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These are challenging days indeed. Many of us worry about the economy, job stability and supporting ourselves and our families. We work harder to make ends meet and may forgo vacations and let go of luxuries. Interestingly, though, higher education is a prospect that many people just won’t live without.

There is something uniquely American about the fact that when times get tough, the tough go to college. Certainly fortitude and optimism are at the heart the American spirit. As job availability shrinks, working toward an academic goal or workforce training is also logical: When opportunity finally knocks, you should be prepared to answer the door.

We educators are not surprised by our stellar enrollment growth—up over eight percent in enrollment statistics compared to this time last year. History reminds us that when the economy sinks, enrollment soars. Additionally, community colleges have always offered savvy degree-seekers the best bang for their buck. We have been called Florida’s best kept secret. A secret no more!

For the first time in history, Florida universities placed enrollment caps on incoming freshmen. Consequently, a high school grad with a 3.8 GPA, a compelling admissions essay, impressive recommendations and a long list of service-oriented endeavors faced rejection at Florida’s top universities. Florida’s community colleges found large enrollment gains among students who had their hearts set on larger institutions. Luckily, when these students arrived at PHCC, they adjusted well to our smaller college environment and more intimate classroom experience. They know, too, that their education dollars stretch here and if they graduate with an AA degree, they have a better shot at finishing their bachelor’s degree at a Florida university of their choice.

While we welcome all motivated students, challenges may outstrip resources as we work under the shadow of potential state budget cuts. Additionally, the recent Florida College System legislation now allows Florida’s Community Colleges to begin offering selective baccalaureate degrees. As this transition process is studied and recommendations are made, this effort will only work if collaborative efforts exist and considerable funds underwrite this landmark initiative. For now, our dedicated faculty and staff work diligently toward our goal of offering the best possible education and training for our diverse student population.

This issue of Perspective finds much to celebrate even in these tough times. We introduce you to the Conference and Instructional Center (CIC), our new state-of-the art classroom and meeting facility located at our West Campus in New Port Richey. The CIC graces our cover and you’ll find more information about the center inside. Our magazine features inspirational stories about students, faculty and staff and delivers College and Foundation news. This issue also promotes our Performing Arts Center season as well as the Art Gallery Exhibit series.

Thank you for your interest in PHCC. We appreciate your support and hope that you enjoy our magazine. I invite you to stop by and see us sometime.

Kindest regards,

Katherine M. Johnson, Ed.D.
PHCC President
Carmine Bell, Ph.D.,
professor, language arts

“Twenty years ago, as a new full-time faculty member at PHCC, I signed up to contribute to the PHCC Foundation by payroll deduction. I have never regretted the decision and do not even miss the few dollars deducted from each paycheck for this purpose. The benefits I have received from the Foundation far exceed my donations. In particular, I am grateful for the Foundation’s support of student scholarships, Faculty Chair awards, and sabbaticals for faculty and staff. The student scholarships directly link deserving students with benefactors. The Faculty Chair awards and sabbaticals (I have been honored to have received both) encourage professional development and strengthen instruction, the College’s primary mission. My hunch is that very few public community colleges provide such a range of growth opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. At PHCC, we have our Foundation to thank for these advantages. I could add that “Charity begins at home,” but the truth is, I do not view my contributions to the Foundation as charity, but rather, as a good investment in the future of PHCC, public higher education, and the quality of life in Florida.”

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Heroes’ Square located in Budapest, Hungary is decorated by statues of kings, governors and famous people in Hungarian history.
PHCC student Richard Sikes believes that in order to achieve greatness, one must overcome great challenges. With an ever positive attitude, 31-year-old Sikes has already faced a lifetime’s worth of obstacles. In the fall of 2007, after suffering from a puzzling array of symptoms, Sikes entered intensive care at Bayonet Point Medical Center. Doctors discovered a brain tumor the diameter of a quarter that affected his pituitary gland and an optical nerve. In October, Sikes underwent surgery to have the tumor removed. While he was relieved to learn that the tumor was benign, the New Port Richey resident was disappointed that recovery could take up to one year.
In the meantime, Sikes learned of his selection to the International Scholar Laureate Program’s Delegation on Diplomacy and International Relations in the summer of 2008. He decided that he would have to recover much more quickly.

Sikes was already acquainted with world relations. After dropping out of Gulf High School and earning a GED, the young man had enlisted in the Army and heroically served in Iraq from April 2003 to March 2004. Sikes received numerous awards from his tour of duty, including two Army Commendation Medals and a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. After his honorable discharge, he enrolled at PHCC in the summer of 2006 under the GI Bill and began pursuing an AA degree. The new student embraced the collegiate experience, joining clubs and earning an induction into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He was named to the National Dean’s List and was excited about the upcoming opportunity—via the Scholar Laureate Program—to travel to Central and Eastern Europe to study diplomacy and international relations.

However, Sikes had been unable to work during his recovery from surgery, and as the months passed, it seemed that raising enough money for the trip would be impossible. “Everyone knew how important the trip was to me,” said Sikes. “I was so excited when one of my closest friends gave me the funds to cover the cost of the program.”

Sikes embarked on the three week learning-filled adventure, witnessing first-hand the impact of the European Union on Central and Eastern Europe. The delegation, comprised of about 75 scholars from colleges and universities across the United States, had the opportunity to evaluate the economic promise and the national stability of Austria, the Czech Republic and Hungary—countries rich in history, yet previously embroiled in political turmoil.

In Vienna, Sikes and his fellow scholars were guests of both the Austrian Parliament and the Diplomatic Academy where they discussed the history of the country’s systems of government Additionally, they visited the United Nations to discuss crisis management on a global scale. While touring the city, Sikes visited the statue of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe with a sense of awe. Through a family genealogy project, Sikes learned that his lineage can be traced back to the famous writer and poet.

The group also visited the Mauthausen Concentration Camp near Linz, Austria, to learn about past human rights violations. “This tour and hearing about humans killing humans left a lasting impact on me,” said Sikes. In Prague, scholars received an inside look at Radio Free Europe, which promotes democratic values over the airwaves. They also examined issues of human diplomacy and human rights in discussions with local leaders.

In Budapest, Hungary, the scholars explored the city and visited Heroes’ Square, Fisherman’s Bastion and Buda Castle. They also crossed the Danube River which divides the city into two sections, Buda and Pest. The group learned about current efforts to promote democratic policies and development in the region.

The Delegation fueled Sikes’ ambition to become more engaged in politics. As a military veteran with a vested interest in international relations, the Scholar Laureate Program gave him a better understanding of politics and diplomatic relationships in other countries, an experience he hopes to share with others.

Bob Bade, associate dean of student activities and engagement, has enjoyed getting to know Sikes over the past year through his involvement in clubs and student activities. “Richard is an individual with tremendous courage and is living his life with passion and purpose,” said Bade. “He sets a great example for others because he values life and finds it full of opportunities. Most importantly, he takes action on his mission to educate others.”

As part of that mission, Sikes plans to share his knowledge with PHCC clubs—including the newly formed International Club—which serves to increase the awareness of other cultures and societies. With plans to teach, Sikes expects to complete his AA degree in December and then pursue a bachelor’s degree in philosophy with a minor in psychology or political science. He also hopes to become involved in local politics. “Real change starts at the community level,” said Sikes. “I have a voice and I want to be involved.”
Secrets of success explored
Two presentations of the 23rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture on January 17 featured guest speaker Ephren Taylor, who discussed “Living Up to Your Dream: The Soul of Success.” Taylor is a national leader in economic empowerment, a modern civil rights movement tenet.

Grins for kids
The annual Give Kids a Smile Day was held on February 8, where dental hygiene students and hygienists from the community provided dental screenings for 30 Pasco County children in need of dental care.

"First Gen" gets financial aid
PHCC participated in College Goal Sunday, a statewide event on February 24, designed to reach out to low income and first generation college students by helping them apply for financial aid to attend college.

March

Citizen Scholar program premieres
The new Citizen Scholar Program, designed to engage students in service learning and civic engagement opportunities, was introduced in March.

Honor Society welcomes new inductees
A college wide ceremony was held on March 13 to induct 256 new Phi Theta Kappa honor society members.

February

Teachers-to-be offered new experience
On February 5, the District School Board of Pasco County approved a Professional Development School venture between PHCC’s Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) and three Pasco County schools: Cypress Elementary, Hudson Middle School and River Ridge High School. The Professional Development School offers EPI students real world teaching experience.

WWII race relations revealed
Gary Mormino, Ph.D., author and University of South Florida professor, was the speaker for PHCC’s Black History Celebration lecture on February 7. Mormino’s address was *Jim Crow Meets G.I. Joe: World War II and Race Relations.*
Janelle Bellante, the Human Services Club president, initially presented this topic in Chamberlain’s class. Other students became interested in expanding her research into a workshop for the conference. Born and raised in New Orleans, Bellante has seen the devastation hurricane Katrina caused to her family and friends still residing there.

Brains bowl us over
The PHCC brain bowl team placed second in the Regional Brain Bowl Tournament, allowing them to advance to the State Brain Bowl Tournament held March 27–29 at Chipola Community College in Marianna, Florida. The brain bowl team tied for third place in their inaugural appearance in the state tournament.

PHCC team members and faculty advisors for the state tournament pictured from left to right above include Professor of Language Arts Judy Deisler, Bill Halverson, Associate Professor of Language Arts Karen Davis, Faith Franz, Kate Mielke, David Rey and team captain Kevin Wiatrowski. Wiatrowski placed third overall in the individual scoring in the tournament. PHCC Language Arts Professor Judy Deisler is the advisor and coach for the brain bowl team.

Brain Bowl is a game of general knowledge and quick recall where students compete against other community college teams. It is an academic competition that allows students to demonstrate a broad range of knowledge in various subject areas such as literature, science, history, arts, math and current events. Since its inception in 1981, the Florida Department of Education has given more than $80,000 to community college students who have competed in these tournaments.

Business awards or bust
Students Cacia Carleton, Jessica Mormando and Susan Izquierdo participated in the Delta Epsilon Chi International Career Development Conference from April 12–15 in Atlanta, Georgia. Delta Epsilon Chi is an international organization for college students preparing for careers in marketing and business. Each student took part in a different marketing category during the conference; Carleton competed in design presentation, Mormando competed in travel and tourism and Izquierdo competed in retail marketing management.

Delta Epsilon Chi Conference opening ceremony at the Philips Arena. Pictured left to right: Marcia Kielar, PHCC recruiter and promoter specialist and club advisor, with students Jessica Mormando, Cacia Carleton and Susan Izquierdo.

Poetry celebrated
The biannual Celebration of Poetry held on April 18 at the North Campus was enjoyed by faculty, staff, students and the community.

Spring commencement celebrated
Pasco-Hernando Community College held its spring commencement Wednesday, April 30 at the Jim Valentine Athletic Complex at River Ridge High School. Speakers at the commencement ceremony included District Board of Trustees Chair Irvin Homer, Faculty Senate President and Associate Professor of Nursing Jeanine Brice, Assistant Professor of Information Technology Programs Lorinda Penegor and Student Speaker Sarah Mauldin. Approximately 800 degrees and certificates were conferred.

Graduate Sarah Mauldin of New Port Richey speaks at the commencement ceremony. The PTK president received the PHCC Felisha Barker Outstanding Student Leader Award.
Student leaders awarded
Eight students were honored with Felisha Barker Outstanding Student Leader Awards during the Student Awards Ceremony held on April 17. These students have been active in clubs and organizations on campus, and have also contributed significantly toward new programs, activities and college committees. The student leader awards are presented annually in memory of Felisha Barker, a past outstanding student leader, PHCC employee and club advisor.

PHCC PBL student wins national award
Two members of PHCC’s Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) business club participated in the National Leadership Conference competition June 21–24 in Atlanta. Daniel Beeman, of Webster, competed in the impromptu speaking and public speaking events, winning a second-place award in public speaking. Matthew Wilson, of Spring Hill, competed in the web site development category.

Best place to work
In May, PHCC was recognized by the Pasco Hernando Jobs & Education Partnership Regional Board and Career Central as one of the Best Places to Work in Pasco and Hernando counties for 2008. The college was one of six organizations honored in the large businesses category.

Trustees elect new leadership
In July, the College’s District Board of Trustees elected a new chair and vice chair for the 2008–2009 academic year. Trustee Thomas E. Weightman was elected to serve as chair and Deborah G. Kilgore was elected as vice chair. Weightman has served on the Board since August 2003 and Kilgore since December 2005. Weightman replaces Irvin Homer, a retired school administrator who remains as a trustee and is still active in the community.

Summer book discussion
The office of multicultural student affairs and equity services hosted a summer book discussion celebrating the 50th anniversary of Chinua Achebe’s classic novel “Things Fall Apart” on June 23.
New Mobius arrives
The 2008 edition of the College’s award-winning literary and arts magazine was published with poetry, short stories, artwork and photography. Mobius is created and edited exclusively by PHCC students. Copies are available on all campuses.

PHCC student learns about the field of medicine
This past summer, PHCC student Michelle Vice, of Wesley Chapel, participated in the USF Division of General Surgery’s Academic Summer Program. During this intensive three month program, Vice and students from around the country shadowed USF surgeons while contributing to presentations and published research. Dr. Alexander S. Rosemurgy II, USF professor of surgery and medicine and surgical director of Tampa General Hospital’s Digestive Disorders Center, directed the program. Vice was a patient of Dr. Rosemurgy one year ago when he removed a benign tumor from her pancreas. Vice is pursuing her AA degree with plans to transfer to USF to become a physician assistant.

TodayCare reflects on 5 years of success
TodayCare Children’s Center at PHCC celebrated its five year anniversary as one of the highest quality preschool centers in Pasco County. “Since opening this contemporary state-of-the-art child care facility, we have seen five graduating classes continue on to the next levels of life and education with positive enthusiasm and great self esteem,” said Jayne Goldstein, director of TodayCare Children’s Center. “We are proud of our accomplishments here and look forward to our future.”

Constitution Day celebrated
On September 17, Carmine Bell, Ph.D., professor of language arts, commemorated Constitution Day with the program “The First Amendment, Intellectual Freedom and Banned Books.” Susan Dillinger, director, New Port Richey Public Library, and Leslie Jones, collection development coordinator, Pasco County Library System, discussed the libraries’ circulation policies.

New students get acquainted
The Division of Student Development and Enrollment Management hosted a Get Acquainted Day on August 21 for new PHCC students. Nearly 300 students and parents attended this event to tour the campus, learn about clubs and activities, and get acquainted with faculty, staff and other students.
Carmine Bell, Ph.D., professor of language arts, gave a presentation entitled “Shakespeare’s Sister” at the New Port Richey Shakespeare by the River festival in April.

Ken Burdzinski, vice president of administration and finance, was awarded the Ken Jarrett Business Officer of the Year award by his colleagues in the Florida community college system.

Theresa Papola, PHCC student, received a scholarship for the Florida Campus Compact’s Student Scholars’ Institute entitled “Millennial Talk in Tallahassee: Plugging into the Public Discourse.” The program included a mock trial and interactive dialogues with policy makers, elected officials and dignitaries.

PHCC student Jeanie Christy received the Florida Association of Community Colleges Student Leader Connection Award and a check for $150 for her outstanding contributions to the work of student development activities at the College.

PHCC President Katherine Johnson, Ed.D., was elected to the national board of directors for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Her three-year term as board member began in July 2008.

Regina Mirabella, associate professor of nursing, was elected president of the Florida Nurses Foundation Board of Trustees for a one-year term. She was also appointed to a two-year term as a foundation trustee.

The Women’s Resource Group received an award from the Salvation Army in appreciation for the club’s years of support and generosity to the Salvation Army Domestic Violence program.

In Memoriam

Charles Dick, Jr.
1950–2008

Charles “Charlie” Dick, Jr., 58, of Spring Hill, passed away on June 10 at his home, with his loving family by his side. He delighted in seeing former students, and was visited by many of them during his illness. It gave him great pleasure to see students achieve academic and professional success. Dick had been a biological science professor at PHCC’s North Campus in Brooksville since 1993.

Michael Long, 58, passed away on September 12 from complications associated with pneumonia. Long was a retired Army major who also had a career in city management before he came to work at PHCC in 2001. He loved history and had a special fondness for teaching his students about the Civil War and the Lincoln assassination. Long was an associate professor of history and political science at PHCC’s West Campus.

Michael E. Long
1950–2008
What does an archaeologist do after a long, accomplished career in her field? If you’re full of life and have a career’s worth of knowledge to share like Jenette Flow, you settle down in a house in the woods and teach humanities at Pasco-Hernando Community College.

PHCC Professor of Humanities, Jenette Flow, Ed.D., who has also taught anthropology classes at the College for nearly a decade, previously worked as a marine archaeologist involved in deep water exploration. While pop culture has shaped an “Indiana Jones” image of
archaeology, Flow says that her career was interesting, but not always that exciting—"especially when you are on location and miss the creature comforts of hot showers and clean bed sheets."

In what seems like a lifetime ago, Flow recalls her involvement in the exploration of a Spanish merchant shipwreck in the Caribbean. "The ship was 406 meters deep, too deep for divers, so the excavation was done completely by robots," Flow explains. The robot recovered 17,000 artifacts from this site including coins and ceramics as well as animal and human bones and teeth. Research and analysis of these items offers a glimpse into humanity’s seafaring past.

In researching the ship’s identity, the artifacts— and vermin—approximate the date of the wreck. This Spanish ship transporting treasures from the New World to the Old World had a common problem, the nuisance of rats. The pests gnawed through sails and ropes and, according to accounts by seafarers of the day, polluted the ships’ precious water supply. Interestingly, the recovered rat bones were key to identifying the date of the wreck to the year 1622, during which a rat plague raged through Europe.

The wreck's date was just one of the ship's mysteries to be solved. Another piece of the puzzle was the tooth of a child between 10 and 12 years old. Since it took about two years to complete a New World voyage at that time, it intrigued Flow to figure out how this tooth came to be on the ship. Flow recalls that in “conjuring up who this person might have been, we knew he was inside the ship, not on deck, when the ship went down, or the remains would have been lost.”

“This is wonderfully interesting stuff,” says Flow. “I’m a born again anthropologist! To apply the understanding of human culture to the arts makes it more interesting and easier for students to understand.” Flow translates her experiences into classroom teachings and her students benefit with a ‘healthy dose’ of cultural anthropology.

In addition to her teaching duties, Flow also works as a consultant in anthropology, but she is satisfied to live in a house in the woods with two cats and shelves full of books. She is currently reading 1776 by David McCullough. A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Flow gave a talk during “Constitution Week” this fall. Flow reviewed the Constitution, and was struck by the first line: “We the people.” She decided to discuss the daily lives of the ordinary people, not just the framers and signers of the Constitution. The professor learned through research that the people of the day were courageous, believed strongly in their convictions and endured endlessly. Despite the excitement of early America, she is happy to live in current times. At this point in her life she appreciates modern conveniences and her quiet life—living in the woods and teaching at PHCC.
From Left: Ken Littlefield, former State Representative; Gary Worthley, PHCC District Board of Trustees; Irvin Homer, District Board of Trustees; Judy Parker, PHCC District Board of Trustees; Dr. Katherine Johnson, PHCC President; Deborah Kilgore, Vice Chair, PHCC District Board of Trustees; John Dougherty, Chair, PHCC Foundation; Tim Wagoner, Associate Principal, SchenkelShultz Architecture; Monica Mills, Vice Chair, PHCC Foundation; Susan Kessel, PHCC Foundation Board; and Frank Cardinal, Senior Vice President, Skanska USA Building, Inc.
Opening New Doors

On October 17, PHCC hosted a dedication of the newly constructed Conference and Instructional Center (CIC) in New Port Richey. Following the dedication, the College hosted tours of the classroom building, technology demonstrations and provided information about the College, the Foundation and PHCC’s university partners.

The Conference and Instructional Center complex, approximately 36,000 square feet in size, includes a three-story classroom building and a single-story conference facility. The main building has 12 classrooms, an instructional technology lab with training and multimedia production capability, a computer lab, faculty offices and headquarters for PHCC’s university partners. PHCC students graduating with Associate in Arts degrees have the option of transferring to Florida’s state universities at the junior level. With the College’s partnerships with the University of South Florida, Hodges University and St. Leo University, students now can complete four year degrees in the sophisticated new CIC—located on PHCC’s West Campus.

The conference facility accommodates over 200 guests and incorporates state-of-the-art audio-visual technology. This modern facility will be used for hosting campus and community events. The building project was designed by ShenkelSchultz Architecture and constructed by Skanska USA Building, Inc.
An audio and visually rich exhibit honoring our "greatest generation" arrived at PHCC for a spring event, showcasing the experiences of senior citizens living in Florida. Created by the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science in Tallahassee, the event featured stunning black and white photographs of elder Floridians by Betsey Barfield.

Each portrait told a story, literally, with accompanying audio recordings that allowed the participants to relay their experiences in their own words. The exhibit, which travelled throughout the state, celebrated the lives of ordinary men and women. Some stories chronicled history, some discussed current contributions to society and many relayed lessons learned during a life well lived. Here is a sampling of some participants and attendees.

Wallace Johnston, 78, a retired professional engineer and his wife, Charlene, 74, a retired dental hygiene professor, (at left) of Spring Hill attended the gallery exhibit opening. They grew up in the Bronx and Wallace had always wondered what saved Carnegie Hall from demolition in the 1950s when Lincoln Center was proposed. The audio memoir of Barney Rosenstein, also a native of the Bronx, answered that question.

In his own words, Rosenstein, 98, (at right) of Sarasota, describes establishing a committee with violinist Isaac Stern to save Carnegie Hall. Rosenstein is a retired attorney who volunteers time with the Legal Aid Office. Rosenstein also shares his words of wisdom. “In other countries and societies, we look to the older person for wisdom. The older person
has acquired experience. We need to make sure not to parcel the older person off to a retirement home. Just because their hair may be gray, doesn't mean they've lost their knowledge.”

Other seniors featured in this exhibit share stories of their past and the contributions they make to enrich the lives of others through employment and volunteerism. They illustrate that getting older can be a time of continued health and wellbeing. They share the wisdom they have learned through the ages.

Charlie Futrell, 88, (at right) of The Villages, believes that being an athlete has helped him. Futrell golfs, swims, runs, bikes and is among the oldest triathlon participants. “I've always felt that being in athletics and being around young people has kept me young,” are Futrell's words of wisdom.

Irene DeLaby, 85, (at left) of Homosassa Springs, was a teacher and professional baseball player, and for the last 14 years has volunteered for the Florida State Parks. DeLaby shares the philosophy that “You can earn a living by what you get, but you earn a life by what you give.”

Daniel and Alice Fogg, (at left) of Port Richey, attended the event. Daniel, 82, worked for the New England Telephone Company, now called Verizon. He installed the first telephone systems in New Hampshire. Alice, 77, is a retired professional artist. In the 1980s, she earned enough money selling paintings to travel to Europe twice.

Attendee Joan Foreman, 74, (at right) of Land O'Lakes, retired last year from her position as registrar for the International Academy of Design in Tampa. She worked for 60 years in a variety of jobs including counseling, volunteer arbitrator and registrar. In her retirement, Foreman enjoys doing volunteer work.

One hundred years ago, the average life expectancy of men was 48 years and of women was 51 years, according to the Center for Disease Control. Now the life expectancy in the United States is 75 years for men and 80 years for women. People are living longer, well into their retirement years. The seniors featured in this exhibit and the community members who attended the exhibit opening offered the opportunity for people of all ages to better understand the process of aging and appreciate older Americans.
**Performing Arts Series promises pizzazz**

PHCC’s 2009 Performing Arts Series is sure to dazzle and delight audiences. The season has something for everyone—from Gaelic Storm, a wild ride of Celtic music, to The Vogues, who were inducted into the Vocal Hall of Fame in 2001. Don’t miss out on the fun right here in your own community. **Tickets are on sale now!**

**Gaelic Storm**

**Saturday, January 24**

8:00 p.m.

After performing for two sold-out crowds at PHCC, the *Titanic* party band and Irish crowd-pleasers return for a rip-roarin’ concert, featuring upbeat vocals, wild energetic dance tunes, haunting Celtic ballads and infectious Irish madcap humor!

Get your tickets early for this one, so you don't miss out!

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**Let’s Hang On**

**Saturday, February 7**

8:00 p.m.

“Oh What a Night” this will be when you sing along with this exciting show featuring the sounds of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.

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A special thank you to the 2007–2008 Performing Arts Center Series volunteers:

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Harry James & the Andrews Sisters Tribute
Saturday, February 14 • 2:00 p.m.
Harry James, the most famous trumpet player of the big band era, is immortalized while spotlighting the classic harmonies of the Andrews Sisters.

The Vogues
Saturday, February 22, 8:00 p.m.
Sing along to hits such as “You’re the One” and “My Special Angel,” from one of the most in-demand groups today. Inducted into the Vocal Hall of Fame in 2001, this is one performance you won’t want to miss!

Elvis Meets Tom...Together Again
Saturday, March 28 7:30 p.m.
“It’s Not Unusual” to get “All Shook Up” with excitement for the swiveling hips of Elvis and greatest hits of Tom Jones. The good friends are together again in a tribute concert you won’t soon forget!

The Patsy Cline Tribute
Saturday, March 2 4:00 p.m.
You’ll “Fall to Pieces” as Leanne Williams, a country star, drives you “Crazy” with her dazzling tribute to the legendary Patsy Cline.

AND last, but certainly not least...

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In Appreciation
The Performing Arts Series volunteers make the Performing Arts Series a memorable experience for its patrons! As a thank you, the PHCC Foundation invited this season’s dedicated volunteers to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, held at Sam Seltzer’s Steakhouse in April. The volunteers had an opportunity to dine with Dr. Katherine Johnson, PHCC’s president, enjoy a delicious lunch, and reminisce about the spectacular shows of the season. The volunteers give generously of their time to help ensure that all of the shows run smoothly, and the Foundation appreciates their dedication and hard work.
2002

“I am appreciative of the education I received at PHCC. I am glad to now be able to give back some of that education through my profession as a public school teacher.”

Trevor Smith

Trevor Smith, Land O’ Lakes, completed his bachelor’s degree in political science at USF in 2004 and is presently pursuing a master’s degree. Smith is a social studies teacher at Chasco Middle School.

Emily (Melton) Poe, Brooksville, was a finalist in the Tampa Bay Idol singing competition in Brandon. Winning the competition, a precursor to the official American Idol regional auditions in Miami, entitled Poe to a Golden Ticket and an automatic meeting with American Idol producers. Poe performed her rendition of Faith Hill’s Take Me As I Am for show producers at the American Idol preliminary auditions in Miami. Poe also works as a dental hygienist in a Spring Hill dentist office.

2005

Dominick Ruggiero, Jr., Mantua, New Jersey, is a student at Rutgers University in Camden, NJ, pursuing a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies with a minor in criminal justice. Ruggiero also started his own foreclosure mitigation service business.

2006

Lorinda Eldredge, Spring Hill, earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Saint Leo University in May 2008. While at Saint Leo, Eldredge was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Chi and Delta Epsilon Sigma honor societies. She plans on pursing her master’s degree in counseling psychology.

Phyllis McCall, Holiday, is a junior at USF studying pre-law, political science and history.

“I am still a true blue PHCC supporter and unhesitatingly will encourage others to attend. The college was instrumental in setting the path of my future successes.”

Phyllis McCall

Charley Belcher, right, with Fox 13 presents Emily Poe, center, with a Golden Ticket to audition for American Idol producers in Miami after winning the Tampa Bay Idol singing competition.

2007

Vera Blank, Port Richey, works at Bayonet Point Hospital as a LPN. She also works as a pediatrics home health care nurse.

Melissa Zumstein, Port Richey, is currently studying psychology and sociology at Saint Leo University.

If you are a PHCC alumnus/a, please share your recent achievements, transitions and other significant life happenings. While space limitations prevent us from publishing every item we receive, we do love hearing from you. Visit www.phcc.edu/alumni and submit your news online or send an email to alumni@phcc.edu. Photograph submissions: Color or black-and-white photographs may be submitted along with your news details. Please identify people in each picture and provide your contact phone number. Electronic photographs in JPEG or TIFF formats are preferred. They should be a minimum resolution of 300 dpi or 300 pixels per inch, with the shorter image dimension of at least 3 inches. Please email pictures to alumni@phcc.edu. Photos will be published on a space-available basis.
Women’s Cross Country goes the Distance in Academics

In March, the PHCC women’s cross country team was named as an Academic Team of the Year by the National Junior College Athletic Association. The team had the second highest grade point average (GPA) among all women’s cross country teams in junior and community colleges nationwide. The top 10 teams are named academic teams of the year. Pictured above from left to right: Sitting: Kayla Bratcher, Jennifer Watts. Kneeling: Elise Way, Katherine Gerry, Brittany Colvin, Maria Anastasion, Gabrielle Vazquez, Jessica Peck. Standing: Coach Steve Winterling, Courtney McAuliffe, Jaci Pustilnik, Kaylea Spurlin, Kimmy Horace, Katie Marschner, Nancy Engel, Danielle Coopman, Coach Jacki Wachtel.

PHCC Summer Sports Camps: Future PHCC athletes?

This past summer the athletic department offered young athletes camps for basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. Each camp was directed by PHCC head coaches, along with help from PHCC’s assistant coaches, college athletes and area high school coaching staffs. The camps included fundamental skills, individual player development and team competitions. The PHCC athletic department has a 17-year commitment to the camps, with the goal of fostering an interest in athletics and physical fitness in young people.
Fishing tournament nets $55,000 for PHCC Foundation

The Second Annual Catch and Release Fishing Tournament presented by Skanska was held on April 11, a gorgeous day with bright blue skies and calm waters. Twenty one chartered boats full of Foundation friends motored into the bay from Hooters in Port Richey. After a full day of fishing spearheaded by a USCG professional guide captain, the teams returned to tally their efforts for the awards ceremony.

To kick off the tournament, a Captain’s Party, sponsored by Hampton Inn and Suites of Wesley Chapel, was held the night before the tournament at Heritage Springs Golf & Country Club in Trinity. PHCC Foundation Development Committee Chair, Monica Mills, was pleased with the turnout. “We had nearly 200 people attend the Captain’s Party, and were pleased to have such a great response in a challenging economy.”

During the festivities, angler team members and friends of PHCC enjoyed island music, a delicious buffet, and had the opportunity to bid on an array of fabulous silent auction items including fishing charters, vacation packages, consultations and sports memorabilia.

Together the events netted $55,000 for the foundation, a phenomenal boost for the second year. “Thanks to everyone who made it possible to increase the funds we raised this year by more than $15,000,” said Mills.

Mark your calendars for the Third Annual Catch and Release Fishing Tournament scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2009.

Contact the PHCC Foundation for more information on angler teams and sponsorship opportunities.

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Largest Redfish
Rick Daniel, AAA Electrical Contractors

Largest Snook
John Brandt, Janus INTECH Institutional Asset Management

Largest Trout
Matt Evans, Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point

Most Fish Caught
Rachel Detkowski, RKA Commercial Flooring

PHCC Foundation Board of Directors elect new leadership

The PHCC Foundation Board of Directors elected John Dougherty as chair and Monica Mills as vice chair for 2008. John Dougherty, CPA, is the founder and managing partner of Dougherty & Associates, LLC in Spring Hill. He has written several articles and lectured on tax and estate planning issues. Dougherty has served on the PHCC Foundation Board since 1997. Monica Mills, of New Port Richey, has served on the PHCC Foundation Board since 2002.

Additionally, Marc Bowman, of Brooksville, was re-elected to serve as treasurer and Ken Burdzinski, PHCC vice president of administration and finance, was re-elected to serve as secretary.
If there was a piano within reach, Michael Murphy would dazzle those present with a delightful Broadway tune, sometimes playing for hours without interruption. He was passionate about music and the piano, but most of all, he was passionate about philanthropy. Michael was devoted to PHCC and its students. He and his wife, Connie, established the John A. Murphy, M.D. Annual Scholarship at PHCC in honor of his late father, who was a renowned surgeon at Case Western Reserve University Hospital. Michael was a member of PHCC Foundation's Board of Directors. He felt very strongly about fulfilling his obligation to the Foundation, arriving early to every meeting to talk with the staff. He worked tirelessly on the 2008 Fishing Tournament and Captain's Party. Even while ill, he spent considerable time calling on board members and friends of the College to participate. One of his fervent wishes was to play a dueling piano concert with Foundation Board Chair John Dougherty, but they never got the opportunity. Michael died April 30, 2008 of congestive heart failure. On June 4, family and friends from all over the world gathered at the PHCC Performing Arts Center to honor his memory and celebrate his life. PHCC President Katherine Johnson was a keynote speaker and remarked on Michael's lifelong generosity. “We were touched by his death, because we had all been touched by his life...a life of dedication and service that spanned over many years as a hard working, conscientious and philanthropic individual.”

Gift generates two PHCC scholarships for GED recipients

The Foundation received a $2,000 donation to establish two new scholarships. The Andrew C. and June E. Balog Scholarship and the Marie Matheny Scholarship will receive annual contributions to fund student scholarships. This is the first time the PHCC Foundation has established scholarships designated specifically for GED recipients. To apply and qualify for these scholarships, students must be attending PHCC on a full-time or part-time basis, a resident of Pasco or Hernando County and a first generation in college student. Applicants must also have attended PHCC’s GED preparation program or the Pasco County Schools Dropout Prevention program and earned a GED. The scholarship money can be used for tuition, fees, books and laptops.
PHCC had humble beginnings in 1972 as the “college without walls.” Spread throughout the two county area, classes were held in banks, storefront offices, churches and schools. There were no campuses, no facilities, no libraries or resource centers, not even a centralized bookstore to make life easy for students, faculty or staff. The college operated without a single traditional building.

Then in June 1973, the college broke ground in Dade City for its first permanent campus. Rain fell throughout the ground breaking ceremony, but the event drew over 200 people—including elected officials, state education leaders and college officials. Six gold painted shovels were used in the ceremony. One shovel was wielded by Shirley Cherry, now a PHCC mathematics instructor, who was the first student enrolled at the college. Speaking on behalf of her classmates, Cherry expressed thanks as the prospect of a permanent campus location was becoming a reality.

The first combination classroom and office complex was completed, and Phase I of the building project was dedicated by Governor Rubin Askew in time for fall classes in 1975.

Upcoming Event

Study the wonders of France and Italy

The 2009 Spring Break study abroad program is a showcase tour of Paris, Florence and Rome. Students, family and friends of PHCC are invited to participate in this 9-day trip from February 27–March 7, 2009. This tour will include visits to the Louvre, Accademia, Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Bascilica and city tours of Paris, Florence and Rome.

Individuals can participate in PHCC’s study abroad program on a credit or non-credit basis. For class credits, students must enroll in Overseas Study in the Humanities, HUM 2700, for spring 2009. Non-credit participants should register for the course: Humanities Abroad, NCL 0063.
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During the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, PHCC Foundation received more than $1.1 million to fully match generous donations from PHCC Foundation’s Board of Directors, PHCC’s District Board of Trustees, staff and faculty, and local business, civic organizations and individuals.

Take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to double your money and support PHCC.

“Your contribution extends further than just this one student. I am studying to be a behavior specialist, and hope to teach others how to learn and live in a way that promotes non-violent behaviors... I grew up with just one parent, three siblings, and an income lower than the poverty level. I was deprived of an education after fourth grade and was told I was stupid. I tried a number of times to take college classes, but would leave after only a couple of classes because I didn’t think I was capable of such an accomplishment. As time passed I was able to find stability in a very rewarding position with the YMCA School Age Programs that gave me the confidence to try one more time. That was one year ago and I now have a 3.8 GPA! Thank you so much for giving and believing.”

Stefanie Haddock
recipient of the Alfred A. McKethan Scholarship