Glenn Beech; Minisha Carter; Francesco Donato, Ph.D.; Evelyn Gant; Lynn Godwin; Madeline Hafleigh; Lillian Harding, Ph.D.; Sparkie Harrison; Matt Hebert; Tyra Henderson; Natalie Hilby; Fred Holt; Lindsay Holt; Khadijah Jones; Matthew King; Terolyn Lay, Ph.D.; Katja Lunsford; Alice Malloy; Kimberly Markwick; Jan Mayhew; Devodric McBride; Sarah Meyer; Marisa Mills, Ph.D.; La'Krystal Neal-Williams; Amanda Nissim; Dominique O'Shea; Bipin Pandey, Ph.D.; LaQuetta Peoples, Ed.D.; Lindsey Pieknik; Alisha Poma; Cassie Redmyer; Kendra Riley; Grover Robinson; Erin Roush; Jimmy Stallings, Ph.D.; Andre The; Rebecca (Bekki) Toda; Brenda Trigg, DNP; Brian Ward, DBA; Julia Watkins; Chelsea Weaver; Tilden Whitfield; and Mike Will.

Inweekly Rising Stars

Four members of the PSC staff were recognized as Inweekly Rising Stars in April: Foundation Scholarships and Financial Aid Coordinator Mary-Cathryn Cavazos, Dual Enrollment Coordinator Tyra Henderson, Visual Arts Department Gallery Coordinator and Adjunct Instructor Chelsea Weaver, and WSRE Development Coordinator Marlee Warner. Each year, the weekly news publication selects from up-and-coming leaders and successful young professionals under the age of 40 in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties who have been nominated by peers, clients and employers for the honor.

PSC awarded eligibility for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence

In October, the Aspen Institute, a nonprofit fostering global leadership and values-based conversation, named Pensacola State College as one of the 200 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. The prize is the nation's premier recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. Colleges are selected based on student outcomes data, including retention, completion, transfer, and bachelor's attainment rates. PSC has been participating in a rigorous review process that will culminate in the naming of the Aspen Prize winner in spring 2027.

U.S. News & World Report Ranking

PSC's online RN to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program was ranked among the best in U.S. News & World Report's Best Online Bachelor's Programs 2025 Edition. The program was ranked 2nd among the 28 Florida College System institutions and 7th among all public and private colleges and universities in Florida. Nationally, the program ranked 39th out of 359 institutions, climbing two spots from its 2024 position and tying with the University of West Florida.

“The Aspen Prize is perhaps the most prestigious recognition associate-degree-granting institutions can receive. Being included for eligibility is a high honor in itself. PSC's inclusion means we are considered in the top 20% of all associate degree institutions in America.”

—PSC President Ed Meadows, Ed.D.

PSC Charter Academy graded an “A” school by FDOE

The Pensacola State College Charter Academy was one of two high schools in the Escambia County Public Schools district to earn an “A” grade for the 2024-2025 academic year, according to the Florida Department of Education. This marks the second consecutive year the PSC Charter Academy has received the top rating. Student enrollment for the school year totaled 123, up from 88 the previous year (2023-2024), a 48% increase. From its opening in fall 2022 through its Class of 2025 graduation, the PSC Charter Academy has awarded 102 high school diplomas. Of those graduates, 60 also earned the Associate in Arts degree from PSC.

The Charter Academy is located in Bldg. 11, the newly named Douglas V. Broxson Charter Academy Building, on the Pensacola campus. Renovations to the former Adult High School facility, totaling more than \$1.3 million, were completed in 2025.

“We are extremely proud of our students and grateful for the support we have received from their families and the community. We look forward to continued growth and success.”

—Charter Academy Principal Karen McCabe, Ed.D.



Recognition for serving those who have served

Pensacola State College proudly serves about 1,700 military-affiliated students with student services and campus resources especially designed to support active-duty service members, veterans and their families. Roughly 12% of PSC students are military-affiliated, reflecting the highest number of students using VA education benefits in recent years.

PSC designated Military Friendly and Military Spouse Friendly

PSC was named a **2025-2026 Gold Military Friendly® School** by Vqtory Media, marking the 16th year the college has earned the designation and the fourth consecutive year earning Gold status. Additionally, PSC was named a Military Spouse Friendly School for the first time—a milestone in the college's mission to support those who serve and those who stand beside them. Military Friendly® designations are based on public data and responses to a proprietary survey developed by Vqtory Media.

Purple Heart College

PSC was awarded the Purple Heart College designation, for commitment to supporting student veterans, active-duty service members and their families, during an award ceremony on Purple Heart Day in August. The proclamation was presented by Andrew Del Gaudio, Ph.D., department commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Alabama Division. PSC proudly assists veterans during their transition from military service to college life by providing dedicated academic advising and student support services. Order of the Purple Heart recipients are offered priority registration, preferred parking, scholarship assistance and specialized advising.



“Our strong support of the armed forces, in active service and as veterans, is one of the most important priorities of PSC.”

—PSC President Ed Meadows, Ed.D.

Military Times Best for Vets List

For the ninth consecutive year, PSC made the Military Times Best for Vets list, ranking #183 overall among the 357 educational institutions surveyed, 6th among Florida College System schools and 14th among all Florida colleges surveyed. The Military Times Best for Vets list is the largest and most comprehensive ranking of schools for service members and veterans. The ranking looks at services available to veterans to help them make important decisions in career planning and how to use the education benefits they earned through military service.

FDOE Purple Star Designation

The Florida Department of Education designated PSC as a Collegiate Purple Star Campus for the strong support of active-duty military, veterans and their families at all college sites. This designation was established by the state in 2023 to honor schools that demonstrate a commitment to supporting military students and their families as they transition to college. PSC earned the recognition by providing resources such as a military liaison, a dedicated website, a student-led transition program, staff training on military-related issues, and priority registration.



Dedicated spaces and support for military-affiliated students



Veteran and Military Family Service Center Pensacola Campus

PSC celebrated the grand opening of the Veteran and Military Family Service Center on the Pensacola campus in May. The new center serves as a central hub offering dedicated resources and support for military-affiliated students, including VA-informed academic advising, a family-friendly waiting area, and a computer lab with printing access available to veterans, active-duty service members and their families. The new center is part of a broader support network on campus, including the Veterans Upward Bound Program and Veteran Success Center.

VetCV Mission Next Center Milton Campus



“This space will be a hub for connection, mentorship, healing and growth, whether it’s a young student veteran finding their footing or a military spouse navigating new challenges. This center says, ‘You belong, and you don’t have to do it alone.’”

—Rep. Michelle Salzman, Florida House of Representatives, District 1

The Mission Next Military Veterans and Family Resource Center, a VetCV Foundation initiative, began operation on the Milton campus in October as a one-stop shop for veterans, providing support with everything from housing to career development. The center is the first of its kind in Florida,

offering holistic support services and guidance through collaborative partnerships and a deep understanding of the unique needs of service members, veterans and their families. Local, state and county leaders participated in the grand opening celebration in November.

Facilities

College facilities are in a state of growth and advancement to meet the needs of new and expanding programs in technology, manufacturing and athletics.



Groundbreaking: Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics Facility



PSC broke ground on April 7 for a 34,000-square-foot facility at Pensacola International Airport to house the Aviation Airframe Mechanics and Aviation Powerplant Mechanics programs. The project has been funded in part by the Florida Department of Commerce, Triumph Gulf Coast, Santa Rosa County Economic Development, ST Engineering, the City of Pensacola and the Pensacola International Airport Authority. At the ceremony, ST Engineering presented \$100,000 in scholarship funds for qualifying students in the FAA-aligned airframe and powerplant mechanics certification programs. Additionally, InDyne Corporation has contributed a 1982 Fairchild Merlin IV for training, and PSC applied for another aircraft donation, a decommissioned T1 Jayhawk, from the U.S. Air Force.

Triumph Gulf Coast Award for Workforce Development Training Center

Triumph Gulf Coast awarded PSC \$3.25 million in August to establish a new Workforce Development Training Center. The funding will support renovations to the Baroco Center for Science and Technology, Bldg. 21 on the Pensacola campus, including upgraded classrooms, shop space, training labs and offices. The center will focus on noncredit, high-demand industry certifications, providing graduates with industry-recognized credentials for high-wage careers in technology, manufacturing and health care. The certificate programs offer students a faster, more affordable alternative to the traditional degree path for training and address the growing need for upskilling and reskilling driven by technological advances in today's workplace.



Margie and Alan Moore Champions Club

PSC Athletics officially opened the newly renovated Champions Club sports lounge to Champion Club members on January 11, with the start of Panhandle Conference play for PSC Pirates basketball teams. Located inside Hartsell Arena on the Pensacola campus, the luxury lounge provides an exclusive game-day retreat only steps away from the game, with a kitchen space offering premium food and drink for boosters and their guests.



Ribbon Cuttings: Broxson Hall and the Douglas V. Broxson Charter Academy Building

In September, PSC honored alumnus and former state senator Douglas Broxson by dedicating two areas on the Pensacola campus in recognition of his significant contributions to education reform and support for PSC initiatives. Ceremonies included a ribbon-cutting for the Douglas V. Broxson Charter Academy Building and the dedication of Broxson Hall on the third floor of the Bear, Jones, Moore, Reeves Center for Math and Advanced Technology. These new, permanent tributes celebrate Sen. Broxson's instrumental role in strengthening education, economic growth and community well-being across Northwest Florida.



New Soccer Complex under construction

A new 6.7-acre facility serves as the home field for PSC's NJCAA Region 8 Division II women's soccer champions, expanding opportunities for student-athletes and benefiting the broader community. Construction by the Morette Company began early in the year at the corner of Tippin and Underwood avenues as part of an expansion to the Pensacola campus. Scheduled for completion in 2026, the complex will include a lighted NCAA regulation field, scoreboard, press box, concession stand, seating, parking, public restrooms, locker rooms, coaches' offices and a meeting room.



In April, PSC officially unveiled Loyalty Field as the new name of the softball facility in tribute to the generous and ongoing support of Loyalty Credit Union.

Campus Activities

Celebrations, performances and art exhibits enrich campus life

Homecoming Week kicked off a year of vibrant campus activities, highlighted by Lyceum Series performances, visiting artists and campus festivals, and showcasing student and faculty talent through theatre, ensemble concerts and art.



Homecoming

February 10–12

Homecoming Week was celebrated with cookouts and student activities district-wide, highlighted by the Homecoming Court presentation and basketball games in February. Makayla Jolean, a cosmetology major, and Gabriel Nees, a business major and PSC student ambassador, were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Other members of the Homecoming Court were Oshay Creer, Cooper Dalrymple, Anetia Dukes, Tyriq Flowers, Shakevia Kirkland, Jodee Maloy, Troy Mims and Tiyona Osorio. Campus activities included carnival rides and games, sidewalk chalk art, student bingo, the annual basketball match-up between students and employees, and a pre-game social for students and alumni.

36th Annual Lumberjack Festival

October 11

PSC hosted the 36th annual Lumberjack Festival in October with 59 participants competing for prizes in 10 categories, including log split, cross-cut sawing, grand caber toss, knife throw, standing chop, bow saw, axe throw and lumberjack launch. Alex Weatherbee won the honor of Grand Overall Lumberjack, and Kathiann Weatherbee won Grand Overall Lumberjill. Bryce Newmans from the PSC Charter Academy won Grand Overall High School Lumberjack, and the Charter Academy team won Grand Overall High School. The event is sponsored in part each year by the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.



Public shows return to the PSC Planetarium

Both entertaining and educational, monthly public shows returned to the PSC Planetarium in 2025 with Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" recurring quarterly, along with eight other titles, such as "Voyage to Distant Worlds," "From Earth to the Universe," "Night of the Titanic" and "Tales of the Maya Skies." The PSC Planetarium also hosts thousands of school children on field trips throughout the year.



Pirate Fest

April 17



Annual Pirate Fest activities brought fun and levity to campus life in April before the weight of semester exams took hold. Carnival rides, a zipline and rock climbing wall, a mechanical bull and inflatables filled the campus quad, where students enjoyed fellowship and friendly competition and were treated to free lunch and Pirate Fest T-shirts.

Lyceum Series

The **PSC Lyceum Series** brought various artistic genres to the Pensacola campus in 2025, including acclaimed poet Joy Harjo, a three-time U.S. Poet Laureate and award-winning author; Grammy-winning folk-blues artist Chris Thomas King, known for his role in "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and his celebrated music career; the Duo Beaux Arts Piano Duo, an internationally acclaimed husband-and-wife team; master magician and comic Jay Alexander; and the California Guitar Trio, known for blending rock, jazz, classical and world music styles. In keeping with the college's mission to provide enriching cultural experiences, Lyceum events are free for students, while admission for faculty, staff and the general public is nominal.

Student Performances

PSC Theatre presented a vibrant lineup of student performances in 2025, including stage productions of "The Crucible," Arthur Miller's classic exploration of the Salem witch trials; the Pulitzer Prize-winning tragicomedy "Crimes of the Heart," which marked the first production using the college's new Ashmore Black Box Theatre in-the-round seating; and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," the uplifting rags-to-riches love story.

Music performances by the PSC Wind and Jazz Ensembles included the Spring Concert of works by Gustav Holst; the "Masterpieces" concert of selections such as Beethoven's Symphony No. 5; the fall program, "Soaring," which celebrated flight through music; and "Tribal Tales," inspired by Native American traditions. PSC also hosted the Pensacola Guitar Ensemble's Spring Recital and the 2025 Finger Style Acoustic Guitar Competition and a master class with acclaimed French guitarist Jérémy Jouve in April.

The college is host to high school productions, as well, including the annual PSC Summer Onstage Workshop. Besides the 2025 summer production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!," Gulf Breeze High School students brought the "The Wizard of Oz" to the Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium in February, and Navarre High School students presented the hit musical "Footloose" in April.



Visual Arts Exhibitions

The **Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts** presented exhibitions by visiting artists, including the Gulf Coast Kiln Walk "Connected" show, featuring works by renowned ceramic artists from around the world; Brooke Shaden's "SAMSARA" exhibit, showcasing conceptual photography and mixed media exploring themes of nature, grief and hope; "Time and Place" by Joe Hobbs, exploring identity through mixed media works influenced by coastal environments; Julia Morrisroe's "Icons and Monuments," translating data and experiences into abstract artworks using traditional and modern techniques; Lindsay Keeling's "Present Spaces," presenting abstract landscape paintings; and, presented in part by a Foo Foo Festival grant, "Wandering Without Purpose" by Relja Penezic and Victoria Jordanova, offering an immersive, multimedia experience combining visual art, sound and interaction. "Seven Sisters" by Michelle Jones, a vivid exploration of myth and landscape through mixed media, extended into early 2026. Opening receptions and artist lectures highlight each visiting artist exhibit.

The Annual Student Art Awards Exhibition highlighted outstanding work by PSC students across various media and honored scholarship recipients in April, and the Juried High School Awards Exhibition featured artwork by regional high school students, celebrating emerging talent through June and July.



A Foo Foo Festival grant brought artist Relja Penezic to campus in November

Local productions and events connect the community through public television

Original programs and community engagement are at the heart of WSRE station operations, highlighted in 2025 by stories of personal achievement and sports excellence, family-fun events, musical performances and exploration of local history.



Ça C'est Bon! Wine & Food Classic

March 29

The 34th WSRE Wine & Food Classic featured 21 local chefs serving Creole-inspired cuisine and the music of Corey Ledet Zydeco on the Pensacola campus in March. VIP guests also enjoyed the rooftop Crescent City Soirée on the Bear, Jones, Moore, Reeves Center Morette Sky Terrace, which featured a cooking demonstration by New Orleans chef

John Besh, music by the 9th Avenue Brass Band, and elevated hors d'oeuvres from local executive chefs Darian Hernandez, Irv Miller and Gus Silivos. From the reception, event chairs Louise and Dr. Brent Videau led a festive second line to the walkabout tasting in the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio. Walkabout tasting chefs Jennifer Lowry and Jesse Sproles were each awarded the Earl Peyroux Best Chef Award, with Lowry also winning the People's Choice Award.



Be My Neighbor Day

April 26

Be My Neighbor Day drew hundreds of families to the Pensacola campus in April, emphasizing early learning, health and safety, and neighborly values in partnership with more than 40 community organizations. In addition to meet-and-greets with Daniel Tiger, there were rides on the Winterfest train, green screen fun in the TV studios, and performances by Ballet Pensacola, Dixon School of Arts & Sciences and Pensacola Little Theatre.



Amazing Kids Day

June 7 & September 20

Amazing Kids Day—a free, sensory-friendly event for children with special needs—was held at the Fort Walton Beach Public Library in June and in the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio at PSC in September. Kids enjoyed hands-on fun and educational activities, while families learned about resources from nearly 20 community organizations.



Gulfarium hosts WSRE family fun

September 13

Beloved characters Carl the Collector and Clifford the Big Red Dog greeted young fans at Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park in September. Along with character meet-and-greet fun, children engaged in hands-on activities, including arts and crafts and a scavenger hunt, while also taking in the park's dolphin and sea lion shows, animal exhibits and aquariums.



StudioAmped Concert Series

October 3–16

WSRE invited the public to the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio in October to join the studio audience for six concerts recorded for the 16th season of “StudioAmped.” Artists from the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival—Grammy-winner Gary Nichols, bluegrass artist Billy Droze and indie-folk duo The Burney Sisters—kicked off the free concert series, which continued with Katie Dineen, The Tree-Oh, About to Sweat, Ben Loftin & The Family, and Blue Mother Tupelo. Donations for Manna Food Pantries were collected at the door.

Another community outreach component of “StudioAmped” was facilitating the Lyrics of Light songwriting workshops for Pace Center for Girls in partnership with the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival. The two-part workshop series first brought local artists Symone French and “StudioAmped” alum Lex B to Pace Center to share original songs and career tips with students. The second workshop brought Pace Center students to the PSC Performing Arts Department, where they collaborated with visiting artists from the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival—Teea Goans from Nashville and Texas-based Brigitte London—to write their own song.

“StudioAmped” showcases the original music of regional artists, supported in part by a grant from The Bear Family Foundation.

Remembering Gálvez and the Battle of Pensacola

October 21–November 8

With a grant from WETA in Washington, D.C., WSRE presented local productions and events to spotlight the region’s American Revolution history in conjunction with the national release of “The American Revolution” documentary series from Ken Burns. Hundreds gathered in the Jean & Paul Amos Studio for a free preview screening of “The American Revolution” on October 21 followed by a discussion with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian Kathleen DuVal. DuVal contributed to the national production and spoke in the film about Spanish military leader Bernardo de Gálvez and how he and the Battle of Pensacola affected the outcome of the Revolutionary War. Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution greeted attendees, and the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented the colors in period uniform.

Additionally, WSRE produced the two-part series “Remembering Gálvez and the Battle of Pensacola,” hosted by Sherri Hemminghaus Weeks, which explores Pensacola’s Revolutionary War history and the modern-day observances that commemorate Gálvez and his Siege of Pensacola each May.



Local Programs

WSRE introduced two new programs in 2025 —“Sports Spotlight with Steve Nissim” and “Learning Curve,” hosted by Christian Garman—along with a new set and news magazine format for “Pensacola State Today.” Co-hosted by Nissim and Rameca Vincent Leary, Ph.D., “Pensacola State Today” covered the college’s commercial driving, aviation mechanics and cybersecurity programs, plus features on PSC Theatre, TRIO Veterans Upward Bound and athletics.

Other local series continued with new episodes and featured guests, including sports journalist Dan Shugart, IHMC CEO Morley Stone, Ph.D., best-selling author Andy Andrews and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Kathleen DuVal on “Conversations with Jeff Weeks.” Hosted by Leary, “Connecting the Community” welcomed founders of the General Daniel Chappie James Flight Academy, recipients of the African American Memorial and Dr. Garrett T. Wiggins Live Your Dream endowed scholarships, and Olympic gold medalist Justin Gatlin.

The broadcast premiere of “StudioAmped” Season 15 featured Nashville songwriters from the 2024 Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival—Kensie Coppin, Jim McCormick and CJ Solar—along with Bangarang Peter, Civilized Natives and Jordan Chase from Pensacola, and Johnny Hayes and Justin Jeansonne from Mobile, Ala.

Special productions included the “Voices of Victory Radio Choir,” “Gino Rosaria’s Annual Christmas Charity Jazz Concert,” and “Legislative Review: Dialogue with the Delegation,” all produced in the Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio on the Pensacola campus. WSRE also began broadcasting PSC Pirates sports events on the WSRE Connect channel.

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Governor's Job Growth Grant: \$4,410,000

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Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.: \$3,250,000

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U.S. Department of Education: \$1,971,825

Perkins Career & Technical Education (CTE)
Florida Department of Education: \$873,202

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